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EDITORIAL

"WHERE ELSE COULD I MAKE ALL THIS MONEY DOIN' THIS STUFF? GOD BLESS AMERICA!"--(One of 7 plainclothes cops setting up barriers around peddler selling area at Cooper Square, November 5, 1990)

Editorial Notebook

THE NEW YORK TIMES, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1990

Squatters' Rights, and Wrongs

Squatting, the illegal occupation of unused apartments or houses, is a new symptom of an old New York affliction — bad housing for low arrivals. Squatters have taken over buildings in the Bronx that were scheduled for rehabilitation and are trying to stop demolition and reconstruction on the Lower East Side of Manhattan.

Generally squatters have, or claim to have, no other place to live. To force them out, especially as winter comes, seems a cruel, pettifogging way to exercise authority. To let them stay, though, may be crueler to more people in the long run because it prevents construction of housing for families who need it just as desperately but have refrained from breaking the law.

New York tries to close the gap between low incomes and stiff rents with grants and other subsidies. But it cannot hope to help all those in housing need.

In cities like New York, London and Berlin that try to create a sound low-rent housing program while mandat-

There's a Third Way For Some Housing

ing expensive quality standards for every apartment or home, halfway measures are by definition illegal. There is no such thing under present law as creating a legal

apartment that meets legal standards partway. It does seem possible to enact a law giving large cities the right to mark out areas in which there are abandoned homes or apartment houses that have come into the city's possession through tax delinquency, and yet in which the city has no plans for development. The city might then offer leases for a nominal sum, with the express understanding that the occupants had been duly warned of the risks involved.

There would be many difficulties in working out such a program. Legalized limited squatting will probably help to create semi-permanent slums. But at least it would provide a third choice between allowing squatters to block housing improvement and, alternatively, forcing them out onto the street.

ROGER STARR

MAINSTREAM MEDIA DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN!!

This New York Times editorial of October 30, 1990 portrays squatters as criminals in an effort to justify stormtrooper-style evictions of hundreds of women, men, and children by creating public opinion hostile to those who have confronted the city's warehousing of thousands of abandoned buildings for 15-20 years. This "divide and conquer" appeal to poor families living in welfare hotels or doubled up in "public housing" is designed to hide the government's responsibility for the housing crisis. Limiting the amount of housing by keeping these buildings and lots off the market has driven up everyone's rents and forced low income people out of neighborhoods slated for gentrification. "Urban renewal" plans drawn up after the inner city uprisings of the 1960s relied on red-lining by banks and insurance companies, landlord arson, and tax foreclosure by the government in order to clear the land for redevelopment by real estate speculators.

The writer of the editorial, Roger Starr, the NYC Housing Commissioner for Mayor Beame, and architect of the policy of destroying neighborhoods, gained notoriety for coining the term "planned shrinkage", referring to the forced removal of the poor from inner cities to stem urban insurrection and increase real estate values. It was Starr who authorized the closing of fire houses in the South Bronx, which led directly to the hundreds of burned out shells that remain where neighborhoods once thrived. In a front page story of the Times in 1976, he was quoted as saying "the aim is to hasten the population decline already begun...depopulated areas would remain vacant until new land uses present themselves..."

Squatting has emerged as the only alternative to the concentration death camp shelter system which has institutionalized the spread of tuberculosis and AIDS. This NY Times editorial signifies a high level debate on what to do about the squats. It is also part of a well-planned media campaign to cover up the city's efforts in destroying communities, blatant conflicts of interest on the part of local "Community" Boards, and to attack community activists who have been fighting their schemes to sell out the neighborhood.

On the Lower East Side, the squatters and activists helped unite opposition to a curfew in Tompkins Square Park and prevented the bulldozing of a People's Park called La Plaza Cultural. It was their research which forced former chairman of "Community" Board Three (CB3), Luis Nieves, to resign due to a conflict of interest. (For more on Nieves' conflicts of interest, see the story elsewhere in this issue!!)

Homeless people are being denied housing by the greed of politicians, political wannabes, and so-called "housing activists" who use their groups' political connections to acquire neighborhood real estate that will provide only temporary "low income" housing after they have "rehabilitated" them with government and corporate funding that will make them millionaires after a short ten years. (All of the construction work at these sites will be done by mob-connected companies, denying employment for neighborhood people.)

The pending evictions of long time squatter-occupied buildings are about making money, not providing low-income housing. The "Community" Board Three poverty pimps plan to distribute these apartments as patronage to connected parties. Just as in Germany after WWI, when there was a housing shortage and the Nazis criminalized and evicted Jews and political opponents and promised homes to "good Germans", the CB3 pimps plan to give the squatters' homes to loyal hacks and insure that there will be no more opposition from the community.

"COMMUNITY" BOARD THREE DOES NOT REPRESENT THE COMMUNITY!!

Half of the board's 50 members are appointed by the Borough President and the other half by the City Council Person who supposedly "represents" the area the board covers. CB3 and all of the other "Community" Boards are used as a device to push through private agendas and neighborhood plans that will affect large numbers of people who have no say in any of them, making it appear as though the "community" has voted and approved of the plans. Their three minute "public session" is a joke—since CB3 members are not elected, they do not have to answer to anyone in the community but their political sponsors and the real groups they represent.

The only real alternative to this farcical group is for real neighborhood residents to rise up against their bullshit and demand a real Community Board composed of neighborhood residents, not just those with business interests here, that are elected by the residents of the neighborhood!! In the meantime, their votes, recommendations and approvals don't mean a fucking thing!!

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...AND IT'S ONE, TWO, THREE, WHAT ARE THEY FIGHTING FOR?

By Issar

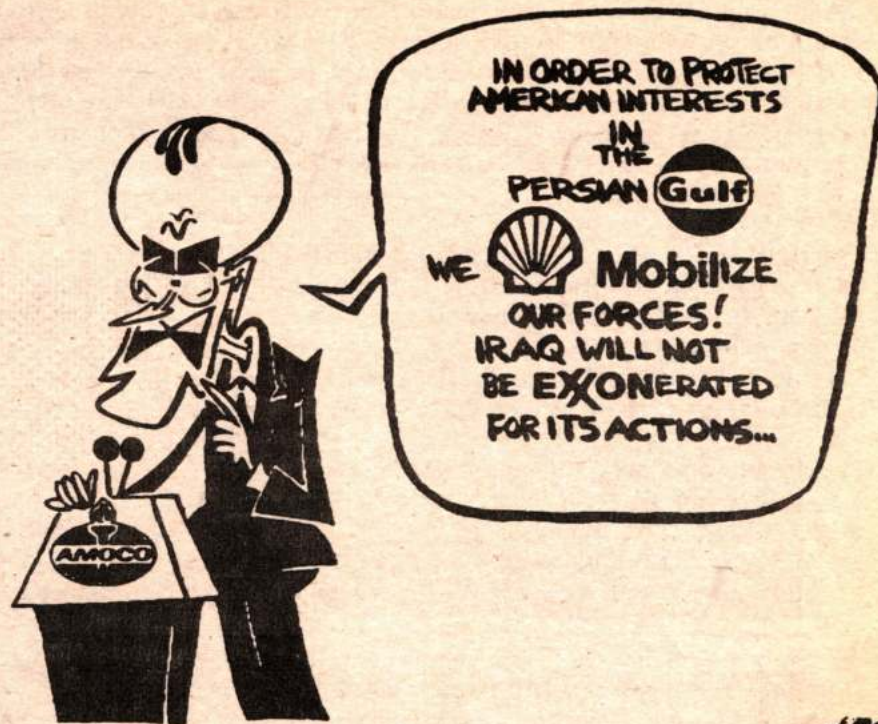
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This will be the first war declared from a golf-cart. 20,000 Americans are expected to die in the first week's fighting. George "CIA" Bush, who is a direct representative of the Texas Oil Monopoly, has refused all negotiated settlements even as Sadaam Hussein has conditionally offered to withdraw all Iraqi troops from Kuwait. The only territory in contention at this time is one deserted island (Bubiyan), and one tenth of one oilfield (Rumaila). SHALL 20,000 AMERICANS DIE FOR ONE ISLAND AND ONE TENTH OF ONE OILFIELD?

No, friends and neighbors, what our brothers and sisters will die for is the right of the Trilateral Nations [European, American, and Japanese] to ship hundreds of thousands of soldiers anywhere in the world, to continue the rape and pillage of its resources and the wholesale slaughter of its Third World peoples.

Just as in Vietnam, the shameful Gulf slaughter has been ordered not to protect democracy, but to prevent democracy. The coming war will not prevent naked aggression, it will impose naked aggression. At the beginning of this 'crisis' (created, in part, through the State Department's withdrawal of the US Ambassador to Iraq, April Glaspie, a week before the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait), the American public was manipulated to believe that Sadaam Hussien was about to seize the Saudi oilfields. King Hussein of Jordan has recently stated that the Saudis themselves never believed this. The unstated threat held over the heads of Americans was the possibility of worldwide economic depression if the Saudi oilfields were seized by Sadaam Hussein. This is certainly not a possibility now, nor was it ever. The threat of worldwide economic depression was used to manipulate the American public into accepting the mass deployment of American troops into Saudi Arabia. War or no war, American soldiers are in Saudi Arabia primarily to prevent the overthrow of the Royal Monarchy of the Saud Family, (a torturous regime), by its own people. That's the point.

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TARGETS FOR HARASSMENT: PETTY PROPOGANDA LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN!!

If economic and political power rest on public image, then playing with the public's perceptions is a serious game. This past month has generated a journalistic onslaught attempting to define and/or denounce the homeless and squatters of our local community to the mainstream media newspaper audience.

A quick scan of these articles leads one to wonder who these writers are, and what motives they might have in common. A more thorough examination yields some rather striking similarities in tone, focus, and even specific language. At the root rests the myopic notion that a "safe" neighborhood is a neighborhood devoid of disturbing references to disadvantage, such as homelessness, poverty, and defiance.

Within a three days, three separate articles appeared in three separate newspapers, sounding mysteriously alike. The "writers" of these articles, Elizabeth Acevedo, Krystyna PiorKOWska and Lesley Hazleton, all incriminate the city for the irritating presence of the poor in their neighborhood. Not coincidentally, they all live near Tompkins Square Park.

One of the first articles was featured in the N.Y. Times on October 13, by Acevedo. "The Borough President, as well as the Mayor and city Council member Miriam Friedlander, have completely failed to respond to the unacceptable conditions in Tompkins Square Park..." she charges.

Newsday followed on October 16th with Lesley Hazleton, a resident of the notorious Christodora House (143 Avenue B, Telephone#: 254-5092). "The Dinkins administration apparently imagines that by working quietly behind the scenes, it has done its part. It has not..." she asserts, calling it so timid "that it shrinks from the slightest controversy."

Three days earlier, the Daily News printed a letter by PiorKOWska, (172 East 4th St. Apt.#4H, Telephone#: 228-4253), well known to SHADOW readers for her persistent anti-homeless stance. "It remains for the city," she writes, "to remove a permanent encampment of 60-plus hard-core drug addicts who can be seen shooting up, smoking crack and having sex (in Tompkins Square Park)."

Back at the N.Y. Times, Acevedo echoes, "at present, a permanent encampment of 50 to 60 hard-core heroin and crack addicts resides in the...park...shooting up, smoking crack and at times fornicating during any hour of the day." Not to be left out, Hazleton calls Tompkins Square Park "a place where people fornicate in full-view of children, and junkies shoot up just a couple of yards from police officers..." It's interesting to consider how these women could have had the time to compose these letters when they must have been spending hours in the park every day staring at the homeless.

Acevedo and PiorKOWska once again duplicate each other's efforts in attempting to justify the removal of homeless tents from the park by their both referring to Tent Cities recently "cleared from under the Municipal Building and Riverside Park".

Hazleton goes on to discredit squatters by focusing on what she admits is a "small minority," but translates as an indictment of squatters as a group. She calls them violent, anarchists, "young white kids from privileged backgrounds," fascists, and even terrorists.

These efforts to justify the slander and subsequent dismissal of a huge network of often irreconcilably different people emerge as repetitive appropriations of a propagandistic form letter designed to diminish any potential public sympathy and support for squatters and the homeless. The writers ultimately reveal a personal distrust and resentment of those who are walking reminders of the shrinking gap between prosperity and poverty.

The critical connection between all three letter writers is their association with Community Board 3 (CB3) member, would-be political aspirant, and right-wing sleazoid Antonio Pagan (7 East 3rd St. Apt.#10, Telephone#: 473-6995). Both Acevedo and Hazleton are members of Pagan's Tompkins Square Neighborhood Coalition (TSNC), founded along with real estate speculator Samuel Turvey (131 Avenue B, Telephone#: 475-1702, who used his windfall profits from the sale of property intended as low income housing to buy into this luxury condo originally intended for and once used as low-income housing.) PiorKOWska, a member of CB3 and landlord of 114-116 East 7th Street, has been a long-time foe of area squatters, street peddlers, homeless and activists, and with Pagan, is the leading force behind the imposition of a curfew in Tompkins Square Park.

Hazleton's letter describes Pagan as "an energetic lawyer", "community organizer", claiming that he has been receiving "death threats to both himself and his family", preceded by the discovery of "a bullet hole through his door". Hazleton's shameless defense of Pagan loses credibility upon closer scrutiny. In fact, Pagan could never be a lawyer because he failed to pass his bar exam. The only "community" Pagan has ever tried to "organize" is a growing right-wing element composed of politically-connected real-estate landlords and speculators and "housing activists" and their front groups, determined to "improve" the neighborhood in order to force the poor and politically active out of it. What Hazleton refers to as a "bullet hole through his door", insinuating that it was an attack by "the squatters", is actually a broken glass pane in the front door of his building which a resident of his building told the SHADOW was broken from the inside out!! "For the record, Pagan owns no property," Hazleton writes. Although this is now true, he is the President of the Coalition Plaza Limited Partnership, his corporation involved in the LISC/Enterprise program. In 10 years this "non-profit" corporation will be allowed to sell its properties and Pagan will become the sole controlling interest, which stands to make him a very wealthy landlord of property now held in trust for the residents of the city by the City of New York.

These articles are part of a continuing campaign to lay the groundwork for the elimination of "distasteful" or uncomfortable elements in the neighborhood by those who obviously feel economically and politically threatened, by swaying public opinion their way. Try as they might, they cannot succeed in reducing a state such as homelessness, which can strike randomly at anyone, or a choice such as squatting, which is the soundest and most direct alternative, to cheap stereotypes and petty slander.

THE CITY HOUSING "PLAN" IS A FRAUD!!

As usual, the more you find out about what the parasitical slime called 'Democratic Party Hacks in City Government' are up to, the more unbelievable, outlandish, and incredible it seems. At a time (like now) when the NYC Schools Chancellor is fighting to prevent the layoffs and firings of over 4000 school teachers on account of a so-called 'budget crisis', 2 more fire-engine companies are being closed in order to more efficiently burn down 2 more neighborhoods, and NYC is two billion dollars further into debt this year alone; not only is the City of New York warehousing thousands of apartments in city-owned and operated buildings under the P.O.M.P. program (Private Ownership/Management Program which makes landlords out of building managers), it is actually paying 80% of the costs of renovating its own properties slated to be 'turned over' to development groups that will obtain clear legal title to these properties in 15 years. In other words, NYC is actually using your tax money to make fat landlords out of some of its politically loyal, bootlicking hacks. That's the LISC/Enterprise program in a nutshell. When attached to any renovation of city property, LISC/Enterprise acts as a kind of funneling device in order to 'privatize' what really belongs to the people, into the hands of literal monetary vampires who are going to suck the blood of their captive 'tenants' for the rest of their lives.



THOSE OF US WHO MIXED WITH THE INSECTS AT COMMUNITY BOARD THREE KNOW THAT THEY OUTVOTED THE SQUATTERS RECENTLY



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MORE SLEAZE FACTOR

COMMUNITY BOARD 3 HONCHO LUIS NIEVES CAUGHT IN CONFLICT OF INTEREST LEADING ALL THE WAY TO THE WHITE HOUSE!!

BY NASHUA

Community Board Three (CB3) member and Lower East Side development Czar Luis E. Nieves (605 Water Street, Apt.#17, NYC 10002, Telephone Number: 406-0971) is a busy man when it comes to housing development and now it's gotten him in deep trouble. On August 25, 1986, Nieves signed the incorporation papers for the newly-formed Lower East Side Mutual Housing Association, Inc. (LESMHA) with the purpose of operating and "maintaining housing units on a non-profit resident-sensitive basis."

In 1987 Nieves came before the Joint Planning Council (JPC) to ask for an endorsement of a development site coveted by LESMHA located at 195-199 East Second Street, and 8-12 Avenue B, on the Lower East Side. A JPC member says that Nieves "did not reveal that he was on the board of this organization, he kept his interest hidden."

In order to avoid having to meet stringent rules that a large percentage of the occupants of government-funded projects be welfare recipients, Nieves told JPC that the project would be developed solely with private money. A former CB3 member says LESMHA avoided taking government money at first because they "didn't want poor or welfare people."

Soon afterward, LESMHA appeared before CB3 to inform them that they couldn't raise enough private money to build the proposed 48 unit project. Regardless, CB3 allowed LESMHA to continue the project as "mixed income."

Under the agreement between LESMHA and CB3, 40% of the housing in the East 2nd Street and Ave. B projects are for people making up to \$48,000 per year. Some one bedroom units will rent for \$713 per month and a number of three bedroom units will rent for \$1,000 per month. The city considers these rents "middle income" because they maintain that the "market rent" for three bedroom units would be \$1,763 per month.

The \$4.6 million funding for the construction of the 48 units comes from three sources: New York State Housing Trust Fund "Turnkey" program is providing \$3.2 million, the Community Preservation Corporation, a consortium of banks that is a major lender to private rental housing in New York City, gave an additional \$635,000 and the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation is providing \$789,000.

The development cost comes to \$96,000 a unit. An amount many construction people believe is "obscene."

According to LESMHA director Eric Kolbe, the construction is being financed in part through \$2 million in Congressional demonstration grants delivered by Republican Representative Bill Green to the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, the group that set up LESMHA in 1986 with the help of Luis Nieves.

While Green tries to cultivate the image of a liberal he is a firm supporter of the U.S. military build-up in Saudi Arabia as are most CB3 members. Nieves was seen at a reception for Green in 1987 along with CB3 manager Martha Danziger, former CB3 chair Ann Johnson and right wing CB3 member Julia Sanders.

Sources say that in early 1988, while he was chairman of CB3, Nieves would come to meetings of CB3's Disposition committee as the CB3 members were voting on the issue. The effect of his presence was to intimidate board members who "didn't want conflict" with Nieves into approving the LESMHA project. Carol Watson, an influential CB3 member, said Nieves' behavior amounted to a "conflict of interest" with LESMHA.

Another member of the LESMHA board of directors is Mark Parilla, the nephew of Luis Nieves.

Even the New York Times admits that New York State Turnkey projects have been an "extravagant use of subsidy money" because property owners won't be able to sell at a higher price than what the construction cost. The Times goes on to say that "turnkeys are likely to be occasional demonstration projects. They will do little to meet the larger issue for low income housing."

State Commissioner of Housing Richard Higgins says that the turnkey requirement that 30% of the housing go to welfare-rent levels restrains the scope of the program. Higgins suggests that it's difficult to sell middle class people on housing that includes poor people. An argument also made by Luis Nieves to JPC in the early stages of the LESMHA project.

LESMHA's next target are the poor and formerly homeless people living in Umbrella House, a well known and successful long time squat building now housing people once forced to live in Tompkins Square Park.

In 1987, also while he was chairman of CB3, Nieves was also director of a development group called Lower East Side Coalition Housing Development (LESCHD). After Nieves left the job, he was replaced by CB3 member Antonio Pagan, who gained initial notoriety when, shortly after the bloody August 6-7, 1988 police riot in Tompkins Square Park, he called a press conference in the name of CB3 to support the police violence.

Nieves is also a director of Casa Victoria, a development group sponsored by LESCHD while Nieves was its director. Casa Victoria has been linked to the Housing and Urban Development (HUD)/Senator Alfonse D'Amato Scandal. Casa Victoria's proposed elderly housing project would have destroyed an important neighborhood park and cultural center at 9th street and Avenue C known as La Plaza Cultural.

Neighborhood residents successfully stopped Casa Victoria with a federal lawsuit last spring. Residents say they wouldn't oppose construction of the elderly housing on any site in the neighborhood other than La Plaza Cultural. However, reports of corruption within HUD led a federal judge to stop all HUD-financed elderly housing on the Lower East Side.

In a recent Newsday article, columnist Sydney Schanberg laid the blame for the Bush administration's Justice Department failure to prosecute D'Amato to the fact that "D'Amato has run a number of dirty political errands for Presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush. ... [D'Amato] voted against the attempt to override Bush's veto of the civil rights bill. That override failed by only one vote. It looks like part of D'Amato's protection racket."

Both Antonio Pagan and Luis Nieves were involved in the hiring of JOBCO to build the Casa Victoria project. JOBCO is a construction company that donated tens of thousands of dollars to the senate campaign of Alfonse D'Amato and in return got \$20 million in contracts from HUD. A spokesperson for the White Plains Housing Authority said that JOBCO was "forced down our throat" by D'Amato when they accepted federal money for senior citizen housing. According to the spokesperson, JOBCO's work was "incompetent."

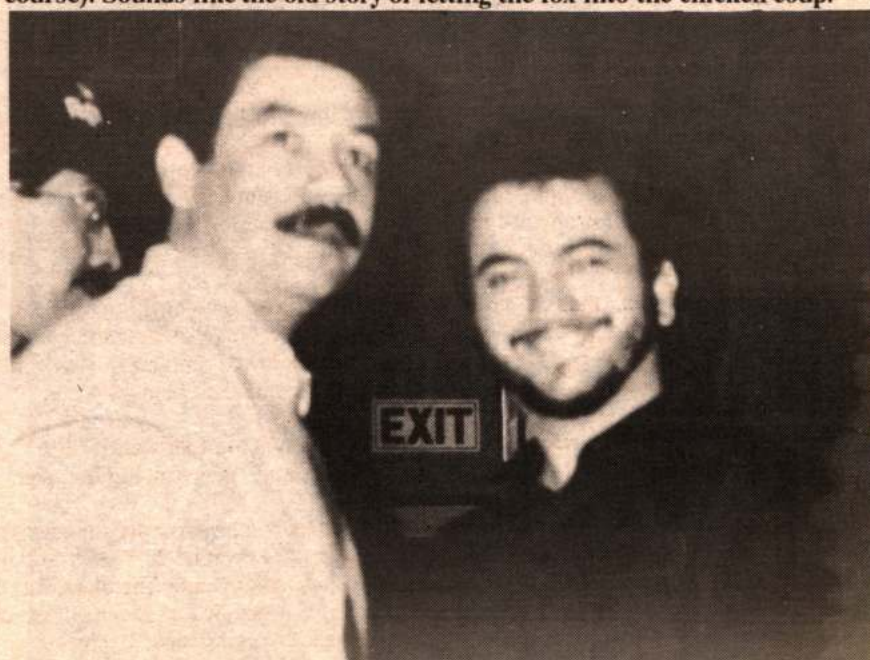
Sydney Schanberg says that "according to credible sources, ... D'Amato used HUD and in particular the New York office [of HUD] as his private campaign trough. He allegedly selected the projects to be approved, and the recipients of this largesse dutifully provided the campaign checks."

Now both Pagan and Nieves want to take on the responsibility of rehabilitate the squat buildings on East 13th Street. (After the squatters are evicted by the city of course). Sounds like the old story of letting the fox into the chicken coup.

FLASH FOTO



LUIS NIEVES (Mustache) AT THE OCT.23 CB3 MEETING



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LESCHD + LESMHA SLEAZOIDS
LUIS NIEVES (Left) + ANTONIO PAGAN (Right)

SQUATTERS THREATENED...

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Squatters countered these alarming developments by attending the subsequent Housing Committee meeting on October 18 and demanding NO EVICTIONS. Fran Goldin of the Housing Committee countered this move by proposing that the Borough President's Office take a survey of the squatted buildings, so that the Community Board might have "more information" on exactly "who is in these buildings". Apparently the heartfelt speeches of dozens of squatters witnessed by Goldin on two separate occasions were not adequately informative for her. In making her proposal, Goldin stated, "I have a resolution here. I just wrote it down." The apparent spontaneity of her intervention was belied by the presence of approximately 40 uniformed police officers waiting for trouble in the lobby below. Evidently, the NYPD operates by an intricate advance planning procedure, while the Community Board acts in a more Zen-like mode. Be that as it may, because Goldin's resolution contained the words, "there should be no evictions until the Borough President (Ruth Messinger) has completed the study", its approval by a vote of 6 to 3 (2 abstentions), elicited loud applause from many of the squatters there.

As the many squatters spoke, describing the work and time and money spent on rehabilitating their buildings, CB3 member Antonio Pagan of LESCHD only smirked, made faces, and refused to answer questions. Most squatters made the point that it would be illogical to evict them because the city would only be creating more homelessness in their "effort" to create low-income housing. When one squatter warned of potential confrontations if evictions take place, CB3 member Luis Nieves of LESMHA leaped from his seat and threatened the squatter with violence. It was later revealed that the CB3 Housing Committee Chairman, Herman Hewitt, is also on the board of LESMHA!!

The next full Board Meeting of CB3 on October 23 amended Goldin's proposal to include a time limit on its implementation, ending November 16th. Some form of demographic survey was, for some reason, intended. As of November 8th, it has not yet taken place. Sources say that Charlie Lai of the Borough President's office does not intend to do the survey.

At CB3's October 26 In-Rem Task Force meeting, where two residents from each of the four threatened buildings on East 13th Street were invited to attend by CB3 District Manager Martha Danziger, Mark Levy of HPD told squatters: "The plan of HPD is to deliver these buildings empty for development for LISC/Enterprise". When asked by Congressman Bill Green's representative Donna Colon if there is a way to avoid a violent and confrontation, Levy answered: "The situation, at this point, remains with our legal division".

Community Board members at the November 8th In-Rem Task Force meeting told squatters that the purpose of the survey was not to evaluate the (highly) questionable policy of mass evictions, but merely to place so-called "truly low-income people" on waiting lists for city apartments after they are evicted. Given that the average waiting time for persons on NYC apartment lists is 20 years, the squatters will probably refuse to leave their buildings, abandoned buildings they cleared out and rehabilitated as the Atom Bomb destroyed the Lower East Side, South Bronx, Bushwick, East New York, and many other New York neighborhoods in a deliberate policy of "planned shrinkage" followed by the City since 1972. (More on this later.)

A CITY THAT HAS DELIBERATELY DESTROYED ITS OWN NEIGHBORHOODS IN A GENOCIDAL ATTEMPT TO BREAK THE BACKS OF THE POOR, HAS NO CLAIM AGAINST THOSE WHO BEGAN REBUILDING THOSE NEIGHBORHOODS YEARS AGO!!

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ANTI-WAREHOUSING DEMO RESULTS IN MASS ARRESTS

By Jack Dawkins and Stuart Frankel

Twenty one people were arrested on Saturday, October 6th, as a diverse group of activists attempted to liberate warehoused apartments owned by the Kalikow family, owners of the NY Post (better known as the "Com-Post"). The Kalikows have refused to lease any of the warehoused apartments in the row of buildings they own that border Tompkins Square Park. They are rumored to be planning to demolish all of the buildings after they receive a variance in order to build a luxury yuppie condo rivaling the Christodora and Zeckendorf Plaza.

By 12:30, approximately 150-200 demonstrators from various groups, including many non-affiliated local residents, assembled in the courtyard of St. Brigid's Church on Avenue B for the march to a Kalikow-owned building on Avenue B, near 11th Street. Some brought canned food to distribute to the poor. Strangely, some of those present were people from local "housing groups", including JPC (the Joint Planning Council), and the Met Council on Housing, that support the evictions of hundreds of squatters from city-owned buildings that the squatters have been working on for many years. They were joined by members of Community Board 3 (CB3) (Fran Golden, Sandy Anderson and Ed Delgado, among others), which voted in September to approve giving site control of squatter-occupied buildings to various "housing groups", all of whom have members on the Community Board!!

There was also a fair amount of press: two from the Village Voice, Channel 47, Newsday, and WBAI radio covered the demo from their station. High-powered lawyers Ron Kuby and Norman Seigel were also standing by.

The march was very peaceful, so much so that some demonstrators appeared overly concerned with staying on the sidewalk, so as to not annoy the beefy cowards who are being paid exorbitant fees by the government to protect the Kalikow family's investments. Before the march began, Father George Kuhn, pastor of St. Brigid's, vigorously endorsed the action.

"Let it be known", he said, "that we have a right to do what we are going to do, no matter what the civil law says. The priorities in our city are so sub-ordinated to the interests of the monied class that so many people are suffering...Human needs take priority over the needs of people who simply want to use housing as a means to enhance their personal wealth."

John Squat, a well-known activist squatter, spoke and pointed out that some of the people present were in favor of evicting squatters and that instead, they should take over buildings that are unoccupied.

After a long wait, (this thing was ridiculously well organized with marshalls, observers, etc), the marchers made their way to the Kalikow building at 174 Avenue B. The front door was pried open with a crowbar, which enraged the lackey posing as a superintendent, hired by Kalikow. He called over the cops, who were temporarily blocked by a human wall. About a dozen people entered the building and ran up the stairs with the cops close behind. Although the lower hallways were well lit, those in the upper floors were not, and the oversight of not bringing a flashlight proved costly, preventing many from gaining access to the apartments and taking a stronger stand. The cops quickly muscled their way in to the

top of the stairs and blocked the entrance. The dark stairwell was now packed with people. Matthew Reiss, a writer from the Village Voice, attempted to climb over the bannister and was roughly shoved back down onto the stairs by police.

After some people left the building, the cops arrested ten people who remained inside, including a photographer from the Village Voice who kept grovelling to the police in a servile manner. "I'm not a demonstrator," she whined, "I'm just here to take pictures...I'm just doing my job...I don't care about any of this." (To hide under the hackneyed banner of "I'm the press, I'm objective", is complete nonsense when you are covering issues of moral significance).

Several people gave speeches in front of the building, but the cops confiscated the bullhorn, so most of them couldn't be heard well. They included so-called politically-connected "housing activists", such as Elaine Chan from JPC, Val Orselli from Cooper Square Housing, CB2 member and candidate for N.Y. State Assembly Deborah Glick (now since elected), Chino Garcia (director of Charas Community Center, a non democratic organization hoarding valuable community space), and other "anti-warehousing" hypocrites.

Father George invited those present outside to join him in blocking the entrance to the building so the cops couldn't leave with their prisoners, but the cops moved too fast. People stood in front of the paddy wagon and after cops tried wedge formations to make them move, they just sat down. Ten people were then arrested, including Father George. Pat Nash, a nearby resident who works in the St. Brigid's shelter, was knocked to the ground along with four others as he tried to prevent the police van from leaving. "It was like being cross-checked in a hockey game," he said, describing how the cops shoved him with their night sticks.

As some those arrested were taken downtown to the 7th Precinct on Pitt Street, Matthew Reiss of the Village Voice started taking pictures and was grabbed by cops who used the press pass around his neck, breaking his glasses in the process. In the end, the sitters got summonses for "Disorderly Conduct" and were out in two hours, at about 3:15PM. Those inside the building got "Tresspass" and "Criminal Mischief" DATs (Desk Appearance Tickets), and got out at about 5:15PM. A total of 21 people had been arrested.

Outside the precinct, about 60 people welcomed the first group released and about 45 welcomed the others later released. Ron Kuby did yeoman's work in negotiating with cops, taking people's names, and providing legal assistance as necessary.

Chris Brant of JPC got the story out on WCBS and WINS radio. He said the demo had tried to move three mothers with children into the building in order to demonstrate the need for housing, and that the mothers were willing to be arrested. This wasn't true; one mother gave a very nice speech, but no mothers were arrested. It made a good story, though.

(Maybe the "housing activist" hypocrites would be more credible if they spent their time and efforts on acquiring abandoned city-owned buildings that they can have rehabilitated, rather than using false propaganda to distract attention from private warehouse squatters while they themselves seek to warehouse squatter/homestead-occupied buildings that are already being renovated by the residents!!--Ed.)

NEW ANTI-WAR MOVEMENT KICKS-OFF WITH OCTOBER 20 RALLY

A BLOW AGAINST THE EMPIRE OR THE SAME OLD SHIT?

By P.Nip

Even the mainstream media put the count at 15,000, so whatever else it might have been, the October 20 march from Columbus Circle to Times Square in protest of the U.S. troop deployments in the Middle East was BIG. But what do these numbers really mean? Throughout the 1980s, massive marches in protest of U.S. intervention in Central America and other fashionable leftist issues were held almost annually in New York and Washington, DC. They were choreographed, predictable and BORING, reaching nobody new and having minimal effect on the issues they were ostensibly addressing. Well, the October 20 bash was different in several ways-- for one, it was bigger. For another, it was not completely overlooked by the mainstream media. But perhaps the most important difference is in the internal politics behind the march.

The annual charades which passed for political protest in the 1980s were largely organized by the People's Anti-War Mobilization, or PAM, a front group for the orthodox Marxist cult known as the Worker's World Party (WWP), which began as an offshoot of the Trotskyist Socialist Workers Party in 1957. The issue was the previous year's Soviet invasion of Hungary--SWP refused to support it, leading the more unthinkingly pro-Soviet elements to leave and form WWP. In some ways, WWP remains true to its heritage. In the interests of "unity" and "coalition building", the big WWP-instrumented demos of the 1980s refused to ever address Soviet aggression in Afghanistan, Eritrea, or anywhere else.

This is how it generally worked: WWP's PAM would announce a big rally on a particular date, then put out the call for other organizations to endorse the action. The well-funded and established peacenick groups which make up the "Greater White Peace Movement" (Mobilization for Survival, War Resisters League, SANE-FREEZE, etc) would answer the call. Anarchists, punks, hippies, Yippies, Black Nationalists and other elements which don't easily fit into the Greater White Peace Movement would frequently show up at the rallies, but rarely officially endorsed or played any significant role.

The politics of the October 20 gig was different in a few respects. For one, a major figure from the U.S. ruling elite has thrown in his lot with the WWP's coalition. This is Ramsey Clark, the Johnson Administration Attorney General. As chief of the Justice Department, Clark presided over the enforcement of new civil rights legislation and deeply believed in Johnson's much ballyhooed (and, in retrospect, completely unsuccessful) "War on Poverty"--but he also presided over FBI crack-downs on student dissent and activist groups such as the Black Panthers.

(Admittedly, these operations did not reach their repressive and violent climax until Nixon was in control of the White House and Clark had been replaced with John Mitchell, and the FBI had been J. Edgar Hoover's personal potentate anyway.) It was during the Reagan years that Clark moved stridently to the left, openly criticizing CIA operations and nuclear stockpiling. After the invasion of Panama in 1989, he spoke at St. Brigid's Church on the Lower East Side. Now, with war looming in the Middle East, Clark apparently feels that the situation is sufficiently desperate to make an alliance with avowed Communists. This reflects a split within the military-industrial complex and the national security state over the wisdom of Bush's war moves.

The grouping is called the Coalition to Stop US Intervention in the Middle East. PAM is listed merely as an endorser, but it is obvious to all involved that PAM is the coalition member which is really in the driver's seat.

The special irony of the situation is that while the Coalition has drawn the support of a ruling class liberal like Clark, it has alienated the ostensibly leftist groups which make up the Greater White Peace Movement. The reason: the Coalition has categorically refused to condemn Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. In other words, PAM/WWP is now playing the same spineless game vis-a-vis the Soviet imperialist state during the Cold War. Ah, progress!

This time, however, the issue has provoked a split within the anti-war forces. One of the key Greater White Peace Movement groups, the War Resisters League (WRL), refused to endorse the October 20 action, sticking to its principles of pacifism. WRL instead put out the call for a coalition of its own, which, while calling for a removal of U.S. troops from the region, also calls for an Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait. This counter-coalition is known as the National Campaign for Peace in the Middle East, and has drawn the endorsement of Mobilization for Survival, the Palestine Solidarity Committee and New Jewish Agenda. It is still much smaller than the PAM-led Coalition, and less oriented towards big demonstrations. WRL is holding weekly vigils in protest of the U.S. troop deployments, but it remains to be seen whether the WRL-led National Campaign will be able to pull off any actions as massive as the PAM-led Coalition's planned demonstrations. The Coalition is planning a Thanksgiving demonstration and a bigger demo for February, in addition to emergency response demos should war break out.

As an alternative to both the PAM's Coalition, with its undoubted hidden agendas, and WRL's National Campaign, with its tame peacenick tone, Autonomous Anarchist Action (AAA) is planning a potluck/discussion session on November 17 at ABC No Rio (156 Rivington Street at 7:30PM). AAA is miniscule compared to either the Coalition or the National Campaign, but it is probably the group which will be of the most interest to SHADOW readers, despite its annoying predilections for violent rhetoric and dressing in black.

WHO'S SIDE ARE THEY ON ANYWAY?

MY EXPERIENCE WITH THE ANTI-WAR DEMO ORGANIZERS

By David Sorcher

I entered the Union Hall in mid-September with marked anticipation. After all, something big was supposed to be happening. A new peace movement is supposed to be stirring the embers of a radical front, long since doused by the apathy of the 80s. I had heard tell of a meeting at Cooper Union that drew well over a thousand people and was excited by the possibility of the sheer numbers for the proposed anti-war march and rally. US out of the Persian Gulf? It never seemed to be a question to me. But careful government control of the media would have the average John and Jane Doe believe that America was behind President Bush's imperialistic efforts 100%. So it was with optimism that I attended the September planning meeting for the October 20th march.

Half a dozen zealots attempted to sell me copies of the "Worker's World" newspaper at the door, quickly explaining how it is the only paper that reveals the truth of the matter or any matter that matters. I ignore this omen and slip inside. There I am handed a form to fill out, which reads more like a questionnaire for my biography than anything else. Do I really want these people to know so much about me?

I gather some flyers, make a donation and find a seat up front. The meeting begins and after some red faced rhetoric to rouse the crowd, one of the women on the panel asserts herself as the chair and we move into a statement/question/answer period. During this time the chair asserts herself again and again. It becomes clear that this is not a planning meeting. The plans have all been made. We are merely the workers who will implement them. The organizers seem to be on a power trip. People who say things they don't agree with are quickly told that their time is up. (They try to end the statement period but everyone disagrees). The chair reminds us again that she is in control. At some point during all of this a video and still camera have arrived on the scene. They carefully document everything that goes on, specifically focusing on speakers in the audience. I feel controlled, manipulated and violated. Consequently, when I try to find out who the documenting duo are, I am rather arrogantly informed that this meeting is being taped to show to students on college campuses. Well, that doesn't explain the photographer. It might have been a good idea to ask us if it would be alright. However, this meeting wasn't about democratic process. At this point, I walked out, informing the organizers how fucked up I think they are. All the organizers I encounter on the way out treat me with disdain and inform me that my problem is that I can't deal with women in authority. One told me I was "acting just like an angry white male." Well, I concluded to myself, I am male, I am white and yes, I am angry at the moment. I walked out the door, past the worker's world patsies, but I linger in the hallway awhile and listen to others who have also walked out in disgust. In spite of all this, I am at Columbus Circle the morning of the 20th. What else am I supposed to do? The cause is righteous even if the organizers are assholes.

At the rally, my first impression is man, look at all those cops! Dozens of mounted patrol lined 59th Street. Dozens of shiny Harleys and motor scooters rounded Columbus Circle. Hundreds of foot patrols were everywhere.

Almost competing with the police in number were those selling various leftist newspapers. Yes, people do have personal agendas and how was the time to push them. But you know, nobody seemed to be buying. At least not the papers anyway. I was struck by the diversity present. Young and old, liberal and left, walked side by side. Even the various agendas had a common link. With the billions of dollars that are being spent on operation Desert Shield, who could argue that it would not be better spent here at home, on housing, on AIDS research, on the environment, on education and on anything short of blood for oil in a desert half way around the world? People are speaking on the podium, but I find the street theatre more interesting. People came dressed as congressmen with pig noses and bloody faces, checks for General Electric, nuclear weapons, and President Bush himself complete with a golf club. There are children dressed as pennies, pennies for Medicare, pennies for AIDS research emphasising the disgusting lack of priorities this government has for it's people. The rhetoric on the podium continues as the crowd gets restless. "Let's march!" we cry. "Enough Talk, Let's Walk!" As marchers shuffle towards the front, coalition marshalls struggle to keep control. That the people want to move seems unimportant to the organizers who have their own agenda to fulfill. I try to get past the line of marshalls who angrily inform me that I must go around. Hoping to get photos of the



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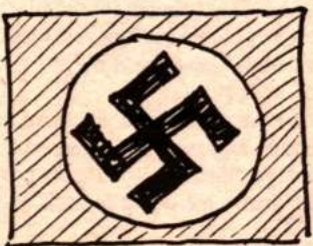


front of the march as it comes down Broadway, I wait down the block. Finally, after some time the march is under way. As I move in to shoot, I am met by a wall of marshalls who precede the march, hands held. They won't let me past to the front of the march. They yell and curse at me. Who are these people? Why are all these cops here? These fascists are doing a fine job without them. Once past the goon squad everything is cool. It's a beautiful fall day and the turnout is good. I fall into step with each group as I work my way back, taking one of many different angles towards a common cause. Everything was just a bit too orderly. Three arrests took place before the start of the march over a piece of wood attached to a placard. It seems the cops thought it could be used as a weapon. Otherwise, things were calm. Everyone stayed neatly and nicely on the right side of the street. Traffic flowed in spite of us. The AAA contingent (Autonomous Anarchist Action) made feeble attempts to be disorderly, holding back to create space and then rushing forward screaming. At the corner of 42nd and 8th Avenue they staged a "Die-In" (everyone fell to the ground for a minute), but it was a useless exercise that hardly even annoyed the cops.

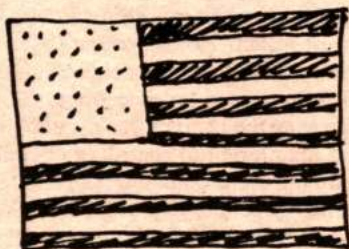
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**NO
MANDATORY
PATRIOTISM!**



"WHOSOEVER PUBLICLY PROFANES THE REICH, ITS FLAG OR THE GERMAN ARMED FORCES OR... EXPOSES THEM TO CONTEMPT, SHALL BE PUNISHED BY IMPRISONMENT..."



"THE CONGRESS AND THE STATES SHALL HAVE POWER TO PROHIBIT THE ACT OF DESECRATION OF THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES..."



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As I said before, cops were everywhere. They rode beside us on their Harleys and scooters, hugging the dividing line of the street. They walked before us and behind us. But also, like angels of regret, they hung above us. From high in the marquees of Broadway, they watched, photographing and videotaping, observing and recording. I would like to think these cops are just ignorant of the law. But I know it is just callous disregard for it. I'm sure they are aware that the Handshu Agreement specifically forbids this type of surveillance at peaceful, non-violent, legal actions such as this one.

We were also photographed more conspicuously from ground level. Most undercovers are fairly easy to spot. At one point on 42nd Street, members of the AAA cornered someone they believed to be an undercover cop photographer, chanting at him that it was useless to take their pictures because the movement is more powerful than that. I don't know if this guy really was an undercover or not, but it is interesting to note that he worked for the coalition and was in fact the same photographer I was opposed to taking photos at the September meeting.



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We rounded the last corner of the march at Broadway and 42nd St. Uptown a few blocks was a stage for the 3:00 rally. But it was clear that people weren't interested in more rhetoric (they got enough before the march started) and the number of people dwindled quickly. Two rows of cops, one on horseback, one on foot, lined the front of the Armed Forces Recruiting Station, as if they were expecting a sudden attack. A small fire smoldered on the street, made mostly of burning placards with an occasional flag thrown in for good measure. Police media carefully recorded these events from the marquee above, ironically a theatre showing the film "Marked For Death" and "Night of the Living Dead". Nearby, a vendor sold mechanical soldiers in camouflage that crawled on their bellies holding M-16 rifles. And as the smokey fire turned to ashes and the crowds dispersed, leaving more police than protestors to listen to the politics of the day, I wondered just what we had accomplished here. Certainly we showed that in spite of the hidden agenda of many of the organizers, there is still enough of a grass roots opposition to U.S. policy to bring great numbers to the streets in a common voice of protest.



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But as I write this, we are closer to war than ever. An additional 100,000 troops are about to be committed to the Gulf and even the pretense of negotiation seems to be breaking down. The media works harder and harder each day to make the enemy an "IT", a deplorable monster that we can't possibly understand or see as human. Only then can war be justified. Ours was but a voice in the darkness, but was anyone listening?

SIEGE OF THE MOHAWK NATION

Update Report by NASHUA

The 77 day stand-off between members of the Mohawk community of Kanesatake near Montreal, Quebec and Canadian authorities ended on September 26. More than 50 Mohawk women, children and men marched defiantly into army lines, prompting a chaotic fist fight with some soldiers.

The conflict began in March when investors attempted to enlarge a private golf course onto sacred Mohawk land. SHADOW reporter Nashua was in Kanesatake as the army moved in and he files this report on the siege of Kanesatake.

"IF THE WARRIORS WEREN'T THERE, THE PEOPLE OF KANESATAKE, THE MOHAWK PEOPLE, OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS WOULD HAVE BEEN DEAD NOW"--(Minnie Garo, spokesperson for the Warrior Society in Akwasasne, New York)

Without warning, on July 11th, Quebec Provincial Police officers stormed Mohawk barricades across a main road through Kanesatake. Tear gas released by the officers as they fired automatic weapons toward the Mohawk line obscured the commotion.

Mohawks in the forest returned fire, forcing the officers to retreat. As the gas cleared a police corporal was found shot to death.

The confrontation continued for weeks and protests by Natives throughout Canada in support of the Mohawks increased. Members of the Mohawk community of Kahnawake blocked a major bridge into Montreal forcing 70,000 daily commuters to make a two hour detour.

On September 1st, with no end to the controversy in sight, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney called on the army to remove the Mohawk barricades. As army bulldozers dragged away the crushed remains of a police van that had been part of the Mohawk roadblock, soldiers armed with M-16 rifles peered from the windows of the now-abandoned golf club house above reporters milling about on the road.

Kanesatake is a checkerboard of small pieces of Mohawk land near the picturesque town of Oka along the shore of the Lake of Two Mountains. At the heart of the struggle is about 60 acres of pine forest sheltering a Mohawk burial ground on a bluff above the lake.

About 100 yards beyond the Canadian lines, on the cool, clear evening of September 2nd, a turn-off was guarded by heavily armed and masked Mohawk warriors. Dressed in military camouflage and wearing masks, each Indian wore an eagle feather tucked into a headband or hat. At the center of the Mohawks last stand was a former alcohol and drug treatment center, a low rambling building on a cliff above the lakeshore.

A group of reporters were allowed past the army checkpoints and Indian negotiators took them behind the Mohawk lines. At the treatment center were about 30 Mohawk women and children and 20 armed members of the controversial Mohawk group called the Warrior Society.

A young Mohawk man from Kanesatake using the name Dehewerun revealed that a feeling of desperation had begun to set in among the Mohawks at the treatment center as the weeks dragged on. A meeting was called and an older Mohawk spoke up. He argued that it was important to continue the fight because the eyes of millions of people were now watching events in Kanesatake. Negotiations were held at various locations during the stand-off. Native leaders from the government sponsored "Band Council" took part in talks with authorities that the Mohawks in Kanesatake refused to recognize.

Throughout Canada, actions were carried out to support Kanesatake. Roads were blocked in western Canada and a river passing through Indian territory was diverted to stop a government dam project. There were reports of downed power lines in remote areas causing major power blackouts.

The Mercier bridge, which was closed by Mohawks in support of Kanesatake, was the location of bitter anti-Indian demonstrations that escalated into violent attacks. An effigy of a Mohawk was burned and rocks were thrown at Mohawk refugees.

Behind the army barricades at Kanesatake, the Quebec Minister of Education, Claude Ryan, a member of Quebec's provincial government for 20 years, stopped to answer questions. Ryan acknowledged that Canadian society is vulnerable to sabotage but he had faith in the nation's institution.

Eventually, 55 Mohawks were arrested, including 22 Warriors. The women and children were quickly released without bail. The Warriors were taken to a military base in southeastern Quebec and within two weeks most were released on their own recognizance. Six Warriors are still in custody.

The Mohawks face multiple charges including riot, weapons possession and obstruction of justice. Mohawk leaders say they will argue in court that the arrests are illegal. They claim the Canadian government has no jurisdiction on sovereign Mohawk territory.

The day the bulk of the Warriors were released from military custody was a festive affair. Mohawks and their supporters wore red and white ribbons to symbolize peace and their determination to be independent. The caravan returned to Mohawk territory where a big meal was served and the Mohawk national anthem was sung.

AKWASASNE TRADITIONALS ALLEGE DRUGS, DIRTY MONEY BEHIND MOHAWK CIVIL WAR

BY P.NIP

Now that the Mohawk Warriors Society blockade have captured the attention of the world media and sparked a nationwide militant Indian movement in Canada, many leftists and radicals are quick to forget or overlook the questionable roots of the Warriors at the Akwasasne reservation. Critics within the Mohawk Nation maintain that the Mohawks' willingness to use violence against their fellow Indians is both a violation of the Mohawk Great Law of Peace and a key reason that this past summer's militant actions failed to win the Mohawks any significant gains from the Canadian government. Most of those critics are Mohawk traditionals, or followers of the Longhouse government at Akwasasne.

The Akwasasne traditionals charge the Warriors with being controlled by smuggling and gambling interests which are antithetical to the cause of Mohawk cultural survival, and with unleashing a reign of terror at Akwasasne earlier this year. They also fear that when New York State Police forces which entered the Akwasasne reservation in response to the violence withdraw, the Mohawk civil war could resume.

Much of the conflict at Akwasasne is due to its geography. The reservation straddles the St. Lawrence River and is cut into three unequal parts by New York State, Ontario and Quebec. It also has three governing bodies: the Canadian-recognized Mohawk Council of Akwasasne north of the St. Lawrence, the New York State-recognized Mohawk Tribal Council south of the St. Lawrence, and the traditional Longhouse government which covers the entire reservation and refuses to recognize the international border. The Longhouse, a spiritual as well as political institution, predates the Councils created by Canada and New York by centuries, and still sends representatives to the Onondaga reservation near Syracuse, New York, seat of the Iroquois Confederacy, of which the Mohawks are one of the six constituent Six Nations. The Iroquois Confederacy was established by the constituent Indian nations agreeing to abide by the Great Law of Peace, centuries before the arrival of Europeans.

The Warrior Society's roots can be traced back to the 1973 armed occupation of a piece of traditional Mohawk land in New York's Adirondack Mountains and the subsequent establishment there of a Mohawk community known as Ganieneh. Akwasasne traditionals maintain that in the 1980s some of the leaders of the Ganieneh take over began using the Akwasasne Mohawks' guaranteed right of duty-free border crossings as a cover for a massive smuggling operation, moving huge quantities of tobacco, and possibly alcohol, drugs and firearms, into Canada. Simultaneously, a gambling economy took hold on the New York side of Akwasasne--ever more extravagant casinos started opening, generally with the support of the New York State-created Mohawk Tribal Council.

The traditionals viewed this with growing unease. In their eyes, the gambling economy was only bringing hundreds of whites with no respect for Mohawk culture onto the reservation, and was planting the seeds of alcoholism and prostitution. They also believed that the same crime syndicates which control the Las Vegas and Atlantic City gambling scenes were providing investment for the Akwasasne casinos with an eye towards the development of a similar international tourist scene at the reservation. By 1989, tensions were rapidly escalating between casino supporters (generally supported by the Mohawk Tribal Council) and anti-gambling organizers (generally supported by the Longhouse).

The offices of Akwasasne Notes, an Indian rights advocacy newspaper published at the reservation which had taken a vocal stance against the casinos, was torched, presumably by gambling supporters. Later, a casino was torched, possibly in retaliation.

The situation reached a crisis point in the Spring of 1990 as the anti-gambling forces launched blockades of the roads to the casinos. These blockades were made up of human bodies, cars, and signs bearing such messages as "STAY OUT GAMBLERS--LEAVE US IN PEACE".

Repeated threats of violence from the Warrior Society prompted the traditionals and anti-gambling organizers to appeal to New York State for protection. These requests went unheeded, and on April 24 the Warriors attacked the blockades with live AK-47 fire. Approximately 30 vehicles were torched by the Warriors. In the words of one observer, "I'm amazed nobody was killed. They (the blockaders) just ate dirt--they all just scattered and ran for it."

This incident sparked what many now call the Mohawk "civil war", as Warriors attacked the homes of anti-gambling organizers, and some of the anti-gambling organizers returned fire. A building of the North American Indian Travelling College housing irreplaceable print and audio-video archives was firebombed--presumably by Warriors, since the College had taken a vocal anti-gambling stance. Nearly 2,000 Mohawks fled the reservation and the nearby city of Cornwall, Ontario, opened up its civic center to accommodate the refugees.

Citing the Iroquois' 1794 treaty with George Washington, granting them the right to U.S. protection against any threat to their sovereignty, the Longhouse government appealed to Albany, New York, for help. By the time New York State police had entered the reservation to restore calm five days later, two men were dead. One was Matthew John Pyke, an anti-gambling organizer who, according to his fellow gambling opponents, was shot by Warrior snipers while attempting to help refugees escape from the reservation. Nobody has been arrested for his death. The other was Harold "J.R." Edwards, an apparently neutral Mohawk who was caught in the crossfire as Warriors besieged the home of gambling opponent Davey George and a shoot-out ensued. George's brother, Doug George, editor of Akwasasne Notes, was arrested for Edwards' death and his case is currently pending in the Quebec court system. (The shootout took place on the Quebec part of the reservation, although some gambling opponents claim that Edwards' body was moved there from the New York State side in order to frame George).

George calls the charges against him a "farce". "The case against me is less an act of justice than an attempt to control the people of Akwasasne and penalize those who are guilty of nothing more than defending their homes." George claims the Warriors have a "hit list" which has targetted several gambling opponents for death, including himself and Longhouse chiefs Jake Swamp and Tom Porter.

George sees the Warrior leaders as motivated by greed rather than concern for the welfare of the Mohawk Nation, and claims that the lucrative management positions in the casinos are filled by non-natives from outside the reservation. "Gambling has failed to provide schooling for one Mohawk kid, or health care for one elder."

George believes that the Warrior Society leaders were cynically using the issue of Mohawk land rights at Oka in their own self interest, to get themselves into a bargaining position with the Canadian authorities as to legitimize their mini-empire based on smuggling across the U.S.-Canadian border.

Reached for comment behind the barricades at Oka, Warrior Society leader Loran Thompson had this to say about such allegations from George and the Akwasasne traditional chiefs: "What can you expect from Canadian and American government informants, traitors to their own people? I mean, in some countries what do they do with these kind of people? I think we have shown extreme tolerance for these people. They are collaborating with foreign governments to undermine the movement of the'r own nation, and they will be removed from power."

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YER UNDER ARREST!!!

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By Ron Kuby
(Office of William Kunstler)

You are standing on Avenue A shouting "No Housing, No Peace." Some huge ex-football player from Suffolk County jumps you from behind and slams your face into the concrete. He is wearing a blue outfit, a big gun, and is putting handcuffs on you. Yer under arrest.

Yer under arrest when the police will not let you leave. They do not have to pronounce any magic words or "read you your rights". If you are in doubt, ask "Am I under arrest?" Except for answering background questions like your name, address, and occupation, remain silent. Avoid saying dumb things like "I didn't throw the brick that hit the cop." Do not try to talk yourself out of the arrest. The only thing that you can influence at this point is whether or not you "go through the system".

The police get to decide whether they will issue you a summons or Desk Appearance Ticket (DAT) and release you, or whether to put you through the system, forcing you to spend at least 24 and as many as 72 hours in various holding cells as you wend your way through the intestines of the booking system, only to be dumped, looking and smelling like a turd, into a courtroom before a judge.

Your chances of getting a summons or DAT are increased if you: (1) Cooperate with arresting officers by providing them with background information and valid identification. If you cannot prove your identity and residence, you will be fingerprinted and placed through the system. Homeless people are regularly put through the system even for the most minor offenses. Homeless people should give arresting officers some real, verifiable address, even the name of a friend who will confirm that you stay there; (2) Arrive "clean". Possession of weapons or drugs will result in your being put through the system; (3) Commit a relatively minor infraction. Sitting down in the street and refusing to move, blocking the entrance to a building, and related conduct is generally treated by a summons. Resisting arrest by going limp is usually treated by a DAT. Assault and property destruction will usually result in your being put through the system; and (4) Have no outstanding warrants. That court date you missed six months ago (Oh Shit! That arrest?) has grown into a bench warrant.

Lying to the police by showing them false identification is risky. It is a crime more serious than the one you are trying to get out of. If they take your fingerprints and you have been printed before under another name, you're in trouble.

If the police use summons procedure, you will be taken to a precinct house. (On the Lower East Side, it will be the Seventh Precinct at 19 Pitt Street or the Ninth Precinct at 321 East 5th Street.) A police officer will ask you background questions. You will then be issued a pink slip of paper with a court date, usually a month from the arrest date, and place, usually at 346 Broadway. **Save this paper.** You will then be released. If you do not show up within 30 days after your date, a warrant will be issued for your arrest. Persons arrested at the same time may be given different court dates--a tactic often used to prevent mass demonstrations at the courthouse. Because of the 30 day rule, you have some flexibility in scheduling your court appearance. Like everything else, going to court is more fun with your friends.

DAT procedure is similar, except that you are often fingerprinted at the station and the prints are faxed off for a warrant check. This usually takes about 3 hours. You are given a sheet of paper with a court date and a room number, usually at 100 Centre Street. Unlike the summons, if you do not show up on the date given, a warrant will be issued for your arrest.

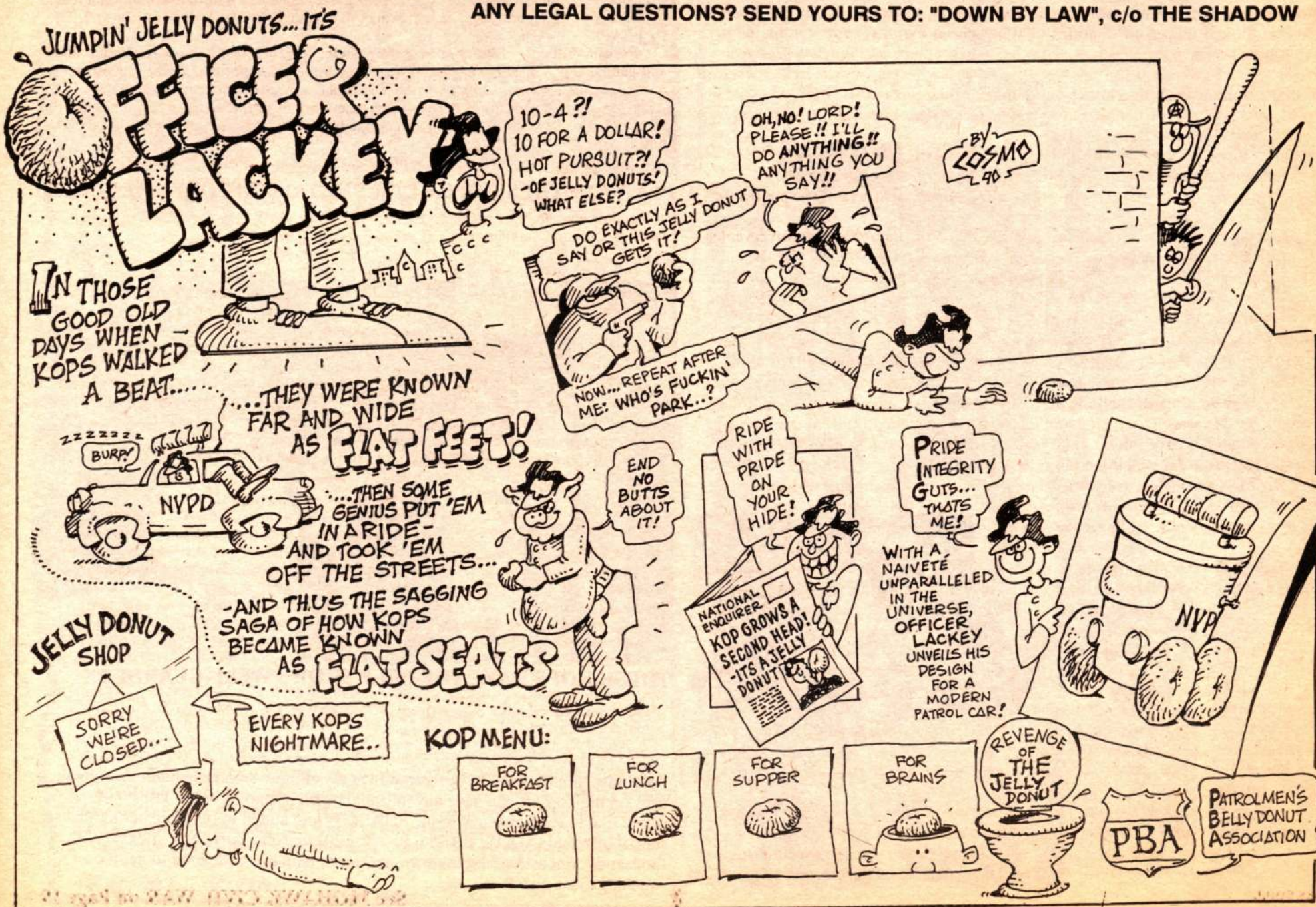
If the police put you through the system, you will first go to the precinct for a few hours. From there, you will be taken to Central Booking at #1 Police Plaza, where you will be photographed (mug shot) and fingerprinted. You have no right to refuse these procedures, and you will not be released until they are completed. You will also be interviewed by a representative from "pretrial services". The result of this interview will be used by the judge in determining whether you should be released on your own promise to appear (release on own recognizance, or ROR). It is important to give them the name and telephone number of someone who can verify the information that you provide. You will also have a chance to make your one telephone call. Following this process, which may take 5-12 hours, you will be taken to one of the precincts in Manhattan and held in a small cell for as long as 48 hours. They will take away your belt and shoelaces (really!) while you are in the holding cell. Finally, you will be brought to court at 100 Centre Street, where you will wait in the basement in another cell, as long as overnight. You will be brought "upstairs" to yet another cell, where you will wait a bit longer before getting to see a judge. Just before you see the judge, you will see an attorney, either from Legal Aid or an "18B" lawyer (who is assigned to handle arraignments), or from your defense committee.

A trip through the system is no fun, but you can do it. Bring cigarettes, even if you do not smoke. They are the jail system of barter. Once you are in the system, the only way out is to wait until you get to see a judge. Be prepared for the wait. No magazines are furnished. Make sure that your personal matters are taken care of. The jail guards do not care about your pets, children, or you. Persons who require daily doses of medication will have their medication confiscated and will not be able to persuade anyone to return it.

Yes, there is a court decision requiring that you be produced before a judge within 24 hours or be released. No, it does not help you. In fact, it hurts you because the remedy for the delay is release. The serious felonies are processed first, to prevent them from being released. Since you are getting out anyway, unless you shot the president, you will often go to the end of the line. The Catch-22 for you is that a judge will order you released after 24 hours, but it can take up to 72 hours to see the judge. Get it?

NEXT TIME: GOING TO COURT--HOW, WHEN, WHERE AND WHY, AS WELL AS DOS AND DONTs.

ANY LEGAL QUESTIONS? SEND YOURS TO: "DOWN BY LAW", c/o THE SHADOW





Well, here we are again. Beside maintaining their usual uneventful posts in and around Tompkins Square Park, some enterprising plainclothes kops have been seen lately making the rounds of the grocery stores that sell heroin and coke, in addition to corn flakes, perhaps getting a little something to tide them over until payday. Some of these stores have been "busted" several times by the kops, but judging by the jocularly between the kops and those running the shops, you'd never know it!! So much for the "War on Drugs"!!

There seems to be an abundance of kops being assigned to even the most trivial details lately, including an outdoor meeting of about 20 hikers who walked around the world to meet in New York City. Oh well, with the hiring of an additional 5,000-9,000 extra kops, they've got to be kept busy somehow, don't they?

Too bad the city feels justified in cutting money meant for improving the schools and teachers' salaries and then hiring thousands of young, inexperienced, out of touch and nervous out of town kops instead. If we didn't know better, we would swear they want dumb kids to grow up to be arrested and shot by dumb kops!!

Speaking of overkill, there were loads of extra kops at the huge anti war rally and march on October 20 from Columbus Circle to Times Square, including uniformed kops who usually operate in plainclothes, giving our kop-watchers a special treat--a first time look at their true identities, all of which were duly recorded in the Kop-Watch mug books!

Here are some plainclothes kops seen there:



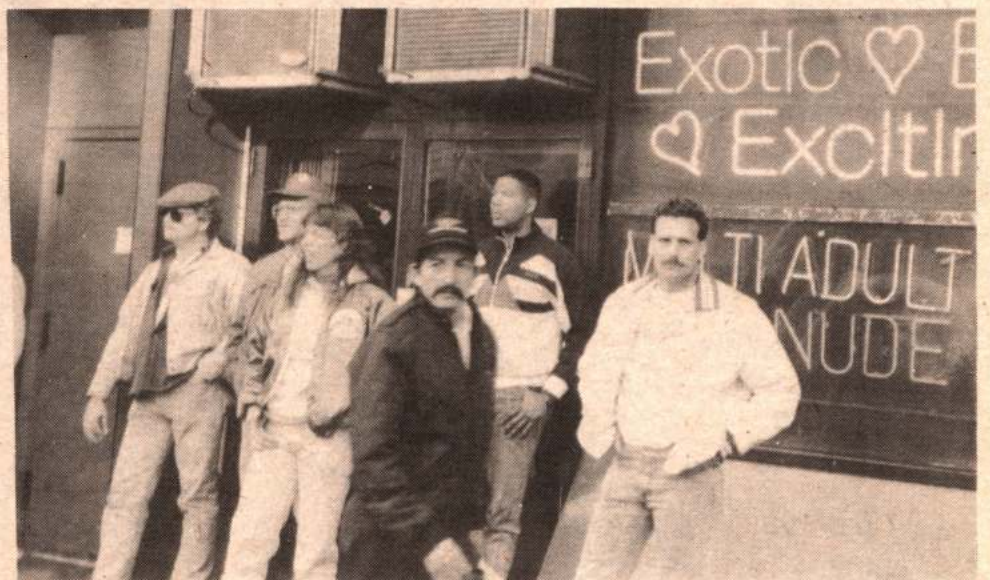
Lately, many people witnessing kop brutality on civilians have been attacked by the very kops they were watching, often facing heavier charges than the original arrestee, in addition to verbal assault and physical injuries suffered at the hands of those brave kops. If you ever witness a bystander arrest, or if you are the victim of such an arrest, please call the NYCLU (New York Civil Liberties Union) to report it and to get information on an upcoming class action suit against the city and it's department of thugs. The NYCLU's telephone number is: (212)382-0557, and their address is: 132 West 43rd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036.

If you have ever witnessed or been the victim of any sort of misconduct on the part of the kops, filing a complaint with the CCRB ("Civilian" Complaint Review Board) is the first step in getting the offending kop(s) removed from the force, getting them to possibly face criminal charges for their actions, and laying the groundwork for a hefty lawsuit against the kops and the city too. Try to get the kop's badge number and/or the kop's name below the badge number, and as many witnesses as possible before filing your complaint. If you were arrested by the offending kop(s), their name(s) will often appear on the criminal complaint against you. The CCRB, composed mostly of kops, is not very friendly or sympathetic to witnesses or victims of kop wrongdoing, and your complaint may not even result in any action being taken against the kops, but the complaint will be placed in the offending kop's file. The more complaints that get added to their files, the stronger future cases will be against them. OF COURSE, you should also get a good political lawyer in addition to filing the complaint against the kop(s), in order to make sure that some action is taken. The CCRB's number is: (212)323-8750, and their address is: 295 Lafayette Street, New York, N.Y. 10012.

****NEVER** give them too much of your personal information!!

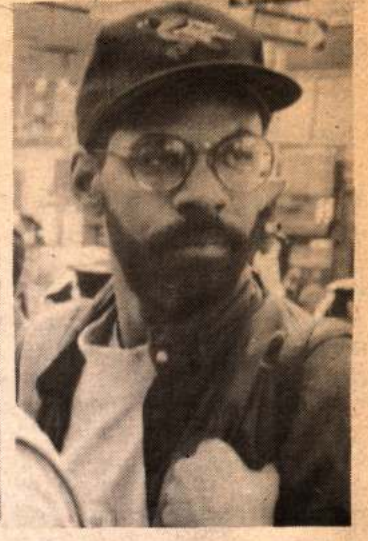


PLAINCLOTHES KOPS GET A PEP TALK BEFORE THE MARCH



THESE KOPS HAVE THE PEEP SHOWS WELL-GUARDED!!

As always, thanks to all of our kop-watchers out there who have been keeping their eyes on the kops. If you have any information on or photos of the kops that you would like to see published in the SHADOW and added to our mug books, please send it all to: SHADOW PRESS, P.O.Box 20298, New York, N.Y. 10009. With thousands of new thugs on the way, now more than ever, we need to keep on watching those kops!!



Here are some plainclothes kops seen at the past two meetings of Community Board 3 on September 25 and October 23. (Not only did they pretend they were members of our community, they also took seats away from those community members wishing to attend the meetings. At the September meeting, more than one hundred community residents were locked out by kops acting as doormen, who told them there was no room for them, especially with so many kops in uniform and plainclothes inside. The "Community" Board took advantage of this lack of community representation to vote on a resolution that threatens the very lives of hundreds of neighborhoodsquatters. If they are doing nothing wrong, then why do they require the presence of kops at their meetings?) At the October meeting, the plainclothes were asked to identify themselves, but they remained silent.

Here are some plate numbers seen on unmarked kop kars parked nearby:

LKG-348 (Gran Fury)	IAR-183 (Brown Datsun)
6XR-323 (Grey Ford)	YYE-213 (Blue Ford)
ZJV-524 (White Plymouth Minivan)	DXW-380 (Grey Volvo)
SYL-717	XUR-121
5VN-251 (Black Chevy Mini Pickup)	VNC-525 (Red Datsun)
DXW-330 (Blue Olds)	IVL-369
IVL-184	AVE-190
IWM-165	ATB-795
ZBX-752	XNN-307 (Red Toyota)
XKM-533 (Red Hyundai)	UAH-650 (Blue Gran Prix)
3KD-615 (Grey Chevy)	ZJG-960
3HC-573	KAL-972 (Beige Olds)
XDE-785 (Beige Hyundai) (DEA)	ZAN-797 (PRESS)
CWI-87N (NJ Plates)	4HL-476
9R49---- (Plainclothes Taxi Cab)	

Cops Escorted Truck, Union Says

By Rose Marie Arce
and Beth Holland
STAFF WRITERS

City officials are investigating allegations that four police officers used an unmarked police car to provide an escort for a Daily News bus carrying replacement workers during the weekend.

Barry Lipton, president of the Newspaper Guild of New York, said four men in a red Chevrolet stopped at the picket line outside the News' 42nd Street headquarters at 5:30 a.m. Saturday and asked people walking the picket line there for some placards. The men told the strikers they planned to set up a picket line on 41st Street.

The pickets on 42nd Street gave the men some placards, but were suspicious of them, Lipton said, and when they checked a few minutes later, saw no one walking a line on 41st Street. About a half-hour later, the picketing workers saw the same men, in the same car, escorting a bus of replacement workers from the building, he said.

The car is registered to the 9th Precinct on the Lower East Side and is used by the Anti-Crime Unit, police said. Lipton said he did not know whether the police officers were armed, though another union source said there

was a shotgun in the car.

Capt. Charles Hanley of the 9th Precinct said he believes that the four men were officers on duty and may have been assigned to do undercover work at the Daily News building in midtown.

"What they were doing is watching a certain location, and maybe they were watching the trucks because of threats of violence, and as part of their cover used signs connected with the strike," he said.

Lipton said he complained to Deputy Mayor Bill Lynch and to Deputy Mayor for Public Safety Milton Mollen.

"If they were on duty, that's an abuse of their role, and it's a waste of taxpayer's money, an outrageous waste," Lipton said. "If they were off duty, working for the News, it seems to me the Police Department has a severe disciplinary problem."

Mayor David N. Dinkins and Police Commissioner Lee Brown have both said police must be neutral in the labor dispute, now entering its 12th day.

"My understanding is that the Police Department is not to provide an escort service," Lynch said yesterday. "What they are supposed to be doing is making sure that peace is kept."

Lipton said he expects a full explanation from city officials.



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****BEWARE OF GROUPS YOU DON'T KNOW WELL--PROTECT YOUR TRUE IDENTITY AND TELEPHONE NUMBER!! WATCH OUT FOR SET-UPS!!****

NOVEMBER 17--WAR IN THE PERSIAN GULF--Strategies and tactics for the Anti-War Movement, discussion sponsored by Autonomous Anarchist Action--at ABC NO RIO, 156 Rivington Street, 7:30PM. Call (212)925-7966 or 254-3697.

NOVEMBER 18--JFK ASSASSINATION--Discussion follows showing of film "The Two Kennedys" and possibly other films. Also, newly discovered evidence in the JFK Assassination--at A-CENTRAL, 208 East 7th St, 7:30PM. For info, call (212)674-0581. Free--Donations accepted.

NOVEMBER 19--COMMUNITY BOARD 3 PUBLIC SAFETY/SANITATION COMMITTEE MEETING--Agenda items include: NY Civil Liberties Union proposal for all-civilian Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) to deal with complaints against pigs, resolution on "illegal" peddlers and vendors, "Coalition for a Better St. Mark's Place" request for increased peddler enforcement, request for gay/lesbian police officer to be assigned to the 9th precinct. Your attendance won't change anything, but at least you can see who is up to what and give them a little hell for it!--at Campos Plaza, 611 East 13th Street, 6:30PM.

NOVEMBER 23--FIFTH ANNUAL FUR-FREE FRIDAY--Parade from Columbus Circle (Broadway & 59th St.) at 10:30AM, down Fifth Avenue to meet at Madison & 26th St for rally. For info, call (212)966-8490.

NOVEMBER 24--COALITION TO LIBERATE ANIMALS WORLDWIDE (CLAW)--Meets at Broadway & 34th St, at Noon to hit Macy's and A&S to protest cosmetics and other products produced through animal suffering. For info, call (718)317-5303.

NOVEMBER 27--COMMUNITY BOARD 3 GENERAL MEETING--Come see the politically-appointed political ladder-climbers and phony housing "activists" engaged in **Conflicts of Interest** advance their own gentrification plans and agendas while acting as "representatives" of our community!! If you have something to say, you can speak for a whole **three minutes** at their "Public Session"!! Agenda will be dealing with squatters, peddlers and all of those without political connections who are fair game for those with political clout--at Educational Alliance, 197 East Broadway, 6:30PM. A heavy pig presence is guaranteed!!

DECEMBER 1--GENERAL RENT STRIKE PLANNING MEETING--To formulate plans for a citywide rent strike guaranteed to cripple even the wealthiest of landlords!--At A-CENTRAL, 208 East 7th St, 7:00PM. For info, call (212)674-0581.

DECEMBER 7--WINSTON SMITH ART SHOW--Surrealistic montages done by political artist better known for his work with the Dead Kennedys.--At Minor Injury Gallery, 273 Grand St. (Between Roebling + Havemeyer), Williamsburg, Brooklyn. For info, call (718)782-5259.

DECEMBER 7-10--TRIBUNAL ON POLITICAL/POW PRISONERS IN THE U.S.--Human Rights conference in which a panel of jurists examines evidence of violations of human rights in the USSA, and increased awareness of real political prisoners in this country--at Hunter College, 24 East 116th Street, New York, N.Y. 10029. Or call (212)860-4101.

TOMPKINS SQUARE LEGAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE

has been helping those still facing charges resulting from the May Day Pig Riot to get legal representation and prepare for their defense by co-ordinating evidence of patterns of police brutality, abuse and harassment in the Tompkins Square neighborhood. This is just some of what they do to help individuals and groups involved in the struggle for justice on the Lower East Side. They need volunteers and funds to help cover costs incurred by movement lawyers who work free of charge, and to set up a bail fund to get those arrested in future demos out immediately. Please send whatever you can to:

P.O. BOX 20723, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10009 (OR CALL (212)969-0185)

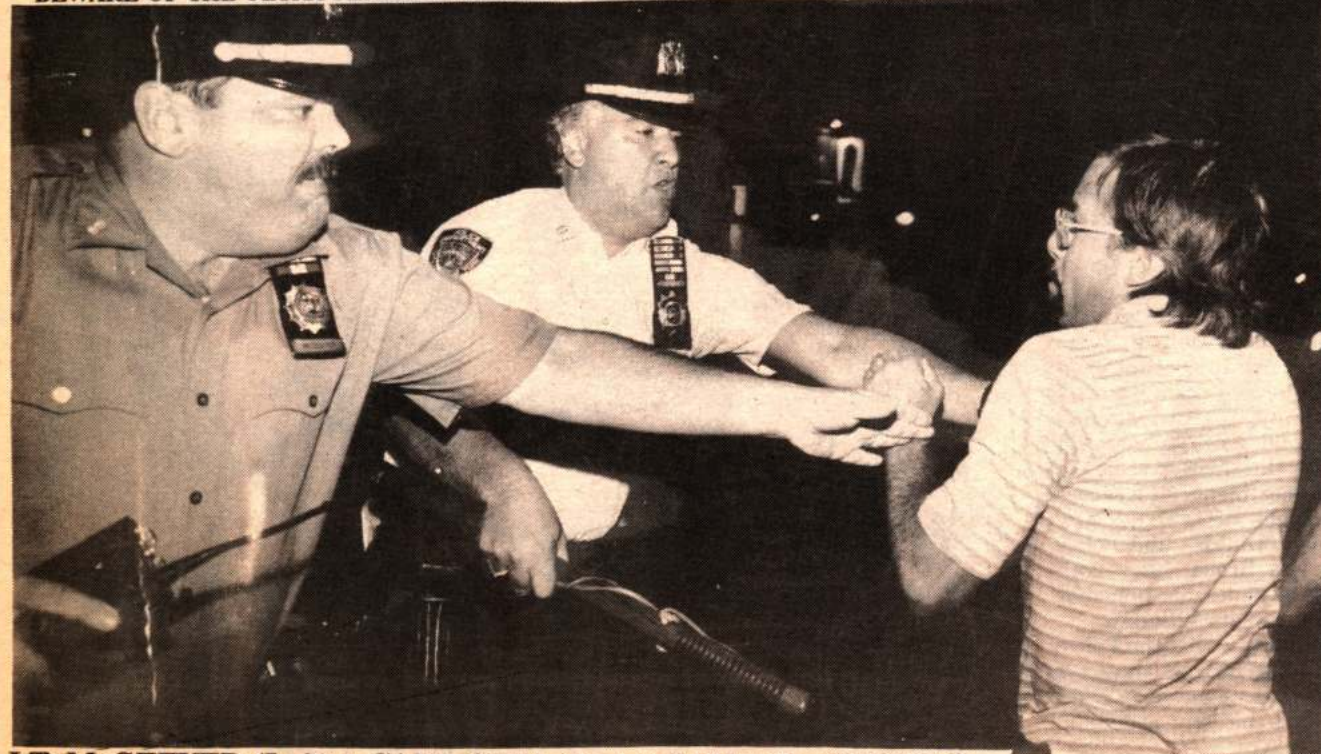
MAYDAY 29 GO TO COURT:

DECEMBER 5--Misdemeanor defendants (15 left) at 100 Centre St, Part AP9 at 9:30AM.

DECEMBER 13--Felony defendants (11 left) at 111 Centre St, 11th Fl, Judge Uvella, at 3:00PM.

(Come to court and show your support for the brave souls who defended themselves against the pigs in Tompkins Sq. Park 5/1)

****BEWARE OF THE ULTRA-SENSITIVE METAL DETECTORS!!****



LT. MCGEEVER (Left) + CAPT. SETA (Right) REMIND ANTI-WAR DEMONSTRATOR WHAT COUNTRY HE LIVES IN.
PHOTO BY JACK DAWKINS

FREE SPEECH SPEAK-OUT!! At the Saint Marx entrance to Tompkins Sq. Park, every Friday night at 7:00PM. Anybody can speak their mind on any subject.

MAINSTREAM MEDIA REPORTERS--Are you fed up with the recycled crap you are forced to cover, or with your editor/program director squelching or watering down your story? If you have news items they refuse to let you report, then pass it all to the SHADOW. If it is true, we are not afraid to print any story. Write, or call (212)674-0581.

BOTTLE BILL VIOLATORS? To complain about a merchant violating the Returnable Container Law, call the state recycling hotline at (718)482-4999. Give the exact address of the store and the cross street when you call.

VILLAGE GREEN RECYCLING TEAM receives recyclables at West 4th St. + Sixth Ave. Call (212)GR3-4227 for hours.

RAGE-ON (Revolt Against Gentrifiers Erasing Our Neighborhood) meets different Sundays to march to yuppie luxury condo sites, protesting their intrusion into our neighborhood. For info, call (212)713-5743.

WHAM (Women's Health Action and Mobilization) meets Wednesdays at 224 West 4th St. at 6:30PM. For info, call (212)713-5966, or write P.O. Box 733, New York, N.Y. 10009.

TRANS-SPECIES UNLIMITED Animal rights group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Sacred Heart Church, 457 West 51st St. at 7:00PM.

ACT-UP (AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power) meets Mondays at the Gay + Lesbian Center, 208 West 13th St. at 7:30-11:00PM.

GOLES (Good Ole Lower East Side) answers questions on housing in NYC, including tenant rights, illegal evictions, etc, meets Wednesdays at 525 East 6th St. at 6:30-8:00PM. For info, call (212)533-2541/6727.

UNDERGROUND PRESS REVIEWS--On WBAI (99.5FM) Radio, every Tuesday at 1:00AM with Peter Lamborn Wilson.

SANCTUARY FOR DRAFT RESISTERS--At Saint Brigid's Church, East 7th Street and Avenue B. See Father George Kuhn.

MAKE MONEY SELLING THE SHADOW!! You keep 25 cents for every copy you sell. For info, come to A-Central Books, 208 East 7th Street, or call (212)674-0581.

PERFORMANCE SPACE AVAILABLE--At ABC NO RIO, 156 Rivington Street. For info, call (212)254-3697.

RECLAIM THE QUEENSBORO BRIDGE--Bikers and walkers retake their lane on the bridge every Monday at 6:00PM. March from 59th St. + 2nd Ave to Queens. For info, call Transportation Alternatives at (212)941-4600.

WHITE HOUSE PRESS OFFICE--Find out what secret news reports the White House feeds the media days before they "report" it to you. The secret number is: 1-800-424-9090.

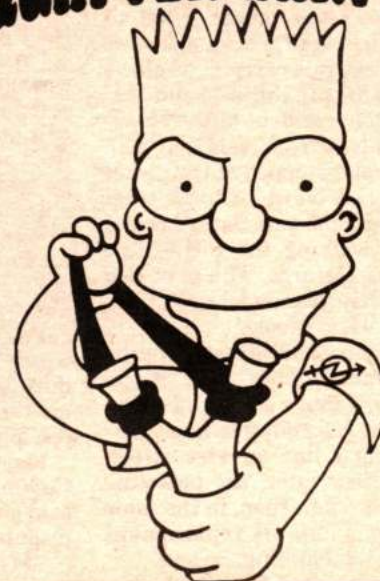
SQUAT OR ROT SHOWS--Every Saturday from 3-8:00PM at ABC NO RIO, 156 Rivington St. Also, punk news and Anarchist literature table.

OPEN FILM NIGHTS--Every Wednesday from 8-9:00PM at Anti-Gallery, 208 East 7th St. Call (212)674-0581.

BRICKS AND PICK AXES WANTED FOR UPCOMING DEMOS. Inquire c/o The SHADOW.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANY EVENTS THAT WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS, OR IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO PROMOTE, PLEASE SEND ALL INFO TO THE SHADOW, P.O. BOX 20298, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10009. THE SOONER YOU LET US KNOW, THE BETTER!!

SQUATTER BART SAYS:



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SQUATTER RIGHTS OR SQUATTER RIOTS!

THE ASSASSINATION OF JOHN F. KENNEDY

THE CONSOLIDATION OF MILITARY

"The secret team is a group of men who can orchestrate the activities of the United States government. They are not always the same men. But they are always from the same areas of interest - industry, big business, the military, big banks, big lawyers. Through their ability to direct the activities of key people, they manipulate government policy and have probably done so since 1959 or 1960. Certainly since the murder of Jack Kennedy in 1963...The secret team is multinational, inter-national and that is a major reason for its need to take over the Presidency."

Col. L. Fletcher Prouty
Author of THE SECRET TEAM

On November 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated while riding in a motorcade in downtown Dallas, Texas. CIA-connected Lee Harvey Oswald was framed for the murder, subsequently eliminated by FBI mobster Jack Ruby. Dead men tell no tales, except for the fact that since the events in Dealey Plaza, the real truth of what went down, and what it meant, continues to bubble to the surface.

The assassination of JFK occurred at a pivotal time in the history of this country. The decade of the 60's was about peace and opposed to the dictatorial control of the Pentagon. The "anti-war movement" was sweeping the nation and the world. With the election of JFK in 1960, the growth of the civil rights and freedom movements, and growing grass roots unity around material demands (food, shelter, clothing, healthcare, education), it appeared that modern history was about to begin. It was not to be so. For the military monster that had been created was turning against its maker. Clandestine government, covert operations and assassination, have become ruling class weaponry aimed at the people of the US and the world.

The secret team, the clandestine governing power in this country is composed of banking, munitions-military, oil and narcotics interests, along with their willing accomplices in media. The strategies of the secret team aim towards the protection and enhancement of ruling class greed and power. They are carried out through violence. This sector considered John Kennedy a traitor to his class.

Speaking of his tax-reform act of 1963, Kennedy pointed the finger at the oil companies, saying: "...no one industry should be permitted to obtain an undue tax advantage over all others" while pushing provisions for eliminating the oil depletion allowance (big tax break) for oil companies. His association with the idea of civil rights for Black people earned him a place on the hit list of white supremacist amerikka. Meanwhile, Robert Kennedy, as Attorney General, was waging an unprecedented war against the mafia, particularly the Teamsters. But it was probably Kennedy's refusal, in the end, to go along with the Pentagon's war plans (Bay of Pigs, Missile Crisis, Vietnam, Nuclear Test Ban, Detente) that cost him his life, and the life of bourgeois democracy in the US.

Even before the election of Kennedy, the secret team was in action, torpedoing the peace initiatives of Eisenhower and Krushchev in May of 1960. The U-2 incident, which involved the downing of an American spy plane over the Soviet Union on the eve of the Peace Summit, (Eisenhower called it a Crusade for Peace), was a secret team set-up which succeeded in scuttling the peace conference, decades before detente. Later, in his farewell address to the nation, Eisenhower, aware of the existence of very powerful forces working against his presidency, warned the nation of the dangers inherent in the military industrial complex. What he might have said was that the U-2 incident was the opening signal of the reversal of power in this country, from bourgeois democracy to clandestine military control of the presidency, the government and the social and economic life of the people.

"I believe that what happened at Dealey Plaza in Dallas on November 22, 1963, was a coup d'etat. I believe that it was instigated and planned long in advance by fanatical anticommunists in the United States intelligence community; that it was carried out, most likely without official approval, by individuals in the CIA's covert operations apparatus and other extra-governmental collaborators, and covered up by like-minded individuals in the FBI, the Secret Service, the Dallas police department, and the military; and that its purpose was to stop Kennedy from seeking detente with the Soviet Union and Cuba and ending the Cold War."

Judge Jim Garrison, author,
On The Trail of the Assassins

After nearly three decades, and the dedicated work of researchers across this country and the world, it is now quite apparent that the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, which took place at Dealey Plaza in Dallas, Texas, on November 22, 1963, was carried out by at least 3 teams of 2-3 shooters, employing high powered rifles, some with silencers. Kennedy was hit three times, the fatal shot coming from the right front grassy knoll area portion of the plaza. This shot, entering the right front temple area of the head, blew out the lower rear section of Kennedy's skull. Films reveal that he was first hit in the throat area. Doctors at Parkland Hospital in Dallas testified consistently that the wound in the throat was an entrance wound. It can most definitely be stated that Kennedy's body was altered during the transference of the corpse from Dallas to Bethesda Naval Hospital, Maryland. This was done, it appears quite likely, in order to conceal the source of the fatal bullets, and to protect the cover story/frame-up of Lee Harvey Oswald, a CIA patsy. It was the U.S. military that transported the body to Bethesda, against the wishes of the Parkland surgeons and Texas law. Kennedy's brain, the best physical evidence as to the direction of the shots and hence the location of the assassins, was removed from the skull and placed in formalin and kept at the National Archives. Recently it was discovered to be missing.

Evidence points to the Dealey Plaza assassins as a diverse group of CIA-trained and Mafia professional killers. Photographs depict three men being arrested in the area of the Grassy Knoll, from which many eye witnesses claim shots were fired. The arrest records of these individuals and other arrests made in and around the assassination site by the Dallas Police are missing from the National Archives. Two of the men appear to be E. Howard Hunt and Frank Sturgis, last seen during Watergate. Mr. Hunt, CIA station chief in Mexico City, was during this period, heavily involved in the training of soldiers bound for the failed Bay of Pigs invasion, a military blunder brought about through a combination of CIA incompetence and Kennedy's unwillingness to issue orders providing for sufficient air-cover. The operation, repelled by the Cuban people, was a fiasco for the US and the anti-

Dictatorship in the U.S.--By A. Bertoli

communist right. Hunt, Sturgis and Air Force General Charles Cabell, former Deputy Director of the CIA in charge of clandestine operations, took the weight. Cabell was later fired by Kennedy along with CIA Chief Allen Dulles. Kennedy wanted the clandestine operations against the Cubans stopped. When Dulles, Cabell, Hunt and Sturgis refused, Kennedy had the FBI raid their training camp in New Orleans. Cabell's brother, Earle, was Mayor of Dallas at the time and may have had something to do with the altering of the motorcade route, thus insuring that the president would pass through the area where the assassins were gathered. According to current research, the third "tramp" (in the photos they are attired in ill-fitting, shabby clothes) could possibly be Charles V. Harrelson, convicted Texas hitman, who confessed to involvement in the assassination in 1981. Bearing a strong resemblance to the tall tramp, he was identified by Florida law-enforcement officials as being a member of a shadowy group of hired gunmen, mercenaries, and drug smugglers known as "The Company". He has been linked to mafia associates of Jack Ruby. He is currently serving a life sentence for the ambush/murder of US District Judge John H. Wood Jr. of San Antonio.

"Listen, if and when I get out of here and feel free to talk, I will have something that will be the biggest story you ever had...November 22, 1963. You remember that!"

Charles Harrelson to Chuck Cook,
Dallas Morning News

In 1977, CIA Document #632-796 was acquired through a Freedom of Information Act. Dated April 1, 1964, the document concerns the expulsion from the US of a Frenchman by the name of Jean Soutre, aka Michael Mertz. According to available information, someone in Washington was responsible for flying Soutre out of town, from either Dallas or Fort Worth, 18 hours after the assassination. This individual is quite possibly a professional assassin (quite possibly one of three French gangsters) tied to the international crime syndicate and the CIA, using code name "QJ/WIN". Who is this man and why was he the concern of intelligence? Answers to questions raised by the French connection to the assassination lie locked in files in Washington.

"If you needed somebody to carry out murder, I guess you had a man who might be prepared to carry it out."

Richard Helms, CIA, Special Operations, referring to QJ/WIN,
Senate Intelligence Committee Hearings, 1975

Recently, allegations surfaced regarding Roscoe Anthony White, a former Dallas police officer, believed to have been one of the grassy knoll gunmen. According to Ricky White, a 29 year old oil equipment salesman in Midland, Texas, his father Roscoe, who died under questionable circumstances in 1971, was in the marines with Oswald, while his mother worked for Jack Ruby. They were friends of officer Tippit, the policeman shot and killed on the outskirts of Dallas a short time after Kennedy. Ricky claims to possess physical

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BASTA BASTARDS BOUNCE HOMELESS MEN!!

By Nashua

The Bellevue Mens Shelter at East 29th Street and 1st Avenue houses homeless men over the age of 50 as well as men who are medically frail and suffering disabilities.

Critics of the Human Resources Administration (HRA--the agency responsible for NYC homeless shelters that house 10,000 people each night) say the building is a fire trap with faulty elevators and fire alarms. Critics say that water for showers and toilets has been turned off for days at a time. The stink in the bathrooms is said to be incredible.

Despite the awful conditions, most of the men feel fortunate to have a place separate from the huge congregate shelters in converted armories where hundreds of men live in huge open rooms. They fear those large shelters because of brutal and corrupt guards who back up criminals among some of the shelter residents. The frail and older men are easy prey under those circumstances for violence and petty robberies by younger men.

Whatever tranquility the 1,000 men at the Bellevue shelter may have had came crashing down on October 2nd, when HRA officials gave 100 men less than 24 hours notice that they were to be transferred to other shelters. The men were shipped out to Camp LaGuardia in upstate New York. Also a women's prison, the facility holds about 200 homeless men from New York City.

The other men evicted from Bellevue were sent to the Wards Island shelter and the huge armory in the Fort Washington neighborhood in upper Manhattan.

The men at the Bellevue shelter are especially angered by the manner used to move them out. Witnesses say that sheets were ripped off of beds, lockers were broken into and personnel possessions were thrown into the trash. On October 19th, another 200 men were summarily evicted from Bellevue to make room for "renovations".

Lee Jones, who is a spokesperson for Mayor David Dinkins, acknowledged that HRA made a mistake when they moved the men with little or no warning. He said the shelter needs renovation but he insisted that Bellevue will remain as a special needs facility for older and disabled men.

However, Jones added that after renovation, part of the shelter will be used as an assessment center for new shelter residents. An assessment center is where new homeless men are enrolled into the shelter system. The former assessment center on East 3rd Street, between Bowery and 2nd Avenue, which also housed a soup kitchen used by thousands of homeless people each day, was recently closed by a lawsuit brought by area landlords who wanted to raise the land values on the block and along the Bowery.

Landlords together with some area residents suffering from NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) syndrome formed BASTA (Before Another Shelter Tears Us Apart). BASTA's expressed purpose was to get the assessment center on East 3rd Street moved to some other neighborhood. Founding members of BASTA include:

Wilbert Tatum, owner of the Amsterdam News, who lives in a 23 room triplex at 34 East 3rd Street, just a few doors from the former assessment center. Tatum bought the building from the city in 1967 for \$4,000 and used patients from drug treatment centers as laborers to develop the site. All this was done while Tatum held a number of high level government positions, including a post called "Night Mayor", under former Mayor John Lindsay.

Around the corner, Tatum owns a 6,000 square foot building located at 41 2nd Avenue. Photographs show the building as a burned out hulk when the Public Development Corporation (PDC) sold it to Tatum for \$57,000 in 1984 with only one restriction. The restriction was that for five years 50% of the building had to be used by Tatum only for commercial purposes. Although that restriction has run out, Tatum is holding on to the now completely rehabilitated structure solely as offices for the Amsterdam News. Tatum says he's not a developer and maintains that he is only interested in "restoring" old buildings.

Community Board Three (CB3) member **Antonio Pagan** is another founding member of BASTA and one of Wilbert Tatum's political cronies. Pagan lives across the street from the East 3rd Street shelter at 7 East 3rd Street and he represents BASTA at CB3 meetings together with his friend and BASTA spokesperson CB3 member **Howard Hemsley**.

Both Pagan and Hemsley along with other big real estate speculators like **Sam Turvey** founded the "Tompkins Square Park Neighborhood Association", an anti-homeless group trying to force through a curfew in TSP. Turvey lives in a co-op apartment with a view of Tompkins Square Park located at 131 Avenue B, which was once a low income apartment house.

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SAMUEL TURVEY (Right) WITH PAGAN AT RECENT TSPNC MEETING

PHOTO BY DAVID SORCHER



DEAR MR. MAYOR.....

In this time of tough fiscal decisions, may we be permitted to offer a few potentially helpful suggestions concerning one of your biggest budget "eaters", namely the "Human Resources Administration" (HRA), accounting for one in every three budget dollars!

The first item we should consider is the "Institutional Aide" set-up, being cognisant that this is a political "IOU" of a former mayor (and probably long since paid up!). As a classic example of "pork barrelism" run rampant, may we suggest that this is a program through which qualified shelter residents could find a way back into the workplace, as indeed was it's original intention. The tasks to be performed are pretty basic and would not seem to require a reading and writing ability beyond the 8th grade. Significant savings could be effected by both cutting the numbers of personnel here and also employing shelter residents as replacements at a rate of pay not nearly as generous as the present incumbents enjoy!

Next, we should look at another source of waste, namely "Security". We feel that the need for the "Mob Army" of security personnel was never justified, but even less so now. We do not feel it is proper that some of them hold down one, sometimes two other jobs, then come to "work" and go to sleep during their shift. We feel this could be another area where qualified residents could be "groomed" for duty. In any event, this is one contract that most definitely should be put "on the table" for further review. (Immediate savings of at least 50% are realistic here!).

Next, and again with qualified residents, "Administration" and "Social Services" could devolve some of their less complex functions, with a view towards giving those who "work out" permanent jobs when the time comes.

Also, to further help reduce the shelter population, as that is the city's stated goal, we urgently request that you order HRA's "Office of Post-Institutional Services" to immediately stop putting contrived obstacles in the way of shelter residents seeking SRO hotel placement: ("You're too young, you're too old", "We're moving the files", etc, etc), which is, in effect, a form of discrimination!!

Some of these savings could be used to upgrade the facility for the remaining residents, some of whom could perform some shelter-related task or service, with those who decline still having the option of relocating upstate (But with more than 24 hours notice, please!)

Once your budget people do the arithmetic, it will be seen that not only will the savings be significant, but that the shelter will be viewed with somewhat less hostility (to put it mildly) from some very vocal community members. In view of the budget reduction at all levels, it is not unreasonable to ask those who can to help pay their way, and, in return, to receive upgraded services, and, although it is a difficult time fiscally, it is, at the same time, a great opportunity to "rewrite the book" on the shelter system.

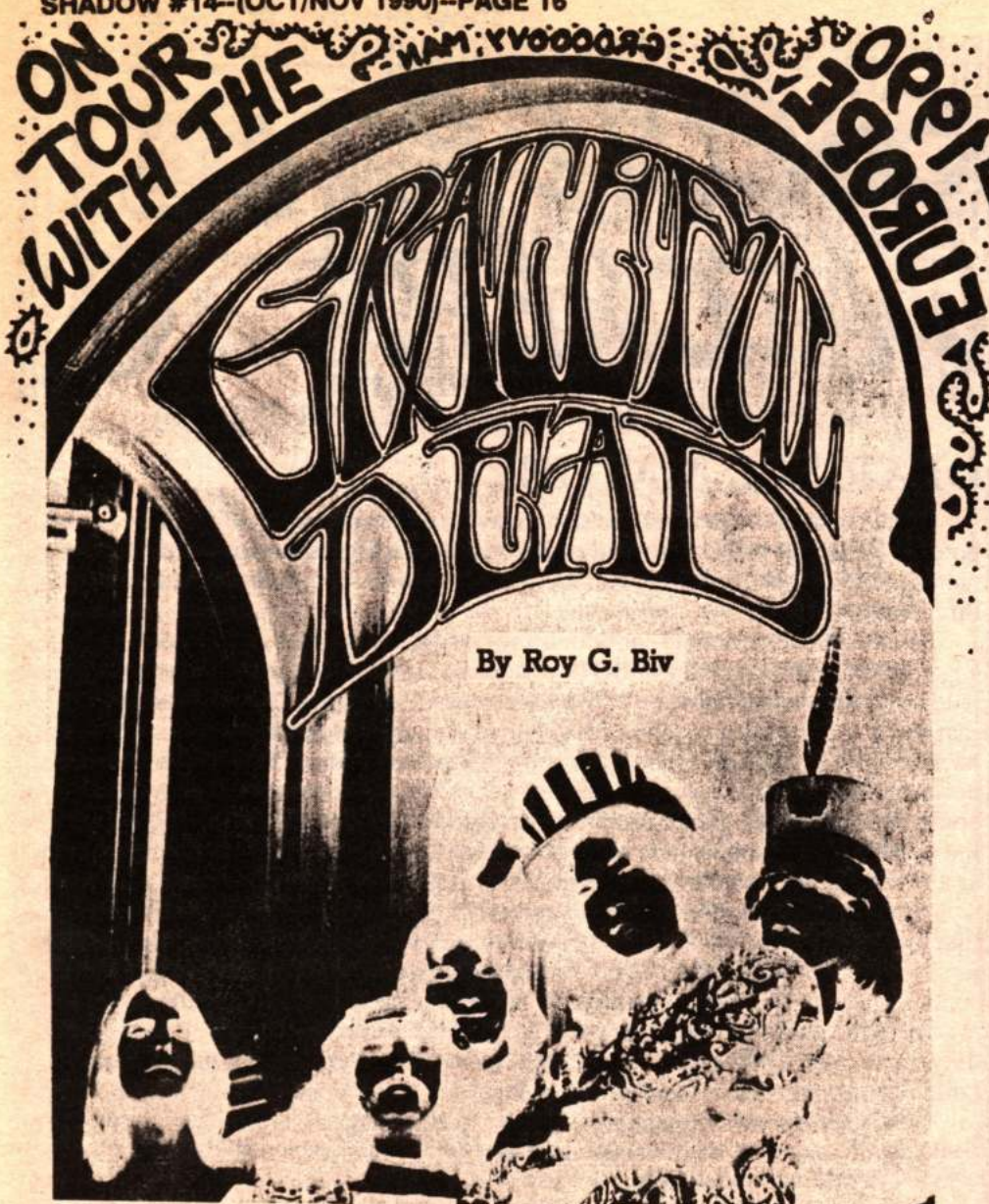
We earnestly hope that these suggestions will be helpful in restoring "our great city" to fiscal health, and would hope that your homeless experts be somewhat more receptive to ideas from homeless people themselves and not rely entirely on a "Coalition" or "Partnership" or whoever purporting to speak for them!



FLASH FOTO

TSPNC + BASTA BASTARDS HOWARD HEMSLEY (Left) WITH ANTONIO PAGAN (Right) AT THE SEPT. CB3 MEETING





By Roy G. Biv

The Grateful Dead are truckin' America's favorite cosmic juke box through Europe, and what a party! The circus started off in Stockholm, Sweden on Saturday October 13th. Flying into Sweden was no problem. The customs agents barely searched anyone, although most Deadheads flew in "clean-as-a-whistle". Better safe than sorry! Deadheads were arriving from all over the United States, Canada and Europe.

The concert took place at the Isstadion, which is used by local hockey teams. Outside the arena several thousand Deadheads congregated for a few hours before the show. MTV Europe was there, as were several independent film crews documenting the tour. The Stockholm newspapers had run articles "warning" the locals that the Dead were in town. Best to keep your children inside for the weekend! Ironically, next door to the Isstadion at the Globen Arena was a huge Christian youth conference the same night as the Dead!

Thousands of Swedish teenage bible-thumpers made their way to their conference through the drumming, dancing, tie-dye selling Deadhead crowd. Several Christian youth calmly invited the Deadheads to change their "evil ways", but to no avail.

Finally, it was show time. The arena was about two-thirds to capacity. Musically, the concert was lackluster; the band, especially Garcia, just wasn't "on it". This show was unique in the conspicuous absence of the clouds of ganja smoke typical of most Dead shows.

Despite the show's mediocrity, the Swedes at the concert were overjoyed. The Dead had never played in Sweden before and for many, their first show was an awe-inspiring adventure. I was told by one Swede that the whole scene was quite refreshing; it was a nice contrast to Stockholm's generally quiet party scene.

When the concert was over, most Deadheads booked immediately for Copenhagen and Amsterdam, primarily because Stockholm is super expensive and also because they had no dope. The train scene was wild; the Deadheads began to realize that thousands of them wanted to go on the same trains to the same cities at the same times. The trains were packed with Deadheads standing in the aisles. This generated mixed reactions from the local train conductors and passengers.

I opted to stay a day in Copenhagen, Denmark, despite the fact that most Deadheads were going on to Amsterdam. Amsterdam is the Northern European hashish and marijuana trade center. If you're a smoker, it's worth the trip.

In Copenhagen, I quickly made my way to Christiana, which is an Anarchist squat of an entire military base. This place is great!! Christiana has countless buildings and structures; everything from old barracks to pyramids and treehouses. I saw no fewer than four bars, one grocery store, and several artist studios amongst innumerable other spaces I did not see.

Apparently, many Christiana residents generate income by selling hashish and marijuana. Walking into the main courtyard, I met at least 30 dealers proudly displaying 100 gram bricks of Moroccan hashish. Twenty dollars got me a chillum, a bic lighter, a pack of screens, one gram of hash, two grams of "skunk" bud, and three dollars change!!

I walked down to the lake (this place is big!!) and smoked the sacred ganja until the sun went down. I walked along the pathways of Christiana admiring the unusual sculptures, graffiti and everything else that makes this place so special. I went to the bars and drank like a Viking; after all, these folks are descendants of the Vikings. The Danes were wild! Hash, beer, music, what a day! The whole experience felt wonderfully free of repression. These people know how to live. Any Anarchist would draw infinite inspiration from a visit to Christiana.

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HALLOWEED SMOKE-IN

HALLOWEED SMOKIN' HALLOWEEN SMOKE-IN!!

By CHRIS FLASH

The Halloween Smoke-In in Washington Square Park in New York City was one of the most successful and far-out Smoke-Ins yet!! Beginning around 8:00PM in the center of the park, the small group of about 20 people quickly grew to hundreds within an hour!! With every entrance to the park blocked by cops, and the park tightly packed with people there for the Halloween Parade nearby, people weeded their way to the center anyway.

On hand was Food Not Bombs giving out free vegetarian meals, the Lower East Side Squatters giving out literature on squatting and hemp information, and legendary musician and marijuana rights supporter David Peel, who kept the crowd going with songs like "Marijuana" and "The Pope Smokes Dope", with his band "The Lower East Side". Captain Jay and his merry band of Anarchist pranksters tossed handfuls of joints to the eager crowd, many of whom had brought their own stashes to add to the fun. Also passed out were the sacred Magic Mushrooms, guaranteeing some good trips!! By the end of the night, Captain Jay estimated that about 4-5 ounces of good herb had been given out to the crowd.

In spite of the heavy cop presence in the park, everyone smoked pot openly and enjoyed the feeling of freedom in a park that has been the scene of growing police and state repression. Many agreed that it was smarter for the cops to let the Smoke-In burn itself out because there were too many people there to fuck with. One of the signs present read: "Jail the Feds, Free the Heads".

Soon, bonfires began raging in the fountain area, burning the remains of a parade float and whatever else was handy. At around 9:00, a giant joint was brought in by 6 people, and was quickly torn apart by the crowd when someone said it was full of joints. When no joints were found inside, it was added to a bonfire amid exploding fireworks and fire dancers wearing wild costumes.

When the Captain and his crew ran out of pot, the Pope of the Church of Realized Fantasies miraculously appeared in full regalia, passing joints to the crowd. Almost as soon as he started giving out the holy communion, he was mobbed by throngs of over-eager smokers and he had to split.

As the smoke thinned out, the crowd thinned out and by 11:30, the cops evicted everyone from the park, a half hour before the Midnight curfew. Once again, a good time was had by all, with plenty of pot smoked openly under the noses of the cops!!

(For more fun with marijuana, look for the 18th Annual Fifth Avenue Pot Parade gathering in Washington Square Park in New York on May 4th at high noon!!)

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ANY QUESTIONS?

**NEW YORK STATE CENSORSHIP
ON A BURNING ISSUE:**

INDUSTRIAL ARTISTS VS. BULLSHIT ARTISTS

BY MILLIE MELEE

(If it looks like censorship, smells like censorship, acts like censorship, by god, it must be censorship!!)

"FOR YOUR VIEWING PLEASURE, THIS SHOW HAS BEEN CANCELLED"

To uphold the moral base of humanity, we will assume that the views coming of age today don't exist. A case in point was the sudden cancellation of a Survival Research Laboratories (SRL) show slated for September 1, 1990 at the Lewiston Art Park outside of Buffalo, New York.

If you are unfamiliar, SRL is a San Francisco-based collective that works to funnel machinery, high voltages, fire, special effects and numerous paintings and multimedia props, all with themes of satire and/or social/political commentary, into an evening of unmatched performance. The group was founded in 1979 and have staged 38 "machine shows" in the States and Europe.

The show for Buffalo was planned in December 1989 when Art Park wrote SRL, asking them to put on a show there. It was made clear to Art Park that the SRL shows are of a controversial nature, and they were asked their opinion of a videotape of a SRL performance that was sent to them. Art Park representatives said they were interested in "stirring up things here this summer", and said that they foresaw no problems. On June 10, the contract was signed and an advance payment was received by SRL.

All looked well. A theme for the show was formulated. Sex and religion were to be the topics, the shadows provoked and symbols implied and how they can be portrayed SRL style. An idea for portraying one of the most feared myths of conservative right wing men about women! An image of a woman's torso, coupled with a machine piece was to be covered with bibles, the bedrock of right wing fanaticism and gesture. Not fake bibles, but the real thing, as many as could be obtained. The show would include a segment with the burning of the bibles.

Posters were made, requesting donations of bibles to burn. SRL did not hold back, and "Bible Burn" was printed in big letters. People posted them in San Francisco. Soon after, it was found out later, someone from "Morality in Media", a right wing group, sent some of the posters to an affiliated organization in Lewiston, New York, which alerted Town Council Bob Wattenger, who then coerced Art Park Executive Director David Midland to cancel the show. Meanwhile, donations of bibles began piling up at the Art Park.

A month earlier, when Art Park was informed about the "Bible Burn", their response was one of humor. But on August 10, SRL was informed that the show was cancelled, by

way of a phone call from Mr. Midland, followed by a letter from Art Park that used "Breach of Contract" as the reason for the cancellation. The letter said the "issues were not discussed with us in advance of public distribution".

In fact, the contract stated "...the artist should have complete control over the method and means of completing the services described." SRL suggested that Art Park issue a disclaimer, but Art Park would not discuss it. Art Park also issued a slanderous press release which read in part: "We have lost confidence in the artist", adding: "The burning of the bible is an abhorrant act, even if symbolic". In response to this, a letter of support for the SRL show was signed by nine past Art Park sponsors and sent to Mr. Midland.

Adding insult to injury, the New York State Parks Department decided to impound the newly-arrived shipping container holding 23 tons of equipment until SRL returned the advance money they had received, which was guaranteed to them whether the show went cancelled or not. The equipment was later released without SRL returning the money, thanks to the efforts of lawyers Lanny Walter and Joy Silverman from the National Campaign for the Freedom of Expression.

An injunction was also filed by SRL in U.S. District Court to collect for various damages and to recoup funds lost on shipping, building machines, and airline tickets, and SRL sued for their right to perform at Art Park anyway.

SRL was not defeated, however. At a press conference before their show in San Francisco, scheduled for November, Terrence Halliran, the San Francisco supervisor, stated his support of SRL's right to perform, saying that the church does not need protection by suppression of First Amendment rights. In Buffalo, a demonstration was held, using a large bible made of plywood, which was confiscated by police before the demo began. 18 people were arrested for "Disorderly Conduct", spent a night in jail, and were released on a combined \$1,000,000 bond.

As a result of the public outcry against this blatant police-enforced censorship, the State of New York reversed its position. In early October, the District Attorney called the group's lawyer, Mr. Walter, to say that Art Park would "reinstate the show", and he asked them for a performance date of their choice!

On September 1, 1991, the original SRL show will be seen in all its uncensored glory at the Art Park. For information, call (716) 854-5828. (Art Park's address is: P.O. Box 371, Lewiston, N.Y. 14092. Art Park's numbers are: (716) 745-3377/847-3809. Public Relations Department: (716) 754-9001/692-3135).

So, the next time you want to burn a bible, know why you are doing it, do it BIG, and be prepared!!

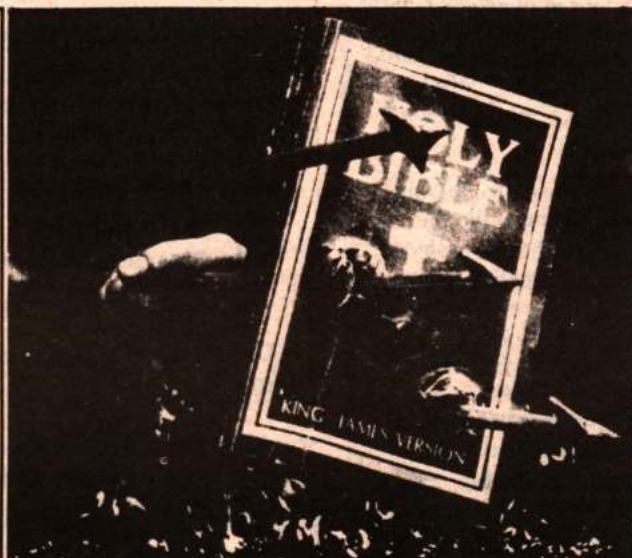
EVER WANT TO BURN A BIBLE?

HOW ABOUT THOUSANDS OF BIBLES IN LEWISTON, NEW YORK?

Sounds simple, right? WRONG!
Burning any book (even the
"good" book) requires extremely

high temperatures. Intense heat of
this magnitude is difficult to generate
and control safely. Fortunately, though,
hellish conditions of this type are
encountered regularly during machine
performances staged by
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Don't leave this important symbolic act of
vengeance against religious
right-wing zealots to chance, or
risk having your smouldering
anger expressed in obscurity.
STATEMENT OF INTENT:
In their upcoming machine
performance, to be staged on
September 1 at ArtPark outside



SEND YOUR BIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO:
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Certificate of Participation featuring
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SUGGESTIONS:

Bibles can always be obtained
for free from Hotels, Church
organizations, libraries, the
Gideon Society, thrift stores, and
your parents' house. Be
advised that in certain instances
theft is a moral obligation.

J.F.K. ASSASSINATION J.F.K. ASSASSINATION

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evidencee, recently discovered among his father's possessions, proving that his father was a CIA agent involved in the assassination, posing as a Dallas policeman. In a press conference this past August, Ricky claimed that his father was the Grassy Knoll gunman who fired the fatal shot. Judge Jim Garrison of New Orleans, a diligent adversary of the BIG LIE on the JFK assassination, recently stated that White's story sounds authentic and is consistent with a crucial photograph taken by Mary Moorman at Dealey Plaza which reveals, through computer enhancement, a man in a Dallas Police uniform with a badge on his chest, firing a rifle from the exact spot from which White claims his father killed the President. Known as the "badge man", a blow-up of the photo was featured in "The Men Who Killed Kennedy", a British television documentary produced in 1988 and yet to be aired in the US. Naval Intelligence cables, which Ricky White claims were discovered among his father's possessions, are directed to an agent, code-named "Mandarin". They speak of the assassination plan ("to eliminate a threat to world peace") and the need for secrecy. These cables have been date-tested by two scientific organizations and confirmed as dating back to 1963. Others close to the case include Baptist Minister Jack Shaw, of the Market Place Christian Network in Dallas, who claims to possess audio tapes of Roscoe's wife, Geneva, speaking about her husband's role in the assassination. In his role as their pastor, Minister Shaw came to know the White family over the course of many years. In fact, he presided over the funeral of Roscoe White, who died under mysterious circumstances in 1971. In a recent conversation with the SHADOW, he stated his concern for Geneva, who has been hospitalized and is not available for interviews. She has, in the past, undergone electric shock therapy, ostensibly for psychiatric reasons. She may possess knowledge which places her life in danger. Minister Shaw is seeking the best way to make the information he possesses available to the general public.

Other "on the ground" members of the conspiracy to execute the president included two men who appear in films of the assassination, acting in a somewhat mysterious fashion. In the films, although it was a bright and sunny day, one of the men opens and raises an umbrella just as the motorcade passes opposite them. As if to signal the shooters, the umbrella is opened only so long as the shooting takes place, whereupon it is closed and the two men calmly seat themselves along the curb. After the fatal shot, while others are seen taking cover and many running towards the Grassy Knoll, they are sitting calmly while one appears to speak into a walkie-talkie.

Finally, the presence of military intelligence persons in Dealey Plaza, despite the fact that the 112th Military Intelligence Group at 4th Army Headquarters at Fort Sam Houston was told to "stand down" that day, raises the possibility (if not the likelihood) of military supervision of the assassination. In his Warren Commission testimony, FBI agent James Hosty stated that he was in the company of an Army Intelligence officer 45 minutes before the assassination. Agent Hosty's name, address, phone number and license number were found in Oswald's personal notebook. He also destroyed a note from Oswald on orders from superiors. Another Army intelligence officer to become involved in the assassination was Special Agent James Powell. Carrying a 35mm Minolta camera, he was snapping shots as the assassination took place. Wandering into the Texas School Book Depository Building moments after the hit, he was accosted by police and forced to show ID. Powell told researcher Penn Jones that he "worked with the sheriff's deputies at the rear of the Texas School Book Depository for about six to eight minutes" and that he had ordered a newsman to hang up the phone on the building's first floor so that he could use it. What was intelligence agent Powell doing in Dealey Plaza at the time of the assassination? Interviews with Dallas police reveal that the first they learned of the Depository Building as the possible source of the shots was when they were approached by individuals in suits and ties who stated that the shots came from there. The name of Oswald was broadcast over police walkie-talkies moments after the assassination, having been introduced there in a similar manner. Dallas police lieutenant Jack Revill, head of the criminal intelligence division, stated to the Warren Commission that an Army Intelligence officer rode with him from Dealey Plaza to the Dallas Police Station. It was Revill who submitted the list of Depository employees with Oswald's name at the top. The address for Oswald was incorrect. Strangely enough, the same error appears on Oswald's military file. Yes, military file! Some years later it was revealed that the 112th MI Group had possessed a file on a man named Harvey Lee Oswald, identifying him as a procommunist. It was apparently operations officer Lt.Col.Robert E. Jones, stationed at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, who fed the Dallas police the identity of the fall guy, Lee Harvey Oswald. In 1978, when the House Select Committee on Assassinations learned of these files and requested them from the military, they were told that they had been destroyed. The committee concluded:

"The committee found the "routine" destruction of the Oswald file extremely troublesome, especially when viewed in light of the Department of Defense's failure to make the file available to the Warren Commission. Despite the credibility of Jones' testimony, without access to this file, the question of Oswald's possible affiliation with military intelligence could not be fully resolved."

"Contrary to sworn testimony, the CIA once considered using accused Presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald as a source of intelligence information about the Soviet Union, according to a newly released CIA document...The newly released document, written by an unidentified CIA officer three days after President John F. Kennedy was killed in Dallas, on November 22, 1963, says that we "showed intelligence interest" in Oswald and "discussed...the laying on of interviews." The unidentified officer added that, "I do not know what action developed thereafter."

Washington Post, AP story,
October 1, 1976

In August 1957, Oswald was stationed at El Toro Marine Base in California. He stayed there until he was shipped to Japans' Atsugi air base - one of the two bases where the then top secret U-2 spy flights were originating. It was also the headquarters of the main operational base of the CIA in the Far East. It was here that Oswald most likely began his short-lived spy career. Former CIA finance officer James Wilcott (1957-66) testified to the House Select Committee on Assassinations that he had several conversations with CIA personnel involved in covert operations and is convinced that Oswald was brought into the CIA while serving as a radar operator in Japan and later was sent to infiltrate Russia as a spy. According to Jim Garrison, Wilcott stated that Oswald had been recruited from the military by the CIA "with the express purpose of a double agent assignment in the USSR."

In February 1961, he returned to the US and moved to Fort Worth, Texas, and within a week of his arrival in Dallas in October 1962, he landed a job with Jagger-Stover-Chiles, which was under a contract with the Pentagon, engaged in the production of maps and charts. Part of the work appeared to be related to the top-secret U-2 missions. This job required a high security classification, with access to a variety of classified materials. Oswald's most frequent associate in Dallas was George de Mohrenschildt, a member of the exclusive Dallas Petroleum Club with influential and affluent contacts in the business world. There is little doubt that he was operating as a deep cover agent of the CIA. The Warren Commission never called him as a witness. In 1977, hours after arranging to meet an investigator from the House Select Committee on Assassinations, he was found dead from a gunshot wound. His death was ruled a suicide. Among the first dinner guests of the Oswald's in Dallas was Max Clark, a retired Air Force colonel, and at the time, an attorney. Colonel Clark had served as a security officer for General Dynamics, a major contractor for the Defense Department and the world's largest aircraft manufacturer. The Vietnam situation, and President Kennedy's stated desire to wind down the war there, might have been a subject of conversation between Oswald and the Colonel...

"This is our object, to bring Americans home, permit the South Vietnamese to maintain themselves as a free and independent country, and permit democratic forces in the country to operate...We are going to bring back several hundred before the end of the year. But on the question of the exact number, I thought we would wait until the meeting of November 20th."

President Kennedy,
Press Conference
November 14, 1963

The November 20th meeting was the extraordinary all-agency Honolulu Conference of some 60 senior Administration officials, called in response to Kennedy's demand, made earlier that summer, for a full scale review of US policy in Southeast Asia. It was at this time that the decision was made to accelerate the withdrawal of the first 1,000 of a total 16,500 troops from Vietnam. Two days later the President was dead. On November 24th, President Johnson, and others on the National Security Council, approved, at an unofficial meeting, (with the exception of Robert Kennedy), National Security Action Memorandum (NSAM) 273, which reversed Kennedy's troop withdrawal plan, authorized in NSAM 263, dated October 11, 1963. The assassination of President Kennedy was the crucial event in the explosion of the Vietnam war.

"The Bay of Pigs taught me a number of things. One is not to trust Generals or the CIA, and the second is that if the American people do not want to use American troops to remove a Communist regime 90 miles away from our coast, how can I ask them to remove a communist regime 9,000 miles away?"

President Kennedy to Roger Hilsman
Assistant Secretary of State

In the end, the Vietnam war was worth 220 billion dollars to the secret team. The intense behind the scenes "debate" between the blood-sucking generals, the CIA mafia and the brash Kennedy brothers in the confines of the National Security Council can be seen as a precursor of the violence which was to follow. The two essential points covered in National Security Action Memorandum #263 are, according to Fletcher Prouty, one of the drafters of the document, the following: that "The Department of Defense should announce plans...to withdraw 1,000 US military personnel by the end of December 1963", and that "we believe the US part of the task (ie. the security of South Vietnam) can be completed by the end of 1965." Further, according to Prouty, "When I was working on NSAM 263...I was very well briefed on this plan of Kennedy's. He was getting out and he wanted that on the record. That is why he was shot."

"The general thrust of the Kennedy military policy was to assert political domination of the military leadership which is hostile to the traditions and practices of the American government...John F.Kennedy was telling the Joints Chiefs that they must accept his judgement of military matters..."

Major General Thomas Lane
The Leadership of President Kennedy

"The President shall be the Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces..."
US Constitution

Dictatorship: A State under the rule of a dictator, supreme or despotic control.

We are all slaves to the military dictatorship that runs this country, the professional war machine which consumes the lion's share of the wealth produced, projects its endless war/profit scenarios everywhere, while defending the interests of the munitions, oil and banking overlords, and the rich against the poor everywhere. These business/military men with fascist/racist politics orchestrated the murder of President Kennedy in 1963 and have thus far made the cover-up stick.

(The next issue of the SHADOW will contain more information and new revelations concerning the JFK and RFK assassinations.)

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MOHAWK CIVIL WAR....

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Brian Cole is a Mohawk anti-gambling organizer with a degree in environmental science and a member of Akwasasne's Environmental Task Force, which is co-ordinated with all three of the reservation's governments. On the day the casino blockades were attacked, Cole was searching for a missing friend among the wreckage of cars which a Warrior had crushed with a back-hoe when he was attacked by Warriors; his nose broken, teeth knocked out and skull fractured with rifle butts. In Cole's view, the roots of the conflict at Akwasasne lie in the region's severely degraded ecology. As such industrial interests as General Motors, Reynolds Aluminum and Alcoa have opened facilities on the borders of Akwasasne, attracted by the cheap Canadian hydro-power on the banks of the St. Lawrence River, the river, soil and groundwater of the reservation have become increasingly contaminated with PCBs, sewage and other wastes. This has effectively destroyed the traditional Mohawk economy based on fishing, hunting and farming, resulting in poverty and creating a vacuum which was filled by gambling and smuggling.

Cole cites the effort of the Mohawks (as well as a 1988 Greenpeace action in which a banner reading "St. Lawrence Polluters" was hung from a Reynolds water tower) in getting the local industries to clean up their act in recent years, and looks hopefully to restoring self-sufficiency at Akwasasne in the near future. "We have to combine the white man's science with our traditional grandfathers' knowledge of how to use the land base. We can't leave here."

But in the meantime, he has little patience with the Warriors' plans for Akwasasne. "Our tradition forgives gambling. Our tradition forbids us to take up arms against each other. They've killed two people. Maybe the footsoldiers are sincere about our sovereignty. But the leaders are twisted. The bottom line is greed. They want money and power."

New York State grand jury investigations into the April 24 violence have resulted in twenty felony indictments, including for the beating of Brian Cole. According to sources, more felony indictments may be in the works. Akwasasne traditionals are also encouraged by October's report from the New York State Assembly hearings on the Akwasasne violence. The report calls for the repeal of Article 8 of the 1802 Indian Law, which mandated the establishment of the Tribal Council. New legislation establishing a process for the creation of what will hopefully be a more representative tribal government at Akwasasne is currently being drafted by the State Assembly Black and Puerto Rican Caucus, which has been working closely with the Akwasasne traditionals for ten years. But the traditionals still fear that as the media spotlight shifts away from Mohawk country, the Warrior Society may redirect its huge automatic weapons arsenal not against the Canadian Army, but, once again, against fellow Mohawks.



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PIGS AND RENT-A-COPS GET TOUGH WITH PEACEFUL MOHAWK SUPPORTERS

By K. J.

On September 28th, a peaceful demonstration to protest the Canadian government's racist and violent treatment of the Mohawk Indians turned into yet another example of police manipulation, when two demonstrators were grabbed, arrested, and whisked away to the Manhattan North precinct by two waiting squad cars.

This was one of a series of Friday afternoon demonstrations held in front of the Exxon building at 1251 Sixth Avenue, which houses the Canadian embassy. Approximately 15 people took part that day, distributing information to passers by and displaying two colorful banners. Several police officers present attempted to restrict the demo area, demanding that the banners be moved behind two barricades.

After exchanging words with Jim Miller, who was holding one of the banners, Officer Gheraty (Badge #3106) approached him. An argument ensued, ending abruptly with Jim on the ground face down with Gheraty's nightstick jammed against his neck. Several squad cars squealed onto the street as the demonstrators protested Gheraty's actions. Suddenly, one demonstrator, Gerald Levy, was seized from behind by a man in the crowd who refused to reveal his identity or purpose. As he forced Gerald into a waiting car, those present screamed "Who are you?" and "Why is this man being arrested?" It was later learned that the unidentified man was a security guard for Rockefeller Center. Both men were charged with "Disorderly Conduct" and "Resisting Arrest". Jim was also charged with "Assault in the Second Degree" and put through the system for more than 24 hours.

Gheraty appeared at the precinct in 15 minutes with an aircast on his arm and a smile on his face, claiming to have battled an unruly demonstrator to the ground, breaking his arm in the struggle. When questioned, he admitted that it had been a peaceful event. "I know who protests up there--I've even spoken to them", he said. "If he had just put his arms behind his back, it would've been 'Disorderly Conduct'. But he wanted to be a fighter. He spoke up to me in a violent manner, so now he got the short end of the stick. Now he got what he deserved."

BASTA BASTARDS....

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As reported in SHADOW #9 (February 1990), Turvey raised the \$100,000 purchase money for his current residence by speculating in a condominium 72-74 East 3rd Street. The building was sold to a partnership including Right to Life Mayoral candidate Henry Hewes (A former HPD managing agent) and Jeffrey Stein, who held a job with New York's powerful City Planning Commission.

The City sold the buildings to the speculators for \$10.00 under the "Do or A-Building" program, with no resale restrictions. Documents held by New York State Attorney General Robert Abrams show that the building's 20 condo units were sold for about \$50,000 each. Within a year, almost all the units had been flipped (including a unit owned by Sam Turvey) for three times that amount. Records show that at least four of the units went to the same family in the Long Island hometown of one of the partners in the deal.

Many politicians have bent over backwards to curry favor with BASTA, including Miriam Friedlander, the councilmember from the Lower East Side, who says she's a liberal and friend of the homeless, but who has done everything to sneak through an anti-homeless curfew in Tompkins Square Park.

The list of political friends of BASTA reads like a who's who of Manhattan liberals. BASTA supporters who turned out to denounce the East 3rd Street shelter include former Assemblyman William Passonante, would-be Assemblymember and political cut-throat Liz Shollenberger who is one of BASTA's lawyers, big so-called liberal Manfred Ohrenstein, CB3 members Philip Wachtel and Krystyna PiorKOWska, CB3 District Manager Martha Danziger, in addition to police officers Miriam Rivera, Richard Johnson and Captain Gerald McNamara (former 9th precinct commander during the August 6-7, 1988 police riot, who was recently forced to resign in disgrace due to corruption among men under his new command).

BASTA spokesperson Howard Hemsley defends his group by saying BASTA "never called for closing the 3rd Street shelter - but called for a true shelter where people could sleep and run by a private group - not the city." Regardless of Hemsley's protests, the assessment center is necessary to process, feed and shower thousands of homeless men and send them through the shelter systems facilities.

Initially, HRA moved the assessment center from East 3rd Street to a facility on Atlantic Avenue in Brooklyn. The Coalition for the Homeless objected to the site and demanded the city move the assessment center to a more centralized location in Manhattan. The city now plans to use the Bellevue special needs shelter to process new shelter residents.

Despite Howard Hemsley's protests to the contrary, his organization, BASTA, is responsible for the victimization of the weakest and most defenseless people in New York City and on the Lower East Side. The older, sick and disabled men (many of whom are Vietnam veterans who were wounded fighting for this country) have their possessions trashed and are forcibly moved to remote camps because the way to riches and power for the likes of BASTA's founders is on the backs of these poor and victimized people.

BASTA's fight against the East 3rd Street shelter has come full circle. The new facility is only 20 blocks from the original site and Community Board 6 is organizing another NIMBY campaign both to further that governmental body's loathsome hostility to the Bellevue special needs shelter.

It has long been time for homeless people in this city and their supporters to stand up to these cheap political hoodlums and say loudly NO MORE of this genocide in our name. It's time to throw these bums out of office and out of power.

LOWER EAST SIDE ACTIVIST IRVING HAIMES MURDERED...WHY?

By Nancy Drew

On August 23, at approximately 8:20PM, Irving Haimes was shot and killed in the IND subway station at 14th Street and Eighth Avenue in Manhattan. Witnesses later interviewed said that Irving had been followed into the station by a black man, approximately 6 feet 5 inches tall, wearing a black hooded jacket. When Irving asked the man why he was following him, the man waved Irving over as if to answer and shot Irving in the head and chest 5 times with a .32 caliber handgun.

Irving was a familiar face to many on the Lower East Side, his home for almost 30 of his 50 years. According to friends, he was a gentle soul, a spiritualistic man, a purist and a strict vegetarian who was dedicated to many humanitarian causes. He was an activist for animal rights, American Indian causes, anti-war marches, benefits for the homeless, women's rights and he was a tenant organizer.

In spite of Irving's Beth Israel Medical Center identification card and address book containing names and information of family members and friends, both of which were found on his body, cops on the murder scene quickly labeled it as just another "random" killing of a "homeless" man.

The detective first assigned to the case, Kathleen Severino of the tenth precinct, failed to contact Irving's family members until thirteen days later, in spite of his address book and after checking his apartment. After witnesses came forward and identified the same mug shot as Irving's assailant, Severino failed to have the man arrested or have an APB issued, even though he was wanted on an outstanding crack possession charge.

When told by officials that "one day the suspect would jump a turnstile and then we got him", it was obvious to Irving's friends and family that little or nothing was going to be accomplished anytime soon.

After friends, family and others rallied at City Hall on October 23rd to bring the case to the attention of the Mayor's Office and the public, family members were able to tell Mayor Dinkins about the case, asking him to look into it as they gave his secretary a petition with 740 signatures.

Severino was severed from the case three days later, and ten days after the rally, a suspect was arrested and charged with 2nd degree murder in the slaying. A plea of not guilty was entered for him in the slaying.

When friends and family first heard of Irving's murder, most could only say "Why Irving?" A long time friend said "I don't see him blundering into trouble." Sources have told the SHADOW that Irving had been having problems with his landlord at 113 St. Marks Place, Harry Breslow. According to the sources, on more than one occasion, Irving had been threatened and harassed by Breslow, who wanted Irving's rent-controlled apartment vacated. According to the New York Times, Irving had clashed many times in court with Breslow, but Breslow has insisted he had not tried to have Irving evicted.

Irving leaves behind 10 cats. If interested in adopting any, please call: (212) 255-8006. (If you have any information pertaining to Irving Haimes' murder, please contact the SHADOW. Confidentiality is guaranteed!!)

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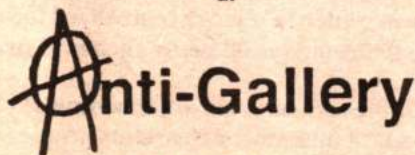
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