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**ACTIVIST JAILED
AFTER PIG FRAME-UP!!**

By A. Kronstadt

On the morning of April 6th, anarchist and squatter activist Kenny Tolia was sentenced to one year on Rikers Island for "incitement to riot." Kenny was the only Lower East Side activist to be convicted of any of the charges in the 3½ month trial of the Mayday 5 (originally the Mayday 29). He was acquitted of felony riot charges in that trial, along with activists Lori Rizzo and John the Communist, but was convicted of incitement, a Class A misdemeanor. He received the one year maximum sentence for that offense, although he had no prior convictions. Judge Richard C. Failla imposed this vindictive sentence in spite of receiving several letters from members of the jury recommending leniency. Failla denied Kenny bail pending appeal, and he was taken directly from the courtroom to jail.

Kenny was arrested on the stage of the May 1, 1990 Resist to Exist/Squatter Mayday concert in Tompkins Square Park after police charged the bandshell to shut off the power one minute after the sound permit expired. This happened on the fourth night of the Squatter Mayday festival, which had ended peacefully and in accord with the permits for the previous three nights. A band was still playing when the cops rushed the stage, and Kenny was on the bandshell dancing, along with thirty other people. Kenny was beaten bloody by the cops, who were led by Deputy Inspector Michael Julian, then commander of the Ninth Precinct. He was held in jail twenty-four hours longer than the other defendants because the cops claimed to have "lost his paperwork." Upon leaving jail, he found himself charged with felony riot, assault on an officer, and incitement to riot. The assault charge was eventually dropped, and he went to trial on the riot and incitement charges.

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FLASH FOTO

KENNY (2nd from left) PUSHED BY COPS AS THEY RUSH STAGE TO BEGIN MAY 1, 1990 RIOT

SHADOW EDITORIAL

STATEMENT OF UNITY

Admit it -- you're not going to vote! And why should you? The Democrats are no different than the Republicans and electing one rich parasite over another won't change anything. Hope for the future lies with the people and not the current political system! From homeless people seizing abandoned buildings to women developing contingency plans to provide safe abortions if Roe v Wade is overturned, *community empowerment is the only solution*. Come to New York City, July 11th through 17th to sow the seeds of a better society where resources are shared, the Ecosystem is not plundered, all cultures are respected and discrimination is eliminated.

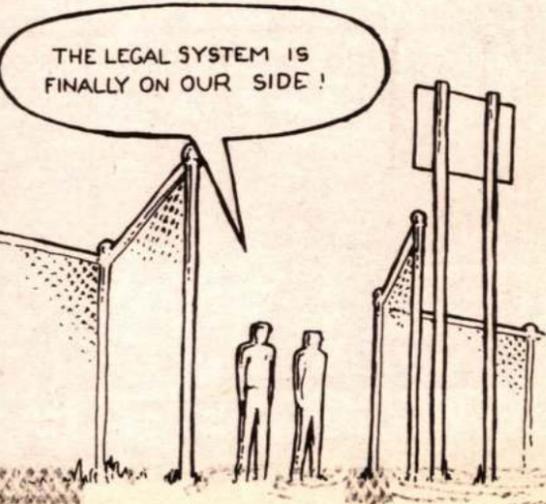
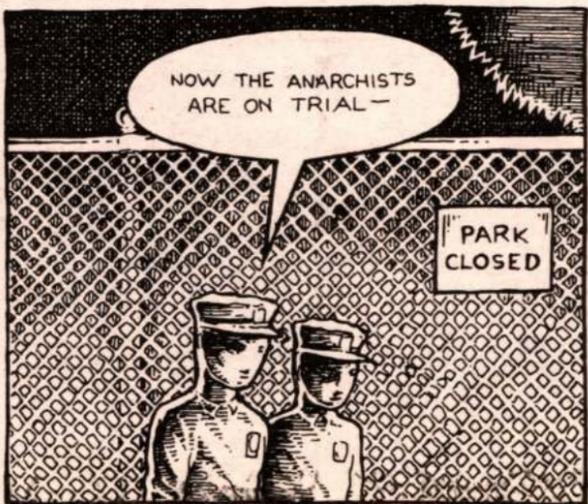
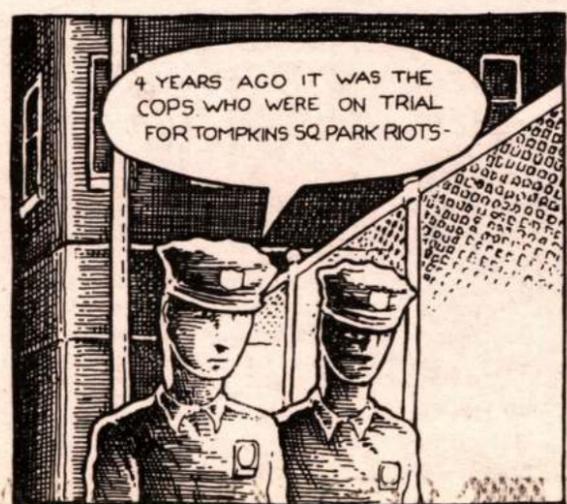
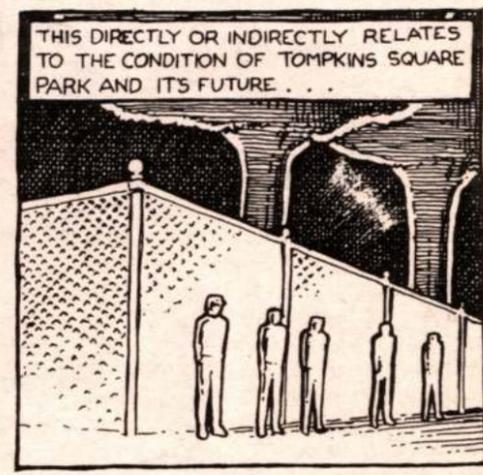
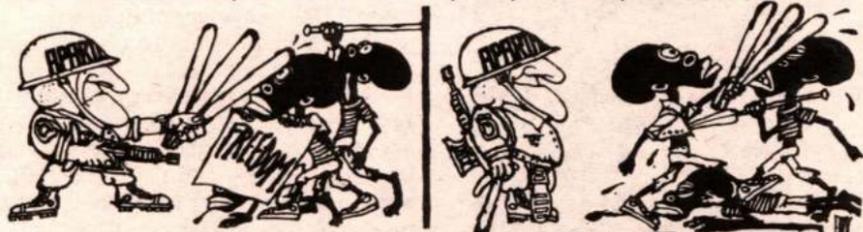
The Democrats have acted as collaborators with the twelve year Reagan/Bush clampdown on human rights worldwide. Both parties endorse the continuing massacre of Iraqi people through the current economic sanctions. Military invasions of Grenada and Panama, air attacks against Libya, covert operations to facilitate U.S. interests abroad, the Democrats have supported them all. Our rights are revoked under the guise of the phony "War On Drugs." The United States imprisons more of its own people than any other country, and both parties want to lock up more. Many are in jail for no other crime than opposing the government. The AIDS crisis is growing with 1 in 250 Americans currently testing positive, and yet the response from Washington is infected with fear and ignorance. Disease infested shelters are the politicians' answer to homelessness.

America is sinking into a new depression; the gap between rich and poor is wider than it has been since 1928. Candidates eulogize the middle class and promise vengeance by "get tough on poverty" programs such as "boot camps" and "work fare". Those who sit in the seats of government see no further than their short-term profits. They invest in weapons systems rather than health care or education. The economy is addicted to cheap labor and natural resources, and there is nothing these so-called leaders won't do to make sure it gets its fix. They will kill for oil, clear-cut a forest, dump toxic wastes into rivers and move factories to where there aren't any unions. In the "New World Order," the U.S. and its allies are the "global bullies" who manipulate world politics and markets to suit their own agendas.

The longer this system continues, the longer it will kill people - only it's not so far off anymore, its right around your corner or down the street. We are literally starving for change. The Democrats are coming to New York City to pretend they represent the change we need. We plan to gather in Central Park the week of the convention to show America what real change could look like. *We will come together from all over the country to promote real alternatives based on empowering people and not government bureaucrats*. Those from the local area will do as much of the ground work for our "unconvention" as is possible and practical, but everyone who is coming is encouraged to bring whatever they can contribute. Non-hierarchical councils will be held where visions and strategies can be shared, debated and developed: demonstrations, street theater and other direct actions will be democratically planned to represent the ideas of us all.

Together, we can deliver this wake-up call to complacent America. We will not vote. We will work for real change.

Unconventional Action invites you to participate in a week of actions in New York City during the Democratic National Convention, from July 13-17 at Madison Square Garden. We have applied for permits for a week-long encampment in Central Park and we have been reaching out to activists all around the continent. Within the next few weeks, we will be publishing a newsletter with up to date information about the convention, the latest dirt on the candidates, practical info for people coming from out of town and exciting updates on all the fun that's being planned. Send art, ideas, fantasies and/or opinions to: Unconventional Action, 228 E. 10 Street #24, NYC, NY 10003, or call (212) 677-0655.



FRAME-UP!! (Continued From Page 1)

At the trial, Kenny was accused by thirteen cops of having made four separate speeches on the microphone, the first of which was alleged to have occurred before Kenny arrived in the park and the last in the middle of a song when the lead singer had the microphone in his hand. The jury acquitted him of the riot charge, but convicted him of the incitement charge. Several jurors later volunteered that they had doubts about that verdict, but could not ignore the sheer number of cops who testified. It may be no coincidence that Kenny is the only one of the Mayday defendants who is suing the police, including now Inspector Michael Julian, one of the highest ranking brass in the NYPD.

In his remarks to the judge before sentencing, Assistant District Attorney Dan Conolly said point blank that he wanted to make Kenny the scapegoat for the entire Mayday 1990 riot. Having obtained no other convictions among the people whom he regarded as activists in the Tompkins Square insurgency, he needed to make an example of Kenny in spite of the fact that Kenny was only found guilty of a misdemeanor. He told the judge that "but for Kenny there would have been no riot" and that Kenny was responsible for the injury to P.O. Kevin Flynn, who was hit in the head with a bottle thrown by someone else while trying to handcuff Kenny. He also blamed Kenny, completely without substantiation, for the 1988 police riot in Tompkins Square and all of the other confrontations in the park over the past four years. Conolly emphasized that Kenny refused to crawl before the court, that he "showed no remorse" and continued to deny having made any speeches which caused a riot. He said that Tompkins Square Park was scheduled to reopen this summer and that it was necessary to "send a message" to the Lower East Side before the park reopened.

Justice Failla, the first openly gay judge on the New York State Supreme Court, proved himself to be a gay public official in the fine tradition of Roy Cohn, J. Edgar Hoover, and Julius Streicher. Or maybe he had this warm feeling for prosecutors and cops since he's a former prosecutor himself. He began his sentencing speech by prattling over the First Amendment. He said that "it is the amendment closest to my own philosophy," that the cops and Parks Department had done everything that they could to uphold free speech at the Mayday concert -- and that the concert "could not have been accomplished without the city." Failla repeated Inspector Julian's lies regarding the permit, saying that the cops had granted three extensions before nine o'clock, when in fact they only granted one extension. He stated that "this defendant, at least (apparently he was assuming Lori and John's guilt in spite of the jury's verdict) acted like a child at bedtime, who is spoiled by being allowed to stay up until finally the child is not put to bed without a spanking". He lectured about Kenny's anarchism, implying that it was not sincere because he accepted student loans from the government. "I don't think our criminal justice system is designed to rehabilitate anyone," said Failla, adding that the purpose of sentencing is to deter the defendant and others like him. He also said there was "great care" taken with the jury selection, that the jury's verdict was "honest and fair." But he didn't feel the need to be either honest or fair himself: he then did an about face, disregarded the expressed wishes of the jury members, and imposed the maximum sentence he could. "The defendant was convicted of only a misdemeanor," Failla said, "but what he did was far more serious." Failla WISHED that Kenny had been convicted of the felony charge, it seems. Julian and other cops smirked from the audience as Kenny was sentenced.

Kenny Tolia is sitting in a bullpen on Rikers Island as of this writing. A vegetarian, he is forced to live on soggy spinach and white bread because only "members of organized religious groups" are entitled to special meals. He reports that he is getting along well with the other victims of the criminal justice system who are penned up with him, and that many of them have heard of Tompkins Square Park and the Mayday riot. Any of us who were in that park on that night could have ended up in the same situation that Kenny is in. We must show Failla, Connolly, Julian, and the other pigs that we are not deterred. Tompkins Square Park must be made free again, like it was before these scum defiled it. Right now, Kenny needs correspondence from the outside to maintain his sanity. Please write to Kenny directly at Riker's Island at the address below, and inquire about visiting c/o the SHADOW.

Send letters to KENNY at Rikers
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WOMEN'S RIGHTS MARCHERS HIT WASHINGTON, DC!!

By Pamela Franklin + Suzie Miles



On Sunday, April 5th, close to a million people (NOW, the National Organization for Women, estimated 750,000, the parks service estimated 500,000) assembled in Washington, DC to rally in support of abortion rights. "Why are we here?" asked actor Ron Silver from the steps of the Capitol to the cheering crowd. The answer was unanimous -- they were there to show that a woman's choice is a moral right, not a privilege.

They came from all over the US -- in buses, trains, cars, planes and by foot. They represented all walks of life, from white professionals, to emigrant laborers who could barely speak English. Some say feminism is dead, yet the march and rally proved that one doesn't have to claim to be a feminist in order to fight for reproductive rights. The crowd was predominately white and female, but men and children marched along side of women, proving that this is everybody's issue.

At 10:00AM on the most beautiful day of Spring, people began to assemble in the centrally located Mall, which is a large grassy park near the Washington Monument. As the crowds poured in, they were immediately met by seemingly endless rows of crosses which were placed in the "Cemetery of the Innocents" by anti-choice protestors. The "cemetery" honored the female lives abortion foes say were lost to abortion. There were 106 headstones for women who died during legal abortions since 1970; and 2,200 crosses for the female half of the 4,400 fetuses aborted daily in the US. Many people were lying face down among the crosses, while others walked through the memorial, quietly praying and fingering rosary beads. Several motorcycle police guarded the memorial which was for many a graphic and emotional tug at the heart.

Although there were small isolated confrontations, the two sides mostly avoided each other. People paused to reflect upon the message from the anti-choicers, but no one changed sides -- continuing on to the rallying place with high, but determined, spirits. A platform was set up with speakers and entertainers such as repetitive ranter Karen Finley, and Sweet Honey in the Rock, which unified and built up the crowd's enthusiasm. At times, the rally had the atmosphere of a high school pep rally with cries and shouts which began on the stage, and carried back to all corners of the park. Other times, the raw emotion of the day brought tears to the eyes of many who had experienced what was described -- the horror of back alley abortions. Some embraced each other in quiet support, while others were aroused to militant outrage.

The signs and chants expressed anger over the Pennsylvania abortion law which will be argued on April 22nd before the Supreme Court. The law includes provisions requiring parental consent, spousal notification and a 24-hour waiting period. The strictest law to challenge Roe vs. Wade (the Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion in 1972), the Pennsylvania law is designed to chip away at this landmark decision. Kathryn Kolbert, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) lawyer who will argue before the court against the law, acknowledged that the odds will be against her in an interview with USA Today: "I'm going to the Supreme Court and I'm going to lose," she said. "The Supreme Court will use the case to overrule Roe directly or eviscerate."

Lynn P. from New York City agrees. She attended the march because she realized that the government is trying to take away the freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution. "I saw how more and more restrictive laws are sneaking up on us to overturn Roe vs. Wade. I don't think that there has been any time as scary as now. It's not just this issue, it's all the issues. A lot of people are angry about the fringe groups who are here -- everybody has their own agenda. I'll admit I find them distracting, but I'm glad they're here in a way, because we all have to stick together, or else we'll end up with nothing."

Chris C. who attended the march and rally with her 61 year old mom, had wanted to attend the past few rallies. This year, she finally made the journey. "After all the demoralizing steps taken against women this year, the Anita Hill-Clarence Thomas hearings, the Kennedy rape trial, and the Tyson trial, I felt compelled, I had to go. And I'm glad I got off my butt. Even in this sea of people, I make a difference." She had to cajole her mom into driving down to Washington with her. Hesitant at first, the mother got into the spirit of things, and collected NARAL (National Abortion Rights Action League) signs, Planned Parenthood buttons, and stickers. Chris is sure that her mom's souvenirs will remind her of the day for a long time. Mom, who had never attended anything political before in her life, was surprised by the diversity of people. "I thought that there would be just fringe radicals, but here are blacks, whites, Asians, old, babies, disabled people, men, women, gays and dogs. I have a wonderful feeling today. Everybody is polite and well behaved."

Other groups such as WHAM! (Women's Health Action and Mobilization), Queer Nation, and ACT-UP (AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power) pointed out that all health care is political. Carrying signs with graphic color photographs of a self-help exam (a speculum inserted in a vagina), some activists pointed out that it is "not for gynecologists' eyes only." Tables were set up to demonstrate and explain menstrual extraction, a self-help method of early abortion or removal of menses, which can be performed at home with a trusted friend up to six weeks into a pregnancy.

Overall, the march and rally was peaceful. Police presence was minimal, except on Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House. Although President Bush was away at Camp David, Refuse and Resist, an off-shoot group of the RCP (Revolutionary Communist Party), organized people to throw tennis balls at the White House. Written on them were statements such as: "Are you ready to be a mother?" Police barricades, cars and paddy wagons were lined up to keep people away from the fence, but the police, guards and SWAT teams were not able to keep people from throwing hundreds of tennis balls onto the White House lawn. People were pressed tightly against the police cars and

took advantage of the situation to plaster political stickers reading: "Abortion on demand without apology," "Just veto Bush," "I am the face of a pro-choice America," "Support reproductive rights" and "Support vaginal pride." A stash of confiscated tennis balls filled a squad car. Several police officers played toss and catch while the crowd yelled, "Throw it, throw it."

The only targeted police action was taken against the Black Block, a group of young militant anarchists from eight different states who marched into the morning gathering at the Elipse. The approximately 100 black-clad young men and women with red bandanas covering their faces linked arms, pounded drums, played horns and carried banners in a dramatic show of solidarity for choice. They were escorted by more than 15 motorcycle cops and several officers on horseback. After a minor confrontation with anti-abortion people from "Operation Rescue" who were guarded by cops, the Black Block rejoined the pro-choice march.

The march from the Elipse proceeded to the White House, then to the Capitol steps. People lined both sides of the street along the way. Many hung out of windows along the route, waving signs, and yelling in solidarity. Chants would start at the front of the march, which was led by Planned Parenthood President Faye Wattleton, Reverend Jesse Jackson, Jane Fonda and others, and would surge back for tens of blocks. Chants of "2, 4, 6, 8, you can't make me procreate," "Not the church, not the state, women must decide their fate." "Free Barbara's Bush," "Choice--Now!!" filled the streets of Washington, DC.

At the steps of the capitol, Ron Silver said that he was touched by the show of strength, but he wanted to address the reasons why the pro-choice Movement was losing. He addressed those who were against it. "Why are we here? Why are we losing? Why are men making all the decisions? Why are men allowed to make laws that affect a woman's body?...If men can't recognize that a woman's body is her choice, then they should get off the hill!"

Women's rights activist and Ms Magazine creator Gloria Steinem continued: "Are we going to vote for Bush to continue his anti-abortion laws?" "NO!!" was the response from the crowd. "Are we going to support a judicial system without equal representation?" "NO!!" "Are we going to continue to fight?" "YES!!" And the crowd went wild.

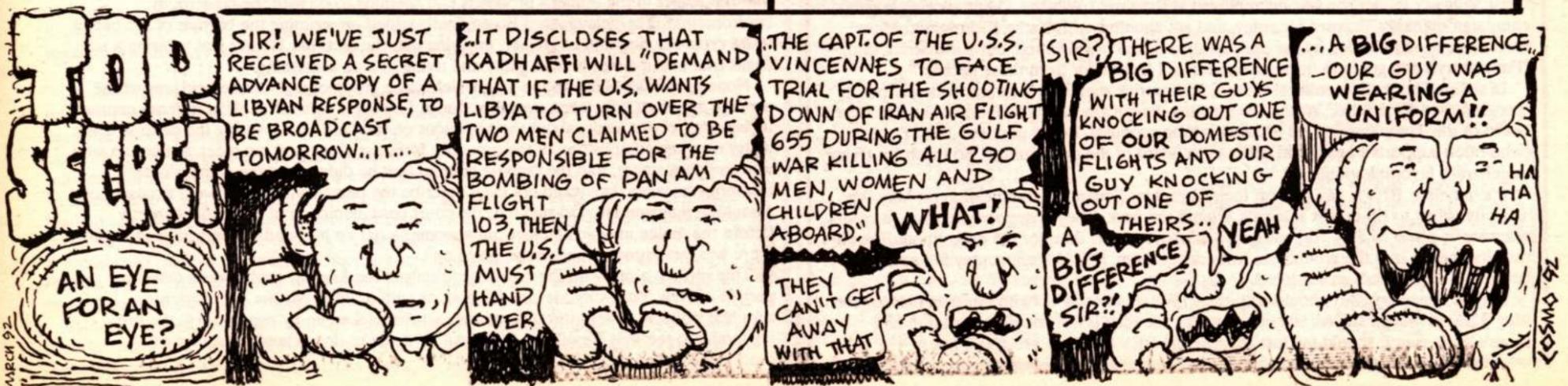
Although Presidential candidates Paul Tsongas, Bill Clinton and Jerry Brown were present at the rally and march, none of them was allowed to speak. The election was on everybody's minds however, and on quite a few shirts as each candidate had supporters handing out literature, buttons and carrying signs as the candidates tried to outdo each other in their "earnest" support of women's rights.

This election year, freedom of choice has made a major difference. The overwhelming message of the rally was that politicians had better address this issue, or get out. NOW president Patricia Ireland bluntly summed up the crowd's sentiments, saying: "We're going to turn out of office people who don't support us. The reality is that we're tired of begging men in power for our rights. If the courts won't protect them, then Congress has got to enact laws to protect a woman's rights. And if Congress doesn't, then we're going to elect pro-choice women to Congress."

Pro-choice women running for office include Carol Mosely Braun of Illinois, who is the first African-American woman running for Senate; Geraldine Ferraro, the 1984 Democratic vice-presidential candidate now running for her party's nomination for the Senate in New York; and Barbara Boxer of California, running for Senate. USA Today has reported that GOP socialites Barbara Mosbacher and Barbara Gimbel have quit sending money to the Republican National Committee to protest GOP opposition to abortion rights, and that they are threatening to demonstrate at the ballot box by putting their votes behind candidates who favor abortion rights. Their movement, the National Republican Coalition for Choice, has grown from 2 chapters in 1989, to 30 chapters today.

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COMMUNITY BOARD THREE WATCH:

PAGAN'S SOLUTION TO AIDS: DEATH

By Stuart Frankel

City Council member Antonio Pagan distinguished himself at the March Community Board 3 meeting by staying away. He hadn't shown for the February meeting, either, but at least he sent a representative. This time, he didn't even do that. Pagan's predecessor, Miriam Friedlander, who was on the city council for 18 years, said she couldn't recall any other Community Board meeting that had been treated this contemptuously by the Council representative.

Beginning April Fool's Day, Pagan will have six members of his own choosing on the board, but meanwhile, he has good reason to stay away. He is attempting to kill, behind closed doors, a proposed treatment center for chemically dependent people with AIDS that had been approved overwhelmingly by the Community Board. The director of Housing Works, an ACT-UP (AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power) affiliated group which proposes to build and run the center, went to the board meeting to protest, and the members of the board were hopping mad at Pagan.

Killing the treatment center is important to Pagan: it's his first real test to see whether he can deliver to his constituents. That is, those people who are interested in "property values," and who want people they find unattractive to the neighborhood removed. Pagan, along with State Assembly members Sheldon Silver and Steve Sanders, and State Senator Martin Connor, held a secret meeting with Gregory Kalajian, the acting commissioner of the New York State Department of Social Services, and told him that they were unhappy with the project.

Kalajian then called Charles King, director of Housing Works, and told him that this Gang Of Four had threatened to withhold the project's funding (Silver is the chairman of the Assembly's Way and Means Committee and can, in fact, withhold the funding if he wants) -- unless several conditions were met.

These conditions were that the center treat only people from the neighborhood, that the center be drug free, and that the day-treatment program be scaled back.

King responded that he expects the vast majority of clients at the center to come from the Lower East Side, but that it is illegal -- unconstitutional, in fact -- to exclude people from other neighborhoods. Also, it makes no sense to insist that people be drug free before they enter a drug-treatment program.

But, as CB3 member Anne Johnson said, the Gang Of Four's conditions were phony. She expressed the view of the majority of the board when she said, "This is just an underhanded attempt to kill the project.... I'm outraged at the sneakiness of this, after Housing Works has gone through all the public procedures."

Of the Gang Of Four, only Sheldon Silver sent a representative to the CB3 meeting. This was Judy Rapfogel, a patronizing yuppie whose blouse had insultingly padded shoulders. She said she had found King "intractable," and denied that Silver had threatened Housing Works's funding. She also said that the Housing Works project had been voted down on the West Side -- this is a lie, since Housing Works never made their proposal on the West Side!

Later, Rapfogel told King in private that she didn't see what the problem was. "You can fill your program with PWA's (Persons with AIDS) who aren't chemically dependent," she said. King said, "Where do the people who are chemically dependent go?" Rapfogel responded, "That's another issue."

This exchange shows with startling clarity that politicians think in terms of empire building. Rapfogel assumes that Housing Works is in business to pimp for grant money and doesn't care what kind of project they build. After all, if she and her boss are slimy, then everybody must be slimy. The idea that Housing Works may be in business to treat the sick doesn't seem to have occurred to her.

The facts are that there are 10,000 IV drug users on the Lower East Side; Housing Works estimates that 80% may be HIV positive. The number of treatment sites in the city for these people is zero. Pagan's Gang Of Four view these people as problems and just want them to die. (Gosh, wonder what they would say if WE advocated killing people that we think are problems....)

On another topic, the Community Board voted to approve a proposal by the Businesses in the East Village Association (BEVA, pronounced like "beaver" with a Brooklyn accent) to wrap Tompkins Square Park like a mummy and paint the shroud. They want to hang a canvas around the outer fence on May 9 (rain date: May 10; guess they haven't noticed that it often rains two days in a row) and have local artists and children's groups paint it. Painting would be by invitation only, and BEVA would issue the invitations. The canvas would come down either that night or the next day.

BEVA has a bad history. The aim of BEVA is supposed to be to improve the business climate in what they call the "East Village." They got certified as a non-profit organization because of pro bono (free) work done for them by Liz Shollenberger, a rabid right-winger who not only worked hard to close Tompkins Square Park along with Pagan, but also said that abortion rights shouldn't concern lesbians because they don't have children.

Because of their non-profit status, BEVA gets a lot of money from the Department of General Services (over \$20,000 last year). They've planned a lot of projects (a map of the neighborhood, an ad campaign they had lined up a volunteer ad agency for, "East Village Days": a huge street fair) -- but they've dropped every one. They do publish a little newsletter (and BEVA head Kathy Kirkpatrick, the owner/manager of Life Café, is said to pay her boyfriend out of BEVA funds to put it out), but that's all they do.

BEVA is probably not, as many people think, a front organization for Antonio Pagan. They're much too stumble-bumble for that. Instead, as one local merchant (and former BEVA member) told the Shadow, "They're people who are not originally from this neighborhood. They have a vision for this neighborhood, and they want it to look like somewhere else ... like Columbus Avenue."

Which makes them natural Pagan allies. Last summer, Pagan campaign worker Chris Windgren started showing up at BEVA meetings. (Windgren doesn't run a business in the "East Village"; in fact she was unemployed at the time.) Windgren kept quoting Pagan's campaign manager Howard Hemsley, and got chummy with Kathy Kirkpatrick. Many merchants were offended by the politicization of the organization, but Kirkpatrick said, "I'm just trying to get help from anyone I can. I learn a lot from these people."

In spite of her bad intentions, though, Kirkpatrick seems, as a former colleague put it, "programmed for failure." At the CB meeting, Pagan ally Krystyna Piorkowska had never heard of the Tompkins Square Mummification proposal. Board member Tony Pupello (who often supports Pagan) had never even heard of the organization. So much for trying to generate favorable publicity!

It's not clear BEVA can pull off their Tompkins Square Mummification on May 9th. The city wants to rip up the sidewalk around the park. They're supposed to have a new sidewalk in place by July 7th, but they don't have a start date for the demolition. Even if the city doesn't pull the ground out from under them, BEVA's effort may fall apart just because Kirkpatrick is so scattered.

Maybe the community should help them. We could show up with our own materials on May 9. Even though BEVA is a little suspect, the idea is not completely stupid, and there's no reason it should fail just because the BEVA people are 100% losers.

NEEDLE EXCHANGE QUIETLY BACKED BY BUSH ADMINISTRATION

By Nashua

Members of the New York chapter of ACT-UP (AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power) traveled to Washington DC on February 13th for a meeting with representatives of the Bush administration. The meeting had been arranged with Ingrid Kolb, the acting director of the Office of Demand Reduction of the Office of National Drug Control Policy. Kolb had criticized the failure of the White House to support relaxing laws that drastically limit the number of people who can be prescribed marijuana for medical purposes. She had said the government's failure was tantamount to "medical terrorism" against people who benefit from marijuana.

Pot has been shown to overcome the nausea associated with chemotherapy, to help people suffering from glaucoma and to stimulate the appetites of people with AIDS. Yet, despite the medical findings in favor of easing pot laws to allow doctors to prescribe it, only 13 people in the United States have official permission to smoke marijuana as a medical therapy. Recently, the Drug Enforcement Agency, despite a finding by one of their own judges that marijuana should be decriminalized, ruled that they will no longer allow marijuana to be prescribed because they say "alternatives" are available.

While Kolb reiterated her support for medical marijuana, she was more reticent about needle exchange and funds for drug treatment. Kolb said that the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has banned any use of federal funds to pay for needle exchange programs, although she admitted that needle exchange programs are highly successful in stopping the spread of the AIDS virus. According to AIDS activists, failure to implement needle exchange will force California alone to spend tens of billions of dollars to treat new AIDS infections.

Earlier that morning, at another meeting on Capitol Hill, Christopher Putala, a staff member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, dismissed the White House as "those nazis on the hill" before informing ACT-UP that HHS was quietly allowing federal funds to finance needle exchange programs throughout the country. According to Putala, HHS had informed the Judiciary Committee that they would allow funding to be released for needle exchange programs if the Democrats wouldn't "go public" about the needle exchanges and "embarrass" the Republicans.

New York City hasn't allowed a legal needle exchange since a small demonstration project started under former Mayor Koch was killed by the Dinkins administration. Since then a number of protesters from ACT-UP and the National AIDS Brigade have been acquitted in trials in Manhattan after publicly distributing needles during civil disobedience actions.

ANTI-WAR ACTIVIST ACQUITTED!!

By A. Kronstadt

Anti-war activist Sean Hellier was acquitted on March 10th of assaulting a court officer during a courtroom melee last year. The jury of nine women and three men returned their not guilty verdict after three hours of deliberations.

Hellier was one of the War Parade 18, who were arrested while protesting the "Operation Welcome Home" parade on June 10, 1991, celebrating the United States and their allies' "victory" in the Persian Gulf War. At the first pretrial hearing at 100 Centre Street, the judge ordered the courtroom cleared after one of the defendants goose-stepped up the aisle when his name was called and gave the judge a "Heil Hitler" salute. Court officers immediately started grabbing people who looked like protestors, roughing them up and throwing them through the swinging doors of the courtroom. Hellier, who was reaching for his briefcase preparing to leave the court, was grabbed around the neck by Court Officer Sullivan who was then joined by several other court cops who dragged Hellier out into the hall. Hellier then found himself charged with second degree assault on C.O. Sullivan, who accused Hellier of breaking his nose. (Hellier's charges stemming from the war parade itself were dismissed at a later hearing. Nine activists still face misdemeanor charges stemming from that parade.)

The assault trial, which began on March 2nd, pitted the legal mind of Leonard Weinglass, one of the attorneys for the Chicago 7, against that of Assistant District Attorney Bosco. The bland and balding Bosco, who spoke as rapidly as a tobacco auctioneer, was no match for Weinglass. The case against Hellier was pitifully weak. The only witnesses who claimed to see Hellier flail his arms and punch Sullivan were Sullivan himself and two other court cops. A lawyer and former employee of the DA's office, who had been in court for a case unrelated to the war parade, was called by the prosecutor. He stated that he had not seen Hellier swing at or strike the court officer. Neither had the court clerk, who was also called by the prosecution. None of the forty people who were in the busy courtroom as defendants in non-political cases were called to the witness stand by the prosecution. DA Bosco also failed to subpoena the doctor at Beekman Hospital who had examined Sullivan on the day of the incident, instead calling to the stand an eye, ear, nose, and throat specialist who had examined the court cop two weeks after the melee. He did testify that Sullivan had a broken nose, but Sullivan admitted on the stand that he had previously suffered from a deviated septum which was incurred by sneezing long before Hellier had allegedly hit him. Weinglass pointed out in his summation that Sullivan's crooked nose deviated to the left while he was claiming that Hellier had struck him with his right fist. This made it highly unlikely that the defect in the officer's proboscis had anything to do with the courtroom confrontation. The beleaguered Bosco finally ended up scraping the bottom of the barrel in his cross-examination of Hellier, implying that the fact 'hat Hellier was wearing a suit to his trial implied that he was guilty and trying to hide something.

None of this washed with the jury, which was a group of well-dressed citizens whose average age must have been over fifty. Judge Lowe had refused to allow defense counsel to ask prospective jurors about their opinions on the Gulf War, causing the defense some worry over the composition of the jury. The foreman of the jury, an older gentleman who was an opera singer, told the defense counsel that he didn't trust the court officers' testimony because they could not even describe the person whom they were accusing of assaulting Sullivan. He also said that the court cops' depiction of an incident shortly before the melee in which Hellier put a woman's hat on his head in court indicated that there was "something homophobic going on".

This verdict, along with the recent acquittals in the Mayday trial, proves that the people of New York City are not going along with attempts by the government to suppress political dissent through random arrests backed up by cop perjury. We are beginning to see that New York juries can be made to understand resistance to outrageous police behavior.

CITY SET TO CHOKE ON INCINERATION!!

By Chris Flash + Lisa Novacek



Breathing in New York City is becoming almost impossible. If the car and truck exhausts, along with fumes coming from toxic wasteland in New Jersey aren't enough to keep you hacking, the city has some new plans in store for us. Rather than give recycling the chance it deserves, the city government has chosen to use incineration to deal with its increasing solid waste disposal problem.

The City of New York is planning to upgrade three existing incineration plants in Brooklyn, which together burn 1,000 tons of garbage a day, according to a report "Burn, Baby, Burn: How to Dispose of Garbage by Polluting Land, Sea and Air at Enormous Cost," issued by NYC Comptroller Elizabeth Holtzman's office. The report adds that these plants, located in Southwest Brooklyn, Betts Avenue, and Greenpoint (which is just across the East River from the Lower East Side), will burn a total of 3,000 tons of garbage per day.

The city also plans to build new incinerators with a total capacity to burn 7,000 tons of garbage per day, and the city has already entered into a contract with a developer to build a 3,000 ton a day incinerator at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, which is also across the river from the Lower East Side, at the foot of the Williamsburg Bridge. (The Navy Yard incinerator is still waiting for New York State permits before it can proceed.)

The city's incinerator plan, issued by Mayor David Dinkins, goes by the name of the "Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan." According to a news release issued by the New York Public Interest Research Group, the state's largest environmental advocacy and lobbying organization (inspired by consumer advocate Ralph Nader), the mayor's plan includes a regional medical waste incinerator, construction of an ash landfill on Staten Island to handle the toxic residue left over after incineration, and additional incinerators in the Bronx, Staten Island and Brooklyn.

Holtzman's report estimates that total construction costs will exceed \$1.5 billion and that total operating expenses will be \$763 million. The city is required under the proposed Brooklyn Navy Yard contract to supply 2,550 tons of garbage per day to the incinerator's contractor, and the city must pay fees regardless of whether or not it delivers garbage to be burned. The city will also be locked into using the incinerators for a full 20 years, regardless of health risks and new technology that makes incineration obsolete.

Health risks which already exist, but which will increase to more dangerous levels under the increased incinerator plan, include escaping gases linked to cancer: mercury, benzene, hydrochloric acid, formaldehyde, and carbon monoxide. "Bottom ash", the left over residue to be removed after incineration, and "fly ash", the airborne particles released during incineration include known carcinogens: cadmium, chromium, nickel, benzene, dioxin, and known neurological and brain damage causing elements that include lead and mercury. In addition, metals contained in the toxic ash disposed at landfill sites leach into the ground, contaminating the surrounding groundwater. Children are most vulnerable to these pollutants. Exposure to these chemicals will contribute to mental retardation, asthma, bronchitis and cancer. The incinerators will also generate dioxin, the most toxic substance known to man.

A 3,000 ton per day incinerator will burn about 1,000 tons of nitrogen oxide annually, contributing to the ever increasing ozone level (Ozone at high altitudes acts to filter out ultraviolet rays; ozone at lower altitudes restricts breathing and impairs heart functions.)

NEIGHBORS ORGANIZE OPPOSITION

One of many neighborhood groups organizing opposition to the city's incinerator plans is the newly-formed Lower East Side Coalition for a Healthy Environment (LESCHE), which held another of several meetings in the basement of St. Brigid's Church on March 30th, featuring members of the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG), anti-incinerator activists and representatives of local elected officials. The large audience included concerned neighbors, local activists, and many mothers with their babies.

Anti-incinerator activist Gerard Schriffin told the audience that the manufacturers of the incinerators, Wheelabrator/Waste Management of New Hampshire, say they will generate 14½ tons of lead, 5.3 tons of mercury, 2,972 tons of Sulphur Dioxide, many tons of sulphuric acid, nitrogen, hydrogen chloride, and more.

THE SLEAZE FACTOR

Why then has the city chosen incineration over recycling? As Arthur Kell of NYPIRG and Schriffin told the audience, it's GREED. Schriffin explained that though this technology is deadly, the city is hell-bent on putting them in because a few people are greedy. They explained that Mayor Dinkins' Deputy Mayor Norman Steisel has been the chief proponent of building incinerators. Steisel was the Department of Sanitation Commissioner under former Mayor Ed Koch. He received \$100,000 for "work" done for the banking firm of Lazard Freres & Company, whose senior partner Felix Rohatyn is also the head of the Municipal Assistance Corporation (MAC), which bailed the city out of its financial mess in the 1970s. MAC, a coalition of the city's largest banks, investment firms and other financial and business interests, obtained control of the city's budget and allocation of funds for schools, hospitals, social services and other city services. According to Schriffin and LESCHE, Lazard Freres is underwriting 5% of the \$2.6 billion cost for the incinerators, which is a conflict of interest.

When Dinkins took office in 1990, Rohatyn chose Steisel for him as Deputy Mayor. Immediately, Steisel began pushing for incineration over recycling. Under Steisel's direction, the Sanitation Department said that recycling doesn't work, in spite of evidence to the contrary. In the area of Community Board 6 alone, where the recycling goal was 25,000 pounds per year, the result was 125,000 pounds recycled! In spite of similar results throughout the city, Steisel had the recycling program cut back before it had a chance to get off the ground.

PAGAN SNUBS NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Of the local elected officials invited, three sent their representatives to the meeting, one ignored the meeting, and only one showed up in person. Raul Guevarez, representing Manhattan Borough President Ruth Messinger, said that she was against incineration and for recycling, but added that funds for the Brooklyn Navy Yard incinerator are still included in the budget. Judith Rapfogel, representing corrupt State Assemblyman Sheldon Silver, said that he's "battling this proposal" and trying to get the Navy Yard incinerator out of the budget. NYC Controller Elizabeth Holtzman's representative only mentioned a recent forum on the environment sponsored by Holtzman. Not surprisingly, the City Councilman "elected" to "represent" District #2, (which includes the Lower East Side, across the river from the Navy Yard), Antonio Pagan, never bothered to show up or even send a representative to the meeting.

The only elected official to attend was City Councilwoman Kathryn Freed, who represents District #1, which encompasses the area just below District #2. She said that she opposes incineration, that the city loses money on its recycling program due to its failure of commitment to recycling. She warned that near the state reservoir in Croton, New York, there are plans to incinerate toxic waste pools containing cadmium and lead (according to Department of Environmental Protection plans!!), that would pollute the drinking water for the rest of the state. She also told the audience that \$4 million has been spent so far on consultants for Dinkins' "Solid Waste Management Plan." She said that she will vote against incineration, but added "we need a new mindset", suggesting cloth bags instead of paper and plastic bags, re-chargeable batteries instead of disposables, among other ideas.

Anti-incinerator activists Schriffin and Sam Bishop emphasized that the situation is not hopeless. Together, they said they have successfully stopped 17 out of 17 incinerators they have tried to stop from being built, including one at Beth Israel Hospital on East 16th Street and one at Rockefeller University at 66th Street and York Avenue. Bishop warned: "whoever is quiet gets the incinerator." Their method of success has been getting the community and environmentalists involved and speaking with elected officials and making it clear that they will be voted out if they allow incinerators to be built.

Beside this, activists must join with their neighbors and go beyond the electoral process for some direct action to bring the message to those who hold the safety and health of ourselves and our children in their grubby little fists that we will not tolerate their incineration madness for their greed and profit!!

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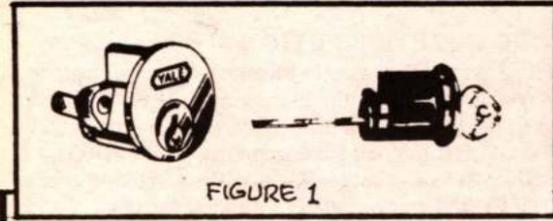


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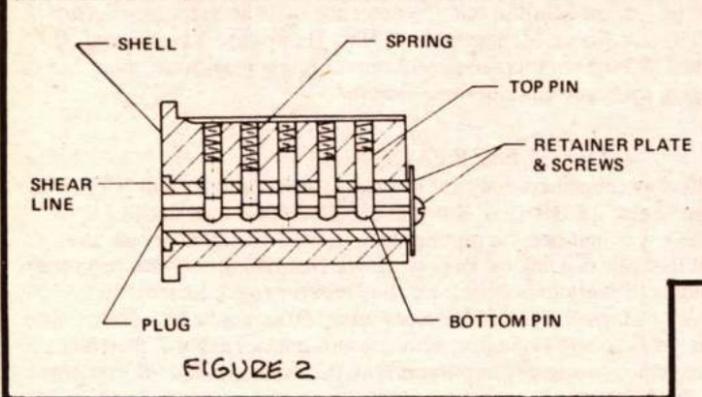


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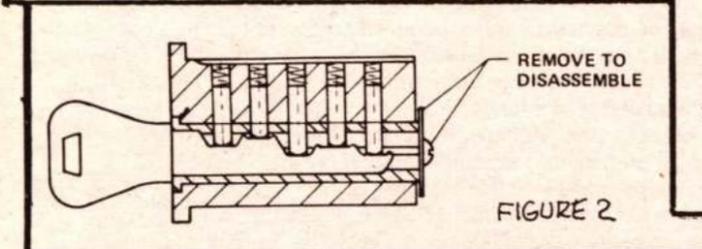


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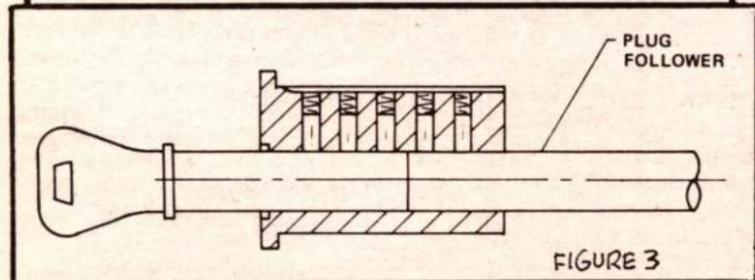


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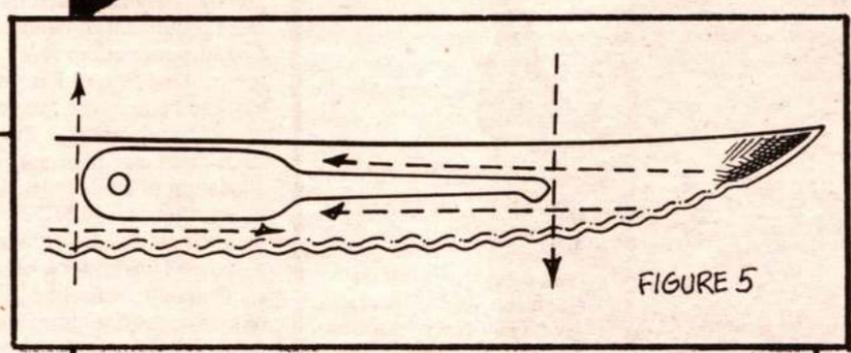


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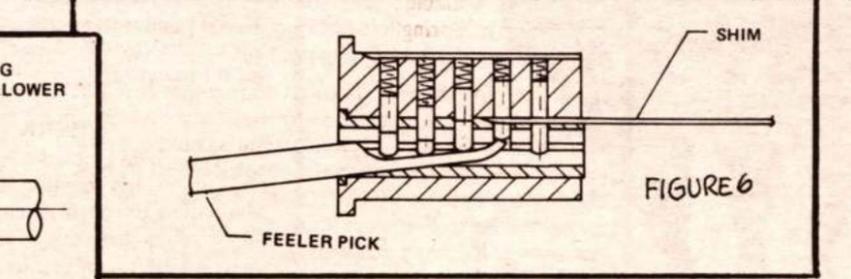


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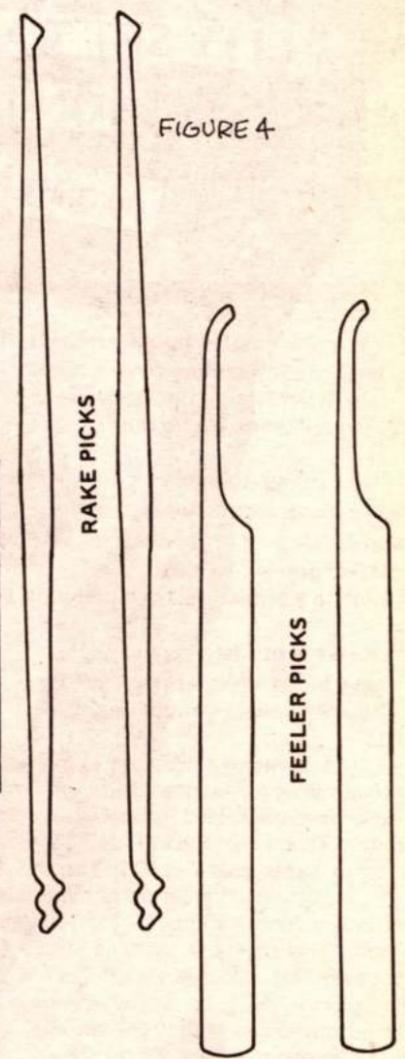


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"There is No unpickable lock, unclimbable fence, or unbreakable safe. Planning, patience and persistence have it."--Scott French in *The Big Brother Game*

Learning to pick locks requires a set of picks, a working knowledge of the lock itself and lots of practice. But by the end of this article, you will be able to make your own set of picks, learn about pin tumbler locks and how they are made, and learn some good picking exercises.

To get started, you will need the following materials and supplies:

1. A small tray to hold pins, drivers and springs
 2. A pin cylinder lock (fig.1). Most hardware stores and all locksmiths carry this type of lock and it usually costs between \$5-\$10. Make sure the plug (fig.2) is retained by a round plate and 2 screws.
 3. A plug follower (fig.3). You can buy this at your local locksmith or use a 1/2" wooden dowel.
 4. A pair of tweezers for removing and inserting pins, drivers and springs.
 5. A set of picks and a tension wrench. Fig.4 shows a full size set of picks. These are usually made from clock spring steel (the strips, not the sheets, although any source of steel approximately .025" thick may be used. The best sources for this type of steel are hack saw blades and steak knives. Photocopy fig.4, cut out a copy of the pick you wish to make and glue it onto your hacksaw blade (fig.5). Using a file or electric grinder you can shape your pick. A tension wrench can be made from .025" x .125" flat stock steel 5" long. Simply bend the bottom 1/2" into an "L" shape.
 6. A well lit area to work in.
 7. A vice to hold your cylinder while you practice.
- (Fig.2 shows a cut away view of a pin cylinder lock (also called a pin tumbler lock) with the names of the various parts. These names should be memorized.)

Okay, ready? Let's do it. Remove the two retaining screws and the retaining plate. Inserting the key into the keyway will allow you to raise the pins to the shear and thus turn the plug. (You will notice that plug can be turned in either direction. With the retaining plate in place, most locks will only turn in a clockwise direction.)

Now, carefully pull the key from the front to remove plug. This is where the plug follower is used. As you remove the plug from the front, insert plug follower from the rear and slowly push forward. Care has to be used here or you are going to have top pins (drivers) and springs flying everywhere!

The bottom pins should remain in the plug, while the drivers (top pins) and spring remain in the shell. Now, slowly remove the plug follower so that you can remove the top pins (drivers) and springs one at a time and place them in your tray in order of removed.

If you do not have a key for your lock, you can shim it open (fig.6). Most locksmiths will sell these directly to the public or you can use an automotive feeler gauge. Starting from the rear, insert the shim between the plug and the shell. Now, use a feeler pick (fig.4) to raise each pin until you can feel the shim go between the bottom pins and the drivers (top pins). Continue forward until the shim is between the shear line of all the pins. The plug can now be removed as though you had a key.

To reassemble the cylinder, reverse the procedure. The springs and drivers (top pins) are inserted into the shell one at a time and retained by the plug follower. The bottom

pins are loaded into the plug and inserted from the front while the plug follower is forced out the rear.

Now, you should have a set of picks and a working knowledge of the most commonly used door locks in the United States! And you are ready to do some simple picking exercises. Start by removing all the pins and springs from your cylinder except one top pin (driver) and one spring.

Now, reassemble your cylinder and insert the tension wrench in the bottom of the keyway with the handle in the 4:00 position (fig.7). Start with a feeler pick (also called a curved pick) and while using a slight clockwise force on your tension wrench gently lift the bottom pin with the feeler pick. When the shear line is reached, the lock should open. If you should lift the pins past the shear line, relax the force on the tension wrench and start over.

Leaving your cylinder set up with one pin, try using your rake pick. This pick can be used like a feeler or by inserting it past the pins and quickly raking it toward you. The most common mistake when using a rake is too much pressure on the tension wrench.

Another picking technique is to move the rake pick in and out real fast rather than just raking it out.

When you feel ready, add one or two more sets of drivers and springs to your cylinder and again practice all of the picking techniques previously practiced with one set of pins.

While using your feeler pick this time, you will notice an important short coming of all pin tumbler locks that aid in their being picked: **ONE OF THE PINS WILL CATCH ON THE SHEAR LINE BEFORE THE OTHERS!**

You will feel the plug turn ever so slightly. If using two sets of pins, when the last pin is raised to the shear line, the lock will open.

This "short coming" of locks is due to the intolerance inherent in their manufacture. It would be both difficult and expensive to manufacture with all the holes drilled the same diameter and in perfect line. They may look so to the naked eye, but with a little practice, you will discover that such is not the case.

Therefore, when picking a cylinder having, say five, tumblers (most pin cylinder locks have 5-6 sets of pins), one of the five will catch first, allowing the plug to turn a small amount. This will be true with each of the remaining pins until the last one reaches the shear line. Then the lock will open.

Usually, the cheaper the lock, the easier it is to pick. The key-in-knob locks in most homes are very easy to pick, due to their cheap construction.

Continue practicing with two sets of pins until you feel proficient, then add another set of pins and practice, then another set, and so on, until you've mastered the lock. By now, you should have the confidence to buy more locks and practice on your own. So, good luck, and remember: there is more pride in stealing than starving.

For further research, the following books are available:

The Big Brother Game, by Scott French. While most of the electronic equipment listed is out of date, the chapters on "Private Espionage", "Locks and the Opening Thereof", and "Premise and Safe Attack" are well worth reading.

Lock Picking Simplified, from Desert Publications. An excellent guide that is easy to read and understand.

Advanced Lock Picking, by Steven M. Hampton. As the title suggests, this book covers more advanced locks like electronic locks, puzzle locks, and tubular locks, like the ones found on cigarette and soda machines and washing machines.

The following mail order companies are a great source for picks, books and some of the most exotic equipment available, and they don't ask questions. (We recommend using a fake name and mail drop for receiving these items):

Phoenix Systems, P.O.Box 3339, Evergreen, CO, 80439. (303)277-8101. Lock pick sets, "slim jims" for opening most car doors, and other curious devices.

Delta Press, P.O.Box 1625, Dept.91W, 215 S. Washington St., El Dorado, AZ, 71731. Books and equipment. (Be aware of their strong fascist slant.)

Paladin Press, P.O.Box 1307, Boulder, CO, 80306. (303)443-7250. Books and videos. Subject matter ranges from safecracking and burglar alarm bypassing to homemade incendiaries.



RADIO FREE LOISAIDA IS ON THE AIR!!

By Cub Reporter

"The most violated human right in the world today is the right to freedom of expression"
 --Ceas Hamellink, International Institute for Mass Communication Research

"We're living in an age of telecommunications where instantaneous messages are flashed around the world and black people are still encouraged to use the carrier pigeon. It's insanity."
 --Mbana Kontako, Black Liberation Radio

"You were put here to protect us, But who protects us from you?"
 --Boogie Down Productions, 1989

A low-output commercial-free radio station has been broadcasting (or "narrowcasting", as they prefer to call it) since November, 1991, from a squat on the Lower East Side. (Tune in to Radio Free Loisaida on Thursday and Sunday nights from 7 to 10 PM on 88.1 FM.)

The project grew out of the production of a television show for Paper Tiger Television by May Ying Welsh, Xav Leplae, Anke, and Mike Alba. The show features Tetsuo Kogawa, who sparked a "mini-FM boom" in Tokyo by designing a low-cost, low-power FM transmitter and sharing his knowledge with others. There are now about a thousand such stations in Tokyo, each with a broadcast area about a half mile in radius. The show will be aired soon on Manhattan Cable Television and it shows Kogawa building and testing a transmitter on the spot.

Current Radio Free Loisaida participant Hammerbrain says he prefers the term "free radio" to "pirate radio" because of the historical connection of piracy with slave running. "Besides, we're not stealing anything--the airwaves belong to the people."

The Sunday broadcast consists mainly of reports about the community and of music which would not normally be aired through the mainstream media, except for overtly misogynist, racist, homophobic or drug-oriented material. "The idea is that anyone can come over and get on the air, as long as they're basically progressive--anti-imperialist, anti-establishment," says Hammerbrain.

The Thursday broadcast is more politically oriented. It is done live, although some taped speakers such as Malcolm X and Noam Chomsky have appeared. "We try to get native, eyewitness discussion of events from Latin America and beyond. So far we've had people from Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Nicaragua, Ecuador, Colombia, and Haiti," says Hammerbrain.

One goal of Radio Free Loisaida is to be an alternative not only to the network and commercial media but also to the traditional alternative media services like National Public Radio, student radio stations, or Pacifica

News Service/WBAI-FM. "It's an alternative to the alternative. It's more grass roots. We're trying to demystify the electronic media. We want the seams to show."

News read on the air comes mainly from local sources and events. They also present the Nicaragua Solidarity Network "Weekly Update." Another source of material is the New Liberation News Service from Cambridge, Massachusetts, an alternative wire service.

One of the greatest inspirations for Radio Free Loisaida has been Black Liberation Radio, a free radio project in Springfield, Illinois. It is run by Mbana Kontako, a legally blind man, from his housing project. He has been harassed by the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) and the local police. Once, during a broadcast on white supremacy, a vigilante fired a .357 caliber bullet through his window, yet he continues to broadcast 24 hours a day on subjects of interest to the black community. His program is available to 70% of the African-American population of Springfield because they are concentrated in the same segregated housing projects.

In 1978, the FCC began requiring that new FM radio stations operate at a minimum of 100 watts. Before then, stations with outputs as low as 10 watts could operate legally. The FCC is authorized to seize illegal transmitters and impose fines of \$750 to \$25,000 and those arrested could face up to five years in prison. Radio Free Loisaida operates at less than one watt, and has so far been ignored by the FCC, along with other low-output transmitters in the city, of which the FCC claims there are "a good half-dozen" operating in New York on a given night.

In the summer of 1987 and the fall of 1988, a so-called "pirate" AM radio station of 5,000 watts twice operated from a specially outfitted fishing vessel off the coast of Long Island for a few days. The ship, named "Sarah", was just outside U.S. territorial waters and was registered in Honduras. In a groundbreaking case, the FCC decided that the broadcasts fell within their jurisdiction and they shut down the station after a highly publicized armed raid on the ship. The FCC did not prosecute those arrested, but their raiders (the real pirates) vandalized \$150,000 worth of broadcasting equipment on the ship.

Radio Free Loisaida has succeeded in transmitting its signal from the Tompkins Square area to as far away as the Brooklyn Bridge. The antenna used is a simple car antenna which is adjusted to the appropriate length for the frequency used. 88.1 FM was chosen because at the low end of the FM band the signal carries farther at a given power. The antenna is best placed at least six stories high. The transmitter and antenna are portable, and Radio Free Loisaida is interested in finding other locations from which to "narrowcast". (If your residence is near the roof of a tall building, they would like to hear from you at the address below.)

Radio Free Loisaida is part of a larger movement in New York, the Low Output Radio Access Project (LORAP), whose goal is to aid others in setting up their own free radio transmitters. It takes about half an hour to build one if you have all the parts, 90% of which can be had at Radio Shack. The other 10% are a bit harder to find but can be purchased from LORAP for about \$2, at a savings of about \$8 due to bulk purchasing. They will be holding a seminar near the end of April (for more information, write to Radio Free Loisaida at the address given below.)

Hammerbrain hopes more local people will get involved by tuning in, mailing in comments, or by coming to the Life Cafe at 5:00 PM on Sunday to meet before the "narrowcast". The programming has evolved as a collective decision. Generally, whoever is interested can be on the air for part of the evening. "We want to emphasize the basic simplicity of the media. If you can tie your shoelace, you can put on a radio show. Your voice is just as worthy as any overpaid white male," Hammerbrain says.

In time, the LORAP project may enable Radio Free Loisaida to trade tapes with a national network of stations. Another exciting possibility would be a periodic, citywide linkup of small transmitters, putting out the same program simultaneously. The local stations could take turns or agree by consensus on the material for the linked broadcast. Such a use of small "repeaters" in broadcasting could bring the performance of grassroots radio close to that of a large, commercial radio station.

"With Radio Free Loisaida, the range is small. You can walk over and get right on the air. You can't do that with any other radio station. You probably don't even know where they're located. They're like an invisible, unreachable force," says Hammerbrain. The potential uses for community radio are virtually unlimited. For example, alerting supporters of squatters threatened with eviction by radio could speed and supplement the Eviction Watch phone tree. Books could be read on the air for listening and for the blind. So stay tuned to Radio Free Loisaida, another voice for the voiceless in New York.

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 THE TRADITIONAL CAPITALIST.

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SHELTER WATCHER

(THE SHADOW'S MAN IN THE SHELTER SYSTEM)

"GOODFELLAS ON THE BOWERY!!"

On a street that during its long career has reflected a large section of artistic America from Stephen Crane to Steve McQueen (a "ticketman" at the old "Muni" in the early fifties), it is indeed disheartening to find that the Bowery, the former "Boulevard of Broken Dreams" has become an area of exploitation for organized crime!

FBI documents examined under the Freedom Of Information Act (FOIA) indicate that in 1985, the property of Frank Bara, pizza oven czar (\$4 million sales in 1991) was used as the site of an organized crime family commission (ruling body) summit, or "sit-down." (Outsiders are never permitted to even know of, much less attend, such events). This may have happened at his main office on the Bowery or around the corner at 24 Prince Street. Bara's ties to the recently-indicted Genovese clan underboss Saverio ("Benny Eggs") Mangano, who had operated out of the now-closed clubhouse at 101 Thompson Street in Soho, have been well-documented.

Pizza ovens, however, are not the sole interest of Mr. Bara as he is a large property owner down there, owning the profitable corner lot on the north side of Bowery and Prince Street. What distinguishes him, however, is his role as slumlord, the "jewel" in his portfolio being the flea bag/fire trap/druggie haven Sunshine Hotel which (again since 1985) has been the beneficiary of an HRA ("Human Resources Administration", which is in charge of the city's shelter system--Ed) contract worth about \$300,000 annually to him. It would seem that this is the centerpiece of a parcel assemblage on the south corner of Bowery and Stanton Street.

Given the above recently acquired information, it is becoming somewhat more clear to local residents as to the reasons for the wall of silence and evasion raised by local community "leaders" and city agencies when requested to inspect this particular location. On this, it might suffice just to relate that:

1). New York's very own "Inspector General," the Department of Investigation, found: "Inspectors/code enforcement to be the group most corruption prone...aggressive corrupt inspectors are believed to make in excess of \$20,000 to \$30,000 a year from graft" (From NYC Department of Investigation's "A preliminary report on corruption in the Department of Buildings"--1974)

2). That in 1988, five supervisors of HPD's ("Department of Housing, Preservation and Development," in charge of managing the city's housing stock--Ed) "In-Rem" program were convicted of taking "kickbacks" in exchange for funneling work to contractors and evading contract bidding regulations (People vs. Donfrío, Index #3293/88, NY County).

3). The \$2 million contract awarded by HPD (Again!) to a firm owned by a "made" (full-fledged) member of the Genovese crime family, Lazzarino Construction (NY Daily News, 6/26/89). The capstone comment on this might be in the 1990 report of New York State's "Organized Crime Task Force": "New York City inspectors do not appear to have a sense of the importance of their work in protecting the city's infrastructure and the public's health, safety and welfare" (Page 116)!!

The law enforcement community has shown that the Genovese organized crime family is the largest and, up to now, the most low-profile of the area's families, traditionally with a strong base in the village/Soho area and as we have recently found, on the Bowery. The recent heavily publicized federal trial and conviction of Gambino crime family head John Gotti with its resulting "power vacuum" now gives them the opportunity to become the sole dominating factor. Concomitantly, it also gives rise to the potential for conflict, with the "fault lines" running right through our community!

The government, fresh from its recent triumph against the "Teflon Don", can now concentrate on the enterprise of the "Eccentric Don" (Vicente Gigante, who is given to walking the streets in bathrobe and slippers) and on their myrmidons and "associates", such as Mr. Bara. Rest assured that a very large part of their investigation will be headed "Municipal Corruption."

KOP WATCH

Well, here we are again!! The local kop scene here seems quiet enough, with the koppers still rousting street peddlers on First and Second Avenue, homeless people along Avenue A, and watching the fence around the park, which is barely standing after Parks Department workers removed the cement foundation--(It could collapse with just enough people pushing it in just the right places!!)

Anyway, it looks like the kops have been preoccupied this month with the presidential election, guarding candidates Bill (Sleazy CIA-Bush co-conspirator) Clinton (See SHADOW #22--Ed) and Jerry Brown, both in town for the New York Primary election. Head kops, fresh from years of confrontations with activists in and around Tompkins Square, and seemingly unaware of any real threats to the candidates, have targeted them for surveillance and harassment when attending Brown and Clinton's rallies. This was most blatantly apparent at Jerry Brown's rally at Washington Square Park on April 2nd, when Chief Hoehl (pronounced ass-"hole?") and Captain Frey assigned a squad of kops to surround a familiar Tompkins Square activist holding a banner, and more to follow and brush against two others in the park, including SHADOW editor Chris Flash.



CAPT. FREY CHIEF HOEHL

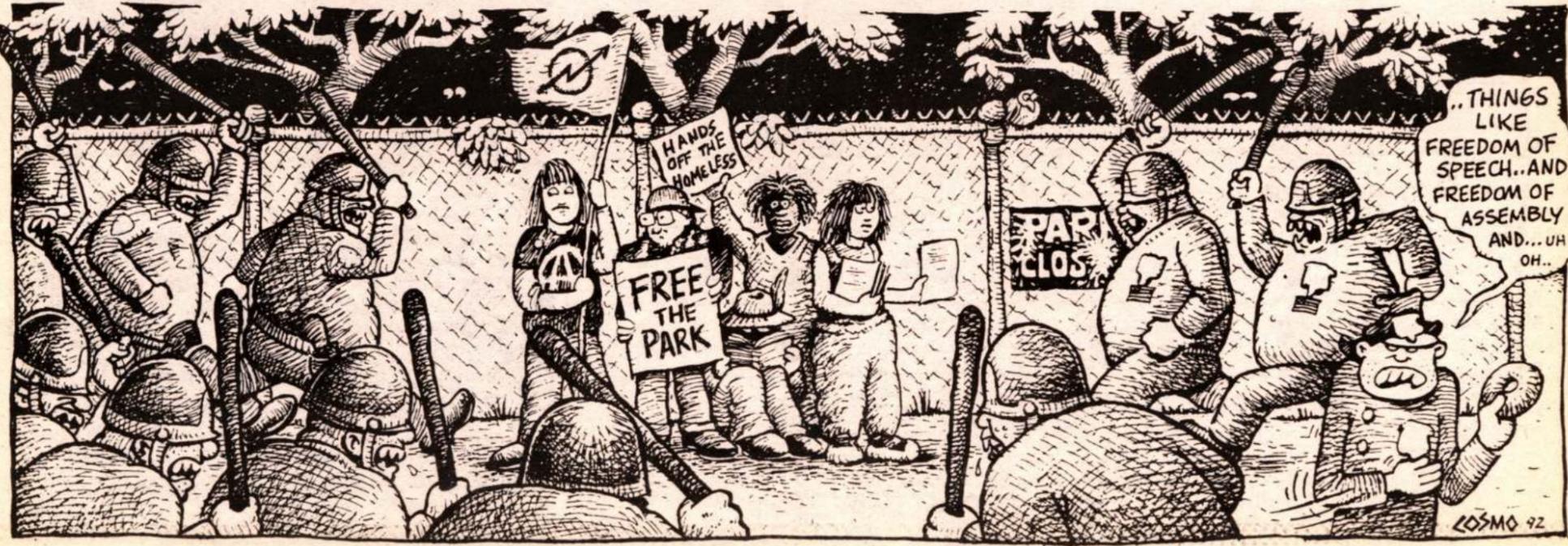
As always, thanks to all of our Kop-Watchers who have been sending us info on the kops. Anyone can be and should be a Kop-Watcher too!! If you have any information, reports, stories, videos, photos, plate numbers, addresses, telephone numbers, and any personal details you'd like to see published and added to our files, please send it all to the SHADOW, P.O. Box 20298, New York, N.Y. 10009, or call us at: (212) 971-9611.



Of course, these plainclothes kops, not seen since the past few skirmishes with kops in Tompkins Square, happily posed for their SHADOW photos, with one asking what was planned for the Democratic convention in July. (Hey--did Macy's tell Gimbel's?)



OOH SAY CAN YOU SEE... OFFICER LACKEY



ANOTHER SHADOW EXPOSE BY BOB FELDMAN:**CATHOLIC CHURCH INCORPORATED:
ORGANIZED RELIGION AND
THE POLITICS OF ILLEGAL
POLITICAL LOBBYING**

"It would be a reasonable assumption that the value of Catholic real estate in New York City could reach \$4 billion... Another index of New York archdiocesan wealth--its stock and bond investments--gained \$56 million in 2 years.... In fact, New York assets as a whole increased in value by about \$800 million since the 1982 report. Total revenues for New York were over \$276 million in 1984...."

--Politics, Power and the Church: The Catholic Crisis And Its Challenge to American Pluralism by Lawrence Lader in 1987.

"Cathedral walls will glitter with their gold
And the sermons speak through silver robes
Build the castles amid the poverty
Say the cannons of Christianity."
--Phil Ochs in 1965

As the court decisions in support of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee policy of excluding Irish Lesbian and Gay Organization (ILGO) members from Manhattan's 1992 St. Patrick's Day Parade indicate, the Catholic Church Incorporated remains a powerful special interest group in the United States today. Because the Catholic Church Inc., along with Orthodox Judaism and Protestant Fundamentalism, lobbies in support of homophobia, forced motherhood, sexual repression and socially conservative politics, the U.S. court system is more willing to sanction the denial of democratic rights for lesbians and gay men.

THE ECONOMIC POWER OF CATHOLIC CHURCH, INC.

Although organized religious institutions like the Catholic Church Inc. often claim to be working to help the poor and to not be concerned about material goods, they still like to accumulate material wealth and power throughout the U.S.--by exploiting the poor and investing in the material world the funds they collect from their appeals from the pulpit. As Politics, Power and The Church: The Catholic Crisis and Its Challenge to American Pluralism by Lawrence Lader noted in 1987:

"The Reverend James A. Nash, executive director of the Massachusetts Council of Churches, set Catholic wealth at \$100 billion in 1979. A few years before, Martin A. Larson and C. Stanley Lowell made a detailed study of the religious tax records in 14 cities. Extrapolating from them, they estimated nationwide Catholic assets at over \$168 billion, Protestant assets at \$71 billion, and Jewish at \$9 billion. Allowing for inflation, Catholic figures may well have reached \$200 billion by 1986, certainly a cut above the \$63 billion held by Exxon, the country's largest industrial corporation."

THE ECONOMIC POWER OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

The Catholic Church Inc.'s material wealth in the U.S. is mainly controlled by Catholic bishops. According to Politics, Power and The Church:

"Most Catholic bishops in the United States take control of all real estate, stocks and assets in their dioceses, and no internal or external check can limit their power. The individual bishop and his aides reign as a one-man corporation."

TAX EXEMPTION AND CATHOLIC CHURCH, INC.

Although the U.S., state, and city governments often take nearly 50% from a working person's paycheck in the form of taxes, organized religious institutions like the Catholic Church, Inc. often are exempt from having to pay any taxes. As Politics, Power and The Church noted:

"Tax exemption is obviously a munificent privilege, allowing religious groups to save hundreds of millions of dollars a year. It is the base from which Catholic wealth and power--and that of all religion--has stemmed."

In exchange for being treated as a tax-exempt, religious organization, it is illegal for the Catholic Church, Inc. to engage in political lobbying. As Politics, Power and The Church observed:

"The funneling of money collected in church into a political campaign, or supporting or attacking political candidates through church newspapers or any facility, is strictly forbidden by the United States Tax Code. Since contributions to all religious organizations are tax-exempt, the law prohibits direct political intervention in return for this exemption which may be worth hundreds of millions of dollars annually to the major faiths."

CATHOLIC CHURCH, INC.'S POLITICAL LOBBYING

Although it is illegal for the Catholic Church, Inc. to lobby in support of homophobia, forced motherhood, sexual repression and its socially conservative political agenda, it has acted as a special interest lobbying group for many years in New York State. After 1921, according to Politics, Power and The Church, "the 'Powerhouse' on Fiftieth Street [St. Patrick's Cathedral], as the archdiocese office came to be dubbed, was the ultimate ruler" and "for decades thereafter, it would be an accepted axiom that no piece of state or city legislation was even worth bringing to a vote until it had been cleared by the Powerhouse."

After abortion rights demands were won by women's liberation groups and their political allies in the early 1970s, the Catholic Church, Inc. reorganized its political lobbying machine. In 1975, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops developed a nationwide "Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities" which "made every diocese and parish a political machine, harnessing every priest, Catholic school, and church-sponsored organization to the passage of legislation outlawing abortion," according to Politics, Power and The Church. The following year, "In a letter on Diocese of Buffalo stationery on September 6 [1976], Bishop Edward D. Head ordered all priests to collect money at masses on November 6 and 7 [1976] that would be turned over to the [New York] State Right to Life Committee (NYSRTL)" and "For James Buckley's re-election race for the United States Senate, NYSRTL raised \$200,000, part of it coming from such church fundraising held in cooperation with the New York State Bishops' Conference," according to Politics, Power and The Church. Another \$44,000 was given to conservative Republican U.S. Senator Buckley's re-election campaign chest by the New York City Diocese. Around this time, the Village Voice concluded that "Secret minutes of more than a half-dozen NYSRTL board meetings, and a three inch stack of internal private documents indicate that NYSRTL, with fundraising assistance from the church, has directly intervened in scores of New York political races, both local and state-wide."

WHO IS CARDINAL "SHADOW" O'CONNOR?

Although Cardinal O'Connor has been quick to use his Catholic Church, Inc. leadership position to define the Irish emigrant members of ILGO as insufficiently Irish to march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, O'Connor's mother was of German ancestry and O'Connor's father was born in the United States--not in Ireland. Although Cardinal O'Connor now claims the right to determine who can march past his cathedral on Manhattan's public street every March 17th, O'Connor is from West Philadelphia--not from New York City. While attending West Catholic High School in Philadelphia during the 1930s, O'Connor "was so frail and small for his age that he was," ironically, "nicknamed 'Shadow,'" according to Politics, Power and The Church.



Cardinal O'Connor comforts the afflicted.

In 1952, Cardinal O'Connor began his military career as a Navy Chaplain during the Korean War and he later had tours of duty on destroyers, submarines, cruisers and with Marine ground forces during the Vietnam War Era. After serving as a Navy Chaplain for 27 years, Rear Admiral O'Connor retired from the Pentagon's Navy in 1979 and rapidly rose in civilian life within the ranks of the Catholic Church, Inc.

CARDINAL O'CONNOR'S CARDINAL KROL CONNECTION

In 1984, Cardinal O'Connor was appointed as New York City's Archbishop because "Pope John Paul II wanted a ruthless hard-liner to force some orthodoxy" on the Catholic Church, Inc. hierarchy, "President Reagan needed a conservative ally in the country's richest diocese" and Philadelphia's Cardinal John Krol "wanted a successor in his right-wing image," according to Politics, Power and The Church. The same book also observed

See CATHOLIC CHURCH On Page 14

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL 10--BISEXUAL NETWORK--Monthly party, 6 PM at the Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 208 West 13th St. Bisexual Bisexual Pride Discussion Group meets at the Center, Wednesday April 12, 3 PM. Bisexual Network: 212-459-4784.

APRIL 14--US-MEXICO FREE TRADE: ECO-IMPACTS--A forum with the EPA. 3:30 PM, 26 Federal Plaza, room 305. EPA: 212-264-1017.

APRIL 15--WOMEN'S ADVOCACY LAW--With legal representatives from the National Organization for Women and the New York Civil Liberties Union Reproductive Rights Project. 6:30 PM. Sliding scale admission - nobody turned away. For location/registration, call Learning Alliance, 212-226-7171.

APRIL 16--DHORUBA BIN WAHAD IN COURT--Help pack the court to show your support for former Black Panther Dhoruba who the state is trying to put back in jail after serving 19 years for a pig shooting frame-up. Come to 100 Center Street, 11th Floor, Judge McQuillan's courtroom, at 9:00 AM. For info, call (718)624-0800.

APRIL 16--ACT-UP DEMO AGAINST THE DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES--Join AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power (ACT-UP) in forcing the democrats to confront real issues with an old-fashioned confrontation!! Call (212)620-7310.

APRIL 19--VEGETARIAN PROPAGANDA SQUADS--Now forming to leaflet the Easter Parade with Pam Teisler's 101 Reasons Why I'm A Vegetarian. Meet 10:30 AM in front of St. Patrick's Cathedral. 212-966-2060.

APRIL 20--EUROCENTRISM RE-EXAMINED--Samir Amin, author of Eurocentrism, critiques Eurocentric left politics and proposes alternatives. 8 PM at Brecht Forum, 79 Leonard St. between Broadway & Church. 212-941-0332.

APRIL 22--EARTH DAY CELEBRATION--Traffic closed all day along 42nd Street, east to west, free bus service too.

APRIL 23--THE JFK ASSASSINATION: GETTING ACTIVE FOR THE TRUTH--What we can do toward an honest investigation of the assassination. Discussion featuring authors John Davis (Mafia Kingfish: Carlos Marcello and the Assassination of JFK), Phil Melanson (Spy Saga), Carl Ogelsby (Who Killed JFK). Moderated by WBAI-FM host Dave Mendelsohn. \$7.00 sliding scale, no one turned away. 7:00PM. For info, call the Learning Alliance at: (212)226-7171.

MAY 2--19TH ANNUAL FIFTH AVE POT PARADE!! This is the big one!! HIGH NOON rally and concert under the arch in Washington Square Park, march begins at 2:00. Plenty of free pot for all!! Sponsored by the New York Grassroots Cannabis Coalition, which includes the SHADOW and High Times Magazine. For info, call (212)533-8308 or 387-0756.

MAY 29-31--VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR: 25TH ANNIVERSARY--Weekend program includes memorial service, rally and concert featuring Country Joe McDonald. For more details, call (718)788-2009. **NOTE: This is the genuine VVAW, not associated with VVAW-AI, which is a Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP) front!!**

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FUCK THE DEMOCRATS!! Preparations are now being made for converging on the Democratic National Convention to be held in New York City this summer. If you are interested in joining the effort, write or call the SHADOW and we will forward your info to the planning committees involved. (Of course, we also encourage independent action groups!!)

WOMEN: HAVE YOU BEEN SEXUALLY HARRASSED BY THE POLICE?--If so, please report it to the Ad-Hoc Committee Against Sexual Harrassment By Police, at 151 First Ave. #101. New York. N.Y. 10003.

ASSASSINATION RESEARCHERS: The new Committee to Investigate Assassinations (CIA) has been formed in New York City to collect and exchange data and research, investigate, interview witnesses, and more. If you would like to get involved, trade materials, please contact the CIA through the SHADOW (until we get our own address and phone number.) For a list of available assassination-related items in our archives, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope.

RADICAL WOMEN, an international socialist feminist organization, presents feminist events and discussions on a regular basis, and an anti-war coffee house on Friday nights, 7:00-10:00, for free or low cost. For info, write to Radical Women at: 32 Union Sq. East, NYC, 10003, or call (212)677-7002, or 491-5163.

RECYCLABLES NOW BEING COLLECTED--At the new recycling center in the lot at 211 East 7th Street, between Avenues B + C. Please separate plastics and metal.

HOUSING NOW! HOTLINE--For up to date news on housing events, legislation, and actions. Call (212)316-7544.

RADIO UNNAMEABLE--Activist talk radio show with host Bob Fass, dealing with issues that no one else does. On WBAI Radio, 99.5 FM, Fridays 1:30-3:30AM and Saturdays 11:00PM-1:00AM. Call (212)279-3400.

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.

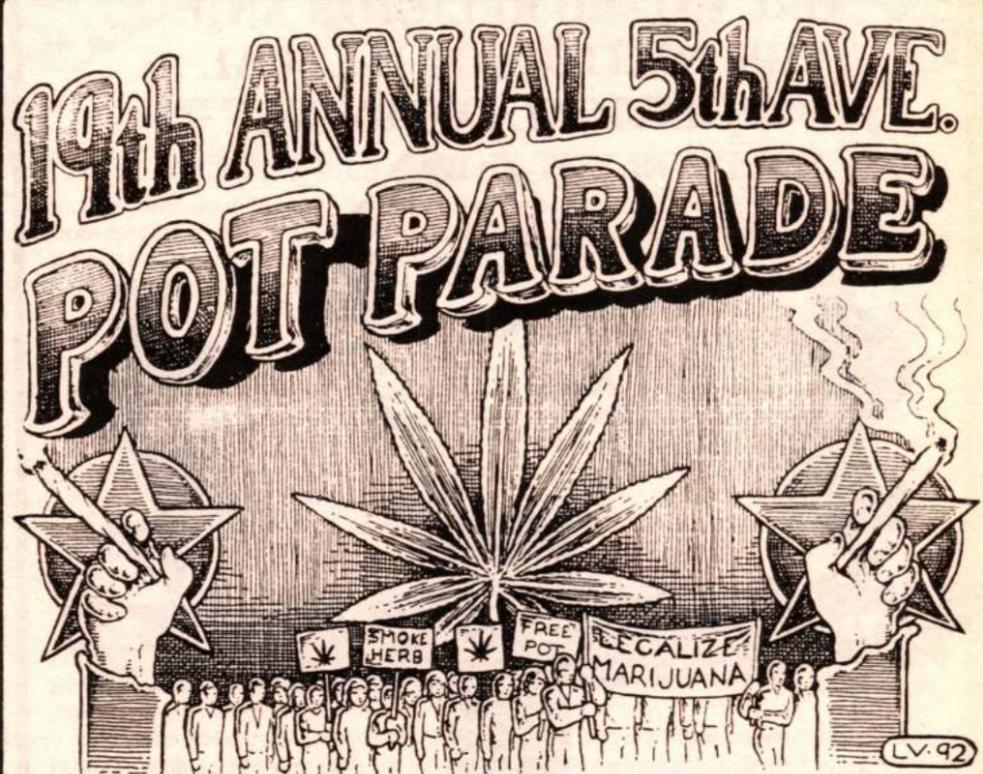
TRANS-SPECIES UNLIMITED Animal rights group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Sacred Heart Church, 457 West 51st St. at 7:00PM.

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

ABC NO RIO COMMUNITY SPACE--Open to groups for performance, meetings, info center, etc. Write to at 156 Rivington St., New York, N.Y. 10002, or call (212)254-3697.

UNDERGROUND PRESS REVIEWS--On WBAI Radio (99.5FM), the first and third Monday of every month at 11:45PM, with resident Anarchist Peter Lamborn Wilson.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANY EVENTS OR HAVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS, PLEASE SEND ALL INFO TO THE SHADOW, P.O. BOX 20298, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10009, OR CALL US AT: (212)971-9611.



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Washington Sq. Pk. Noon → 2:30
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 Rain Date Saturday, May 9th

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(20 cents per word, no minimum or maximum)

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QUIET, CONSIDERATE ANTI-AUTHORITARIAN, 27, seeks room for summer. Can pay \$300/month; references available. Ted Sorgo, 1427 West Lunt, Chicago, IL 60626-2810. (914)357-4030 (leave message) or (312)262-6916.

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QUIET GENTLEMAN, descent Northern Irish, teetotaler, age sixty, ex-squatter with "RAGE-ON!", looking for shared living space on Lower East Side ever since 1950. Able to afford only \$152.40 monthly without extras this year. Please contact R. Redding at through the SHADOW. Thank you!

FREE! "REVENGE OF THE SQUIRRELS" STICKER! Send postage stamp to: Occupant, Subversive Squirrels, P.O.Box 20157, Tompkins Square, NY 10009

WANTED--Performance spaces to hold benefits for local community groups. Can give part of door money as fee. Contact Chris Flash through the SHADOW.

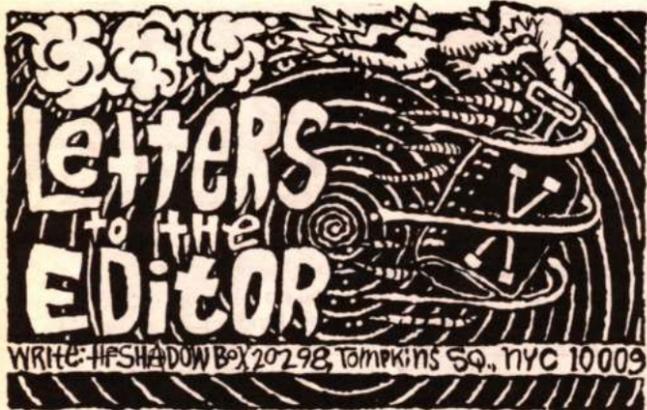
WANTED--Any and all information, books, videos, tapes, etc, on assassination conspiracies involving JFK, RFK, M.L.King, and those connected (witnesses, co-conspirators, etc). Can trade something in our archives. Please contact Chris Flash through the SHADOW.

GET YOUR MESSAGE OUT TO THE RIGHT PEOPLE--RUN YOUR AD OR MESSAGE IN THE SHADOW--We'll print just about any ad!!

Fight lyonnaise?

LYON, France (AP) -- Thirteen people were arrested Saturday night and early yesterday following a clash with squatters protesting planned evictions. Eight policemen were reported injured.





RAKOWITZ MURDER CASE SMELLS

Dear Nashua,
Clearly, there is something fishy about Rakowitz and the murder of Monika Beerle. (See SHADOW #22--Ed.) Rakowitz had 14 weeks training to be a military policeman. Yet, how is this possible when they have files on him showing him unfit for the Army! Do you mean to tell me that such a person with a long record as a nut case is going to get special military training, just like that, without reason? And what about his showing up in different parts of the country? Just what was he doing there and how did he pay for his travel and keep?
Is it possible that he's part of a mind control operation by the U.S. government? Remember what was done with LSD in the book "Acid Dreams" and with mind control in "The Control Of Candy Jones", and other books and articles. The local police may be a part of this, but they may also be in the dark, given false leads and lied to by the government. I know this letter may seem a little too nuts even for you, but I would put nothing past what the government would do to keep people in their place.
David, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear SHADOW,

As this historic year unfolds, Amerikkka celebrates 500 years of genocide, slavery, oppression and imperialism, while at the same time declaring a "New World Order" that will allow no challengers. Locally, Lower East Side City Councilmember Antonio Pagan serves as the New World Order's mouthpiece, calling for one year moratorium on permits for events in Tompkins Square Park (TSP). This blatant attempt to outlaw domestic challengers was made clear by Pagan and his cohorts, City Council President Andrew Stein, State Senator Martin Connor, and Assemblymen Sheldon Silver and Steven Sanders, who cited four years of militant resistance to gentrification and police terror as their reason for the ban.

The century-old tradition of class struggle in Tompkins Square burst into the headlines on August 7, 1988, when local reactionaries led by Pagan tried to impose a curfew. The police riot that followed kicked off an ongoing uprising.

In 1988, our warnings that the U.S. was moving toward an open police state and mass genocide were called extreme. We alone called out the system's only solution to poverty--interning and killing off the poor. Now it is widely known that city shelters are death camps set up to spread tuberculosis and AIDS, while city-owned abandoned buildings are turned over to real estate developers such as Antonio Pagan & Company.

In 1992, blatant NAZI David Duke is running for president against closet Nazi Patrick Buchanan and ex-CIA director George Bush, with full complicity from the Democrats. Race war threatens to break out in the urban centers, due to the economic noose tightening around all our necks. The only real opposition to these fascist trends will come from class conscious communities and movements through active resistance such as squatting the abandoned buildings.

The Lower East Side stood alone in rejecting the fascist "not-in-my-backyard" mentality sweeping the country. Tompkins Square's TENT CITY became a world-renowned example of fighting City Hall...and winning. This ban is a desperate attempt to do what the cops and courts could not. We must organize to smash the curfew again and defy the police state ban on public assembly!!
"FREE TOMPKINS SQUARE PARK"

SPEAKOUT/DEMO:
MARCH 15, 2:00PM, CORNER 7TH ST + AVENUE A
John Squat, NYC

Dear SHADOW,

There are several squats in Santa Cruz and hundreds of people living in the woods around our local university and downtown. One of my favorite actions was a land recovery of a lot which the city has been dragging their feet on building low-income housing. About 100 homeless people took it over and put up tents, occupying the land for a month before the police kicked them all out. Santa Cruz activists have been brewing over anti-homeless legislation for many years. There is a camping ordinance which outlaws sleeping in your backyard on warm summer nights so the landlords can get rich off everyone who wishes to evade unjust rents by camping outside. The homeless are constantly being harrassed by this law.

When the police arrest the homeless here, they often confiscate the person's sleeping bag, claiming they need it for "evidence" in a trial that is 45 days away. In order to keep the homeless out of the business district they have taken out all of the benches and trees and put in planters, for which they made another ordinance against sitting on the planters. What a fascist, stinking, petty government we have!

About a year ago, there was a card table in front of the post office 24 hours a day that homeless people could leave their stuff at, food and clothing donations could be dropped off, and from which political literature was handed out. This effort was staffed by the homeless day in and day out until the police confiscated the table, claiming that it was illegal, and once again saying they needed it for evidence. The homeless rallied another card table, which was again confiscated. They then made a wooden table out of scrap, which predictably went the way of its predecessors. They went through about ten tables before they started making 400 pound heavy duty tables out of 2x8 planks filled with cement. Those lasted a little bit longer and were very satisfying to watch as the police huffed and puffed, trying to fit them under their rear hoods, failing and being forced to get trucks to take them. I think the last one that got carted away was an 800 pounder which scraped the rear end of the police van on the pavement as it was slowly carried off to a hero's burial at the city dump.
Anders Corr, Santa Cruz, Calif.

Dear SHADOW,

Commenting on ejection of homeless people from Grand Central Station, Sgt. Henry says (N.Y.Times 3/17/92): "In Buddhism, as one approaches enlightenment, one of the stages you go through is to be compassionate." But why is there so much compassion for warehousing landlords? Why are they not likewise coaxed or ejected from empty apartments by enlightened police-Buddhas who eject homeless from Grand Central?
Sidney Simon, NYC

Dear SHADOW,

We have just started the North Jersey Anarchist Federation and within 2 months of postering (around 100 posters before we were arrested for it), we have come in contact with people in the area interested. Most are over 20 and from the poor sections of Paterson. They are all new to anarchism and are just starting to understand it. We have also set up a neighborhood CopWatch so people could write to us about negative police incidents which we will print in our newsletter and distribute for free. People in the area are fed up with the state and poor social conditions and until now they've had no way to express their anger in a positive way.
NJAF, New Jersey

Dear SHADOW,

After testifying before the Senate Armed Services Committee on the need to maintain American military readiness, Gen. Powell showed a "videotaped interview of soldiers at Fort Bragg, N.C. lamenting their uncertain futures." (N.Y.Times 3/21/92)
During the Gulf War, soldiers in Saudi Arabia erected tent cities while police in Tompkins Square Park destroyed them.
The Gulf War was fought to train troops in the art of building tent cities so that they might then apply their crash course skills from Tent Cities 101 to help house America's homeless.
Soldiers and homeless people would then live side by side in tent cities and jointly lament their uncertain futures.
J. Arthur Pretzelberger, NYC

PRISONER MAIL

Howdy Honey,

My operation was a complete success, although it took seven months of pissing blood to get me to the hospital. It looks like I have good grounds to sue the shit out of them. I get moved around more times than you can count. I am now in the bing (solidarity confinement--Ed.), or the jail's jail, out on Riker's Island.

There has been more blood in my urine, and since I have only one kidney left, it could be real trouble. There is an appeal about my high bail, and the trial is to start on the 17th of April.

I am to be moved again to medical isolation for not getting another chest x-ray. I have had about 20 of them, but they keep fucking up the paperwork.

Pope Mickey Cezar #349-91-11445
HDM, 1414 Hazen Street
East Elmhurst, N.Y. 11370



The Pope has been held on excessively high bail for almost a year in various jails since his arrests last year for running the Church of Realized Fantasies, which uses marijuana as its holy sacrament. Please write, send goodies and show your support!!
Chris Flash, Editor

Greetings:

I'm really concerned with the way the state is building prisons and what places of torture they are turning into. Are you aware of the new one being built in Colorado to replace Marion? A real electronic monster.

I recall a time when I was doing time, we had a prison publication and we sold subs and did quite well and built a fund for protection; when some of our brothers got brutalized by the goon squad on max we hired our "goon squad" on the streets to avenge this uncivilized act, we considered our action as a necessary evil. It worked very well and kept the vicious types in check.

The dogs that brutalize helpless prisoners physically and psychologically need to be punished and there should be a group that looks out for its people in the pits of justice--I would if I was out there.

J.J.

Dear SHADOW,

I'm enclosing some government propoganda that shows what us federal prisoners do in this gulag. (A booklet from the Federal Bureau of Prisons describing "UNICOR", a Federal Prison Industries, Inc. project using prisoner labor that produced materials used for the Persian Gulf War--Ed.)

Being exploited by a fascist government into producing military hardware for the military/industrial complex is nothing new--Nazi Germany, Stalin Russia, and Red China had the idea first. However, I believe even Joseph Goebbels would've openly wept at the brilliant way the U.S. made its "slave laborers" into the "unsung heroes of the Gulf War." This blatant attempt to make "criminals" into "heroes" is just another example of Orwellian Newspeak. there is something unhealthy about a private government corporation (UNICOR) making obscene profits off cheap inmate labor by selling their "products" to the military while protected by the government. Not mentioned [in the booklet] is the 80 factories--UNICOR's motto is "factories within fences"--spread out over the gulag archipelago and also the purely offensive products we're making. I'm currently assembling electronic cables for missiles and for the M-1 Abrams Tank.

This has gone on for a long time and I think someone ought to look into it, especially since the "War On Drugs" supplied a lot of fresh "labor" to assist in the "War In The Gulf." Do you see a trend here?

Dan

For this prisoner's safety, we're not printing his name and address. He requests that we refer his name to anyone interested in investigating this further, so please write him in care of the SHADOW.

Chris Flash, Editor

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<p>THE HANDY TWISTED IMAGE ELECTION GUIDE RATES THE CANDIDATES ON A SCALE OF 10 (EXCELLENT) TO 0 (GUT-WRENCHING) CLIP AND TAKE WITH YOU TO THE POLLS!!</p>	<p>PAT BUCHANAN: THIS GUY SUPPORTED REAGAN FOR 8 YEARS WHILE OLE' RON WAS GRINDING THE COUNTRY INTO THE DIRT, AND NOW HE'S GONNA LEAD US OUT OF THE DARKNESS??</p> <p>RATING: 0</p>	<p>DAVID DUKE: THERE'S A BIG DIFFERENCE WITH BEING FOR YOUR OWN RACE AND BEING AGAINST OTHER PEOPLE'S RACES... WITH MR. DUKE THAT DIFFERENCE IS FAIRLY OBVIOUS.</p> <p>RATING: 0</p>	<p>BILL CLINTON: WHAT CAN YOU SAY ABOUT A POLITICIAN WHO STANDS FOR SO LITTLE THAT THE ONLY THING WORTH WRITING ABOUT IS WHETHER HE'S BEDDING SOME BLONDE.</p> <p>RATING: 0</p>	<p>PAUL TSONGAS: WHAT CAN YOU SAY ABOUT A POLITICIAN WHO'S SO DULL THAT THE ONLY THING WORTH WRITING ABOUT IS HOW DULL HE IS.</p> <p>RATING: 0</p>	<p>GEORGE BUSH: OH LORD!! OH PLEASE!! GOD HELP US... "groan"... erg...</p> <p>RATING: 0</p>	<p>JERRY BROWN: I ACTUALLY LIKE THIS GUY SO HE MUST BE A FLAKE WITH A SNOWBALL'S CHANCE IN HELL OF BEING ELECTED!!</p> <p>RATING: 0</p>
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Cop held for drug sale on L East Side

An off-duty cop was arrested on the Lower East Side last night for allegedly selling cocaine to a police informant.

Officer Allan Brown was picked up at Houston St. near the East River Drive about 7 p.m. by internal affairs cops.

Brown, 32, was carrying an ounce to an ounce and a half of the drug, police said. He had been under investigation for two months.

The officer, an 11-year veteran, who lives on Staten Island, is assigned to the St. George station-house.

He was suspended without pay.

CONFESSIONS OF AN ANIMAL TORTURER

I got my job at New York Medical School early in 1987. Shortly thereafter, I pulled Rat Duty.

The prospect of doing this job sent chills up my spine. Nobody had informed me that experimenting on animals was part of this lab technician gig. I had worked as a chemical lab technician for a number of years before taking this medical research job. There, I had molested only my own body, breathing nitric acid fumes and asbestos particles 8 hours each day. All lab techs wreck their own health on the job. This kind of work involves direct physical contact with the unknown world that scientists theorize about. The scientist draws molecular models of the new chemical and the lab tech, as it were, burns his fingers on it. Most people who do this kind of work get disgusted with it fairly quickly. They either go to school to become actual scientists or get out of the field altogether. I am one of those perverse old lab techs who has always derived some sort of macho pride from being on the front lines. I would show squeamish people the black marks on my hands which came from contact with silver nitrate and laugh at their reactions. They would wear off soon enough, I would say coldbloodedly, and think about the little fibers of asbestos floating all over my lab, which would nestle in one's lungs and never wear away. A technician is always a guinea pig.

The experiments that my boss wanted me to do with the rats had something to do with AIDS. Not with the AIDS virus itself, that is, but with *Pneumocystis carinii* pneumonia, a disease which in those days killed 60% of all patients listed as having died of AIDS. *Pneumocystis carinii* is a kind of primeval organism which is neither fungus nor protozoan but probably related to the common ancestor of both. It lives in the lungs of virtually all animals in a dormant form, but the immune system keeps it in check. When the immune system fucks up, *Pneumocystis carinii* starts growing actively and causes a deadly form of pneumonia. The first time anybody had ever seen this germ was in the lungs of starving displaced persons during World War I. Nowadays, it is mostly seen in people sick with AIDS. It is what they call an "opportunistic infection": it infects when it gets the opportunity, and it gets that opportunity when AIDS ravages the immune system.

What we were going to do to the rats was inject them with a lot of cortisone. The cortisone would blow out their immune systems and leave them open to the ravages of *Pneumocystis carinii*. When they got good and sick, we would take the rats' lungs out, grind them up and extract the PC (no joke, that's what those intimate with the germ call it). The PC would then be studied for biochemical processes which might give clues about new drugs to cure PC pneumonia. It was cold blooded murder by slow torture, and it was in the interest of curing AIDS.

I approached the job with a queasy feeling, but not with any hard and fast moral qualms. It seemed cruel and disgusting, but also necessary. By finding new drugs to cure *Pneumocystis carinii*, we could prolong the lives of people who had AIDS. Some of them would perhaps live long enough to see a cure for the virus itself. I ordered the rats from a place upstate which sold animals for research. These were white rats especially bred for experiments. Somebody many years ago took a couple of albino rats and mated them, then mated off their offspring to one another, and kept inbreeding the creatures until a strain of rats was created all of whose members had almost the same genes. Free of genetic variables, these animals provide a standardized victim for disease. The same company also sold rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, and other small animals similarly standardized for research. No monkeys or dogs or cats, at least as far as I knew. The rats arrived a few days later in a cardboard carton reinforced with wire and outfitted with a crude system to provide the animals with water. The rats were completely in the dark during their journey. There were twelve of them in the carton. They had an unreal appearance--no familiar animal has pure white fur and pink eyes. Their albinism and lack of individuality helped assuage my apprehension--it might not be so bad to murder an artificial animal.

I put the rats in their cages, three to a cage. They were all males, we had ordered them that way. We didn't want them fucking and making babies and introducing new variables into the experiments. The rats had to be fed an antibiotic called tetracycline to keep them from being killed by bacteria before the *Pneumocystis* got to them. I had spent the week devising a system for administering the tetracycline with their water. We did it with syphon tubes connected to overhead bottles containing the piss-yellow tetracycline solutions. We filled their food hoppers with Purina Rat Chow. All according to the laws of New York State regarding the treatment of laboratory animals. The law guarantees each animal a certain number of square centimeters of cage space. There is no such law regarding the housing of human beings, not even those suffering from AIDS. It seemed more humane than rats deserved. The normal brown and gray cousins of these sorry creatures, after all, eat up people's food and bite babies. So my thinking went on that afternoon in the cinderblock animal room on the top floor of the dreary laboratory building where I worked.

I went back to work in the laboratory downstairs and forgot about the rats. Most of my work consisted of growing malaria parasites in little Petri dishes full of human blood and serum. These were the raw material for another whole series of experiments which my boss, a professor of parasitology, was involved with. He had previously studied the whip-tailed parasites which cause African sleeping sickness. My boss was an old Columbia University radical who had devoted his professional life to studying Third World scourges which received little funding from the big research foundations. The *Pneumocystis* thing was his first attempt to tap into a well-funded area of investigation. The institutions which dole out grant money determine the broad priorities of academic medical research. These institutions are run by elderly established scientists who are said to have the knowledge and experience to judge these priorities wisely. They pay the piper, and they call the tune. It is these graybeards, ultimately, who decide whether what a scientist or a technician is doing is "useful". As it happened, the AIDS section of the National Institutes of Health was offering a certain amount of money for *Pneumocystis* research, and my boss was trying to get some of it.

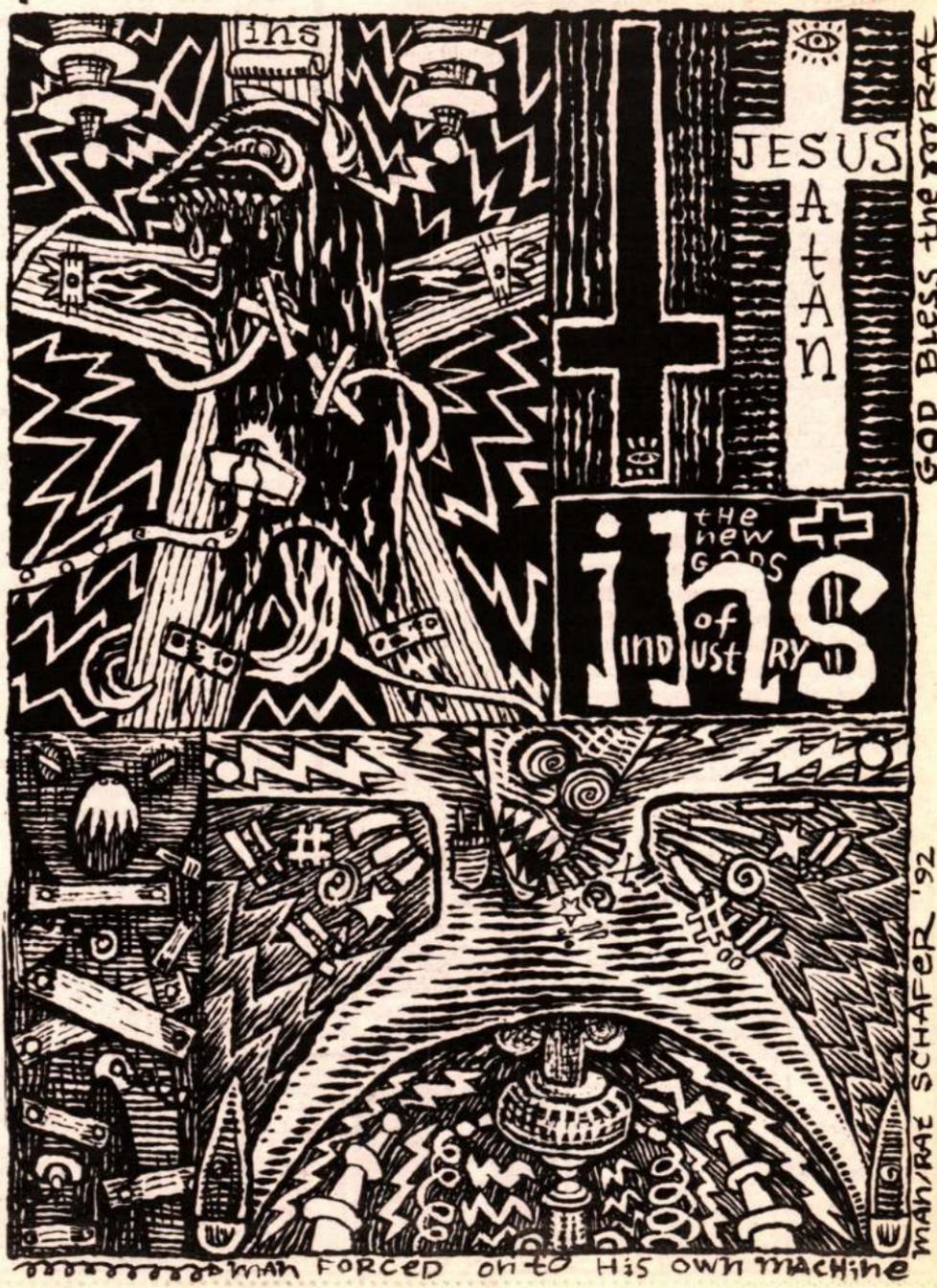
The next day, the rats had to be injected with cortisone. Cortisone is a white powder which does not dissolve in water. I had to take the stuff and suspend it in saline solution before each injection by shaking it violently, then immediately sucking it up in a hypodermic syringe. The thin needles which I tried first were hopelessly clogged by the viscous suspension. I had to use a broader needle, which would have the same effect as stabbing a human being with a bayonet. I took the first rat out of its cage and put it on the table in the center of the room. This table was especially designed for doing nasty things to animals, and it had a patina of hard rubber to make it easier to wipe up the shit and piss. I coaxed the rat's head into a thing called an "injection cone" which is a plastic bag shaped like a cone, one end of which has a much larger opening than the other. The rat walked right in until its nose was wedged into the small end of the cone. I picked up the syringe, which had already been filled with the requisite amount of cortisone, pinched an inch of flesh on the side of the cowering animal and pushed the needle in. It was the

first time I had ever administered an injection to a living creature. The rat squealed piteously causing me to pull the needle out without pushing the plunger. If the experiment was going to succeed, I'd have to grit my teeth and do it the right way. I pinched the rat again and stuck the needle in, my hand shaking furiously. I injected the cortisone, and the rat emitted a horrible eee-eee-eee whine as the drug went in, which sounded like something an injured dog would utter. I was suddenly conscious of the pain I was causing. The rat was an artificial animal but it felt real pain. Scientists often say that you can't attribute human traits to animals, but there was no mistaking that sound. I went on and injected nine of the rats, and all nine of them made that same whimpering noise. I would hear it in my sleep that night. Three lucky rats were chosen randomly as controls. They didn't get injected.

Back downstairs I asked the boss if the rats could be knocked out with an anaesthetic before I injected them. He said that this would introduce another variable into the experiment, and that he didn't want me to do it. Besides, anaesthetic like ether were expensive and dangerous to handle, and the injections would take five times as long if I knocked the rats out. Did I want to breathe all that ether, he asked? I wondered if I was just following orders like some kind of Nazi. Would a really humane person do this, AIDS and the glories of science notwithstanding? I had once read about a different kind of experiment that a psychologist named Milgram did, where he sat an unsuspecting citizen at a fake control panel attached to a box where one of his students was sitting out of sight. The patsy at the control panel was told that this was an experiment designed to test the ability of the guy in the box to withstand pain. He was ordered to turn a knob that supposedly administered stronger and stronger electric shocks to the person in the box. All the knob actually did was light up a light in the box, and the student would scream louder every time the light went on. But Milgram would keep telling the person at the control panel to turn the knob up higher, and the student would keep on screaming louder and louder. It was the person at the control panel who was really the one being tested. Milgram did this with a hundred or so people and--guess what--only about twenty percent ever refused to turn the knob, even when the student was making noises like he was dying. Was I one of the other eighty percent? But, again, we're not talking about people here, we're talking about rats--a species which, at its best, is an enemy of our own. We eat animals which are more intelligent and admirable than rats, for Chrissakes. And so went the arguments back and forth. In general, I figured that in such a morally ambiguous situation it would be better to err on the side of keeping my job.

The experiment went on. The rats stopped whining when they were being injected--it was almost as if they were getting used to the ordeal. The animals did little to win my respect. They never tried to defend themselves when my gauntleted hand reached into the cage to grab them. They would all simply run to the back of the narrow cage and cower together there until I grabbed one by the tail and pulled him out for the injection. The rats would invariably crawl right into the injection cone when their heads were nudged into it. It was obvious that these pink-eyed creatures lacked all of the self-preserved instincts that rats are famous for. It had been bred out of them. The action of the cortisone was becoming evident by the second week of the treatments. The

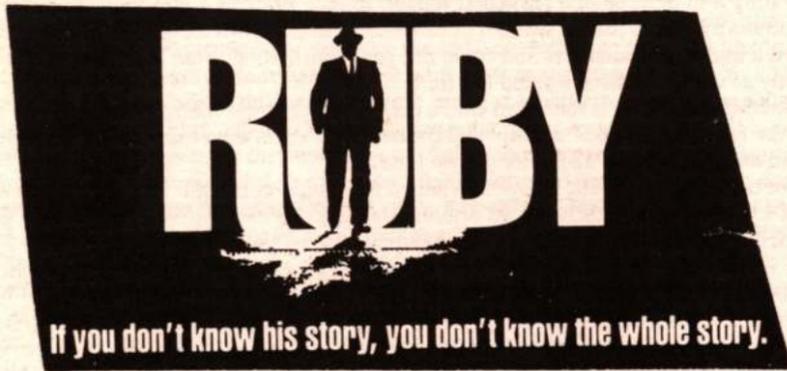
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FILM REVIEW

SHEDDING LIGHT OR MUDDYING THE WATER?

By Bill Weinberg



The nation has been electrified by *JFK*, Oliver Stone's portrayal of the complex web of intrigue surrounding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in November 1963. The film has reopened the controversy, and is having a quantifiable effect on the political process. There has even been talk of having classified evidence concerning the JFK killing, hidden from public view until 2039 by a 1965 Lyndon Johnson presidential order, brought to light by Congressional action.

But in order to pack maximum punch, *JFK* sometimes played a little loose with the facts. For instance, a fictional meeting was created between Jim Garrison, the crusading New Orleans district attorney who launched an investigation of various figures in his city who seemed to be linked to the assassination, and Col. Fletcher Prouty, the high-level military intelligence official who claims to have dirt implicating the Pentagon in the plot. More seriously, the film oversimplified political reality, portraying Kennedy as an idealistic dove struggling to keep America out of the Vietnam quagmire. The historical verdict is not yet in on whether JFK had in fact turned against the war -- although more and more evidence is piling up that he had. But *JFK* took the easy way out by completely overlooking the fact that JFK had been elected as a Cold War hawk, defeating Richard Nixon in the 1960 presidential race by wimp-baiting him and pledging to close the imaginary "missile gap" which had allegedly opened under the previous Republican administration of Dwight Eisenhower.

As historians wince, it is up to activists to decide whether the taking of such liberties is justified by the creation of an effective piece of propaganda which will have the desired political impact. Now along comes *Ruby*, produced by John MacKenzie, starring Danny Aiello of *Do The Right Thing* fame in the title role, and released by a Polygram division named, with refreshing blatancy, Propaganda Films.

Ruby is, of course, about Jack Ruby, the mafia-connected Dallas strip-joint owner who killed JFK's alleged assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, and the flick's grab-line is: "If you don't know his story, you don't know the whole story." That's true enough. The problem is that you aren't going to know Ruby's story after seeing this movie. *Ruby* is an entertaining thriller, but it is strictly "Hollywood History."

"Hollywood History" is the contemporary version of the process by which real history became romantic mythology in ancient times, with each generation adding some fantastic new twist to the story. *Ruby* blends fact and fiction, creates composite characters, and conflates historical events in a way seemingly designed to send serious researchers climbing the walls in apoplectic fits. *Ruby*'s researchers obviously spent a lot of time in the library, and the movie may even be trying to make a serious point, but it plays so loose with the facts that it risks discrediting the very point it is trying to make -- to a far greater extent than *JFK*.

If *Ruby* really is trying to make a serious point, it concerns the role of the mafia in the JFK assassination. For years the milieu of JFK assassination conspiracy theorists could be roughly broken into two camps -- one maintaining that "the CIA did it," and one maintaining that "the mafia did it." Jim Garrison remains today an important figure in the first camp, dismissing the possibility of a significant mafia role in the hit. A key exponent of the rival camp is David Scheim, who, in his book *Contract On America: The Mafia Murder of President John F. Kennedy*, accuses Garrison of covering up the mafia role because of his "loyalty" to New Orleans mafia boss Carlos Marcello.

What both of these camps fail to recognize is that the CIA and the mafia were working hand-in-glove in the era of the early 1960s. A high-level alliance between the intelligence community and organized crime had been forged by the victory of the Cuban revolution in 1959. As Fidel Castro deviated from the US orbit and turned to Moscow for political support, he also cracked down on the sprawling mafia operations in Havana. Havana mafia boss Santos Trafficante was imprisoned, and the casinos and drug-running operations were relocated to Miami. It was there that the mob and right-wing Cuban Ruby had helped smuggle arms to Fidel Castro when the mafia was playing both sides in Fidel's guerilla insurgency against the Fulgencio Batista dictatorship in the late 1950's. Later, Ruby got involved in gun-running to the anti-Castro terrorists after Fidel betrayed the Havana mob.

It is true that Ruby visited Santos Trafficante in prison in Havana, and the movie seizes upon numerous reports from Dallas underworld figures that Ruby was responsible for springing the aging mobster, using his gun-running connections to provide Fidel with a pay-off of weaponry. Trafficante subsequently became the crime boss of Miami. But the film adds lots of intrigue into the Havana sequences for which there seems to be little historical evidence.

The movie also creates fictional sequences based on the fact that FBI agents were trying to recruit Ruby as an informant, and that Ruby had purchased bugging devices -- probably to snoop on his mafia masters. But the fictional Las Vegas sequence, which places a bugged Ruby at the same dinner table as a nationwide assemblage of mafia bosses (while JFK and his entourage sit at another table in the same room!) is hardly believable. *Ruby* portrays Ruby as being groomed to become the crime boss of Dallas -- in reality, those shoes were already filled by Joseph Civello. While Ruby and Civello undoubtedly knew each other, the movie conflates them into the same character.

That's not all. In addition to "being" Civello, MacKenzie's Ruby "is" also John Roselli, the Chicago mafia hitman who was recruited by the CIA to off Fidel. According to a 1975 probe by the Senate Intelligence Committee into CIA misdeeds sparked by the Watergate scandal, the CIA appointed one Robert Maheu, a former FBI agent and an aide to reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes, to arrange the Castro assassination, and Maheu, in turn, sought out Roselli. At a September 1960 meeting in Miami, Roselli

reportedly introduced Maheu to Santos Trafficante and Sam Giancana, on whom he intended to rely for support in the rub-out. MacKenzie transforms Maheu into the enigmatic spook "Maxwell," much as Stone transforms Fletcher Prouty into "X."

Like Ferrie, many of these figures died mysteriously. In August 1976, just as interest in CIA complicity in the Kennedy assassination was emerging following Watergate, Roselli's mutilated body was found floating in an oil drum off Miami. He had recently testified in a secret session before the Senate Intelligence Committee. Sam Giancana was shot to death in his Chicago home by an unknown assailant in 1975.

Exiles were recruited by the CIA in a long, bitter and unsuccessful campaign to destabilize the Castro regime. While *Ruby* deals mostly with the mafia end of things, it is to the film's credit that it portrays the mafia conspiracies as interlocking with CIA conspiracies.

JFK's falling out with the CIA seems to have begun with the failed Bay of Pigs invasion, in which a CIA-organized private army of right-wing Cuban exiles was crushed by Fidel's army upon landing on the island. Kennedy's falling out with the mafia (with whom he had been notorious for schmoozing) seems to have started at around the same time. On April 4, 1961, a mere two weeks before the Bay of Pigs fiasco, the Justice Department, headed by Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, the president's kid brother, had Carlos Marcello summarily deported -- abducted by federal agents on the streets of New Orleans and placed on a plane to Guatemala without allowing him so much as a phone call to a lawyer. This was the opening salvo in a Kennedy Justice Department campaign against organized crime. Two months later, Marcello flew back to the US in a private plane to launch a legal battle against his deportation. His pilot was reportedly David Ferrie, who was deeply involved in gun-running for Cuban right-wing exile groups, and who would be investigated by Garrison three years later. Ferrie's mysterious suicide in the midst of the Garrison investigation has raised many eyebrows -- including those of Oliver Stone, of course.

Jack Ruby also dabbled in the worlds of both organized crime and right-wing Cubans. He worked his way up through the machine of Chicago's mafia boss Sam Giancana, then moved to Dallas to open his Carousel Club as the New York/Chicago mafia started to eye the South for expansion. *Ruby* accurately depicts the Carousel Club as a place where the Dallas police department and the Dallas mafia establishment could mingle and wheel and deal. The movie also accurately depicts the club as a link in the arms-running network.

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CATHOLIC CHURCH....

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that "Krol's manipulation of the appointment of John J. O'Connor, then an unknown Pennsylvania bishop ... confirmed his [Krol's] achievements as a power player."

Politics, Power and The Church also described how Cardinal O'Connor's "godfather-rabbi" in the Catholic Church, Inc. organization operates in Philadelphia:

"Krol has always ruled Philadelphia like a fiefdom. For years he manipulated the local press through friends and the news desks who tailored or killed stories to fit his interests. During the anti-Vietnam riots of the 1960s, he was accused of reporting participants to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He told a reporter in 1986 that the spread of AIDS was an 'act of vengeance' against the 'sin' of homosexuality."

Cardinal Krol also became a crony of President Richard Nixon while Krol was president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in 1972, often travelling with Nixon on the White House yacht. In the 1980s, Cardinal Krol developed a close friendship with President Reagan. According to **Politics, Power and The Church**, "Krol stood at Reagan's side at Doylestown, Pennsylvania, and other campaign rallies in 1984, dressed in his cardinal robes and often praising him so fulsomely that it seemed tantamount to a political endorsement, which would break the federal law controlling tax-exempt religious organizations."

CARDINAL O'CONNOR'S REAGAN ADMINISTRATION CONNECTION

As a member of the Catholic Church, Inc.'s Bishops Committee which debated the church's stand on war and peace issues in the early 1980s, O'Connor "battled constantly to dilute the criticism ... of President Reagan's nuclear policy," "opposed a freeze on nuclear weapons," "advocated the use of small-scale nuclear arms" and "bolstered his arguments by frequent phone calls to officials in the Reagan Administration," according to **Politics, Power and The Church**.

CARDINAL O'CONNOR'S POLITICAL LOBBYING IN SUPPORT OF HOMOPHOBIA AND FORCED MOTHERHOOD

Since arriving in Manhattan, Cardinal O'Connor has "always been the main Catholic bludgeon against homosexuality" and when he ruled in 1984 that "no Catholic 'in good conscience' could vote for a candidate favoring abortion rights, he was ... using ... the power of the church to influence an election probably in violation of federal law," according to **Politics, Power and The Church**.

When a gay rights bill was introduced in the New York City Council in 1986, Cardinal O'Connor also ordered his pastors to denounce the bill from their pulpits and urge their constituents to lobby the council against it. Cardinal O'Connor also refused to obey a 1980s City Hall Executive Order which banned discrimination against gay men and lesbians in the Catholic Church, Inc.'s dealings with city agencies. O'Connor then used Catholic Church, Inc. wealth to take his case against City Hall to New York State's Court of Appeals, which then bowed to the Catholic Church, Inc.'s homophobic political pressure, and declared the City Hall Executive Order illegal.

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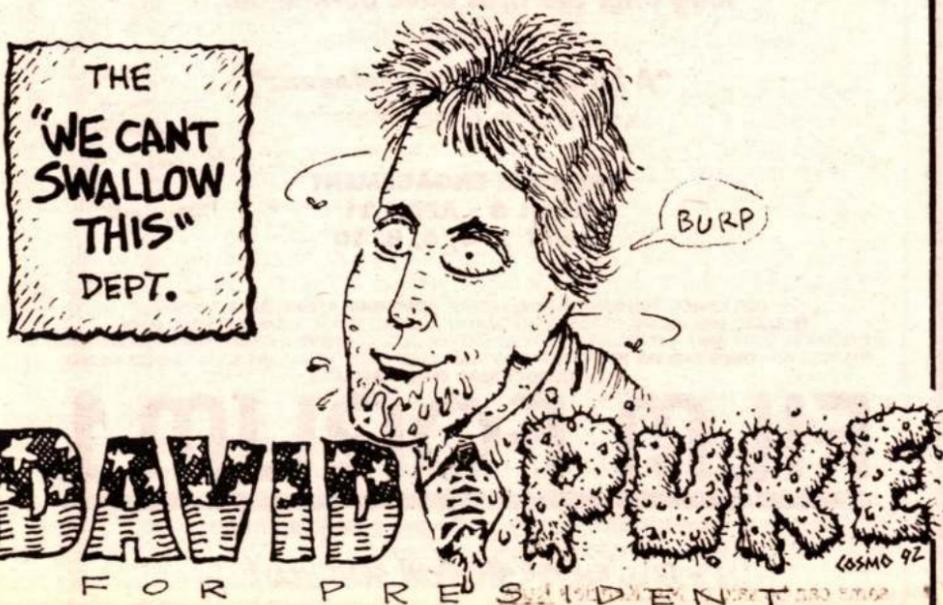
Although the Catholic Church, Inc. continues to engage in political lobbying in support of homophobia, there is apparently some evidence that a predecessor of Cardinal O'Connor's at St. Patrick's Cathedral, the late Cardinal Francis Spellman, was, himself, gay. According to **Politics, Power and The Church**, in 1984, the advanced galleys of a biography of Cardinal Spellman by John Cooney, **The American Pope**, "cited evidence of the cardinal's homosexuality," but "after protests by the diocese and examination of the evidence by the publisher, the passages in question were cut before publication" of the book.

MARIO CUOMO'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, INC. CONNECTION

Prior to running for elective office, New York Governor Mario Cuomo was a St. John's University Professor and a fund-raiser for the St. John's University Alumni Association, in addition to being a small-time corporate lawyer. While a professor at St. John's University in the 1960s, Cuomo walked through a picket line of other St. John's professors who were striking to protest the firing of anti-war professors and the violation of their academic freedom rights by the St. John's University Administration.

After another St. John's University graduate, former New York Governor Hugh Carey, named him, first, New York Secretary of State, and, later, the New York Democratic Party's Lieutenant Governor candidate, Cuomo was able to position himself to succeed his political "godfather-rabbi" Carey as New York Governor in 1983. Coincidentally, while Cuomo held his post as New York Governor in the 1980s, his wife--Mathilda Cuomo--also held the post of a director of the Archdiocese of Brooklyn's Catholic Charities organization during the 1980s.

As governor of New York, former St. John's University Professor Cuomo has, coincidentally, been unwilling to enforce the New York State tax law which prohibits political lobbying by tax-exempt religious organizations like the Catholic Church, Inc. And, not surprisingly, Governor Cuomo was not willing to march with ILGO this past St. Patrick's Day--although even New York State Attorney General Robert Abrams was willing to march with ILGO.



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Dear SHADOW,

We of Eviction Watch wish to protest the publication of a letter attacking the reputation of a good activist and longtime supporter of Eviction Watch, Fran Luck.

The letter alleges that Fran made irresponsible use of the Eviction Watch by not activating it in defense of a particular tenant. In fact, Fran, as a non-squatter did not have the authority to call the list without permission of at least two longtime squatters. Fran called a number of squatters and could not get confirmation. Fran appears to have acted exactly as we would have wanted her to.

Another allegation is that Fran called one of this tenant's enemies. Fran denies this and the letter writer does not explain how he would know who Fran called anyway. It is fair to assume that this allegation is also false.

We are curious why the SHADOW failed to contact either the Eviction Watch or Fran Luck to check out the facts before printing this letter. More importantly, we are upset by the SHADOW's recent policy of printing irresponsible and unproven accusations against local activists in letters column. These are the type of issues that should be fought out privately, not in the public arena. Many of us also feel that personal conflicts and family business of the squats are not the SHADOW's business. Such devious material hurts the credibility not only of the movement but also of your otherwise very good newspaper. (This letter was voted on and approved by a meeting of the Eviction Watch, March 26, 1992 at Bullet Space)

We received the letter in question from a longtime activist friend who was a squatter for many years before recently renting an apartment with his wife and daughter. We tried to get Fran Luck's side of the story, but got no response, and as you know, there is no number we can call for Eviction Watch.

Getting feedback about the letter after it was printed, we learned that Fran told several different stories about what happened, thereby casting doubt on her. Since Fran has refused to contact us directly either before or after the letter was printed, in order to discuss it and resolve the dispute between her and the writer, we can only assume that there might be some truth to what the letter writer said.

As for a "recent policy of printing irresponsible and unproven accusations against local activists", we assume that you are alluding to a letter that appeared in SHADOW #20, concerning an activist lawyer who was tied to Antonio Pagan's henchwoman Susan Leelike through representation of her in court years before. Not only was that letter heavily edited to remove unfounded and groundless accusations against the lawyer and her boyfriend, but we also gave four times as much space in SHADOW #21 to a knowledgeable squatter to respond to allegations and explain the real situation in that building. We have since contacted the lawyer and apologized for printing the letter without investigating more fully.

You must realize that our printing a letter we receive does not necessarily reflect our feelings or viewpoint. That is what a letters page is for--an exchange of ideas, observations and viewpoints, whether they agree with us or not. However, we agree that private disputes should not be aired publicly, and in retrospect, we are sorry that we allowed the SHADOW to get caught up in someone else's arguments. Unlike some people who think they are, we are not perfect. We do the best we can, and we admit when we are wrong. We don't think our readers will disregard three years of the best coverage on the Lower East Side by the SHADOW because of these two errors in judgement!!

Chris Flash, Editor



Dear SHADOW,

Prior to the September, 1991 primary election, Lower East Siders who visited landlords' offices learned of a political unknown's City Council candidacy. As the photograph shows, though the District Two voters had not heard of the candidate, the real estate industry knew Antonio Pagan.

For years, the people of the Lower East Side have successfully fought under-the-table giveaways of *in rem* buildings, schemes for up-zoning our neighborhood, and turning over city-owned property to luxury developers. Because the community has been mutilated by the ongoing redistricting operation, a politician was elected in District Two who residents believe represents only those who want to corruptly privatize City land and displace many of our friends and neighbors. The photograph of an Antonio Pagan poster in the window of a real estate office says it all.

A District Two voter

P.S: The author of this letter must remain anonymous because Antonio Pagan and his supporters threaten opponents and imagined enemies. After the primary, business people who had not contributed to Pagan received "visits" from his campaign workers. At January's Community Board #3 meeting, a witness who testified in court on Pagan's election day intimidation was publicly ridiculed by the Councilman. With epithets like "socialist slime," SPONY ("Small Property Owners of New York"--Ed) member Krystyna PiorKOWska red-baits tenant advocates. BASTA (Anti-homeless group "Before Another Shelter Tears us Apart"--Ed) founder and CB3 District Manager Martha Danziger uses her intimate relationships with Ninth Precinct police officers to instigate unwarranted probes of her critics. Besides making harrassing telephone calls, former CB3 chair Anne Johnson has threatened to employ her professional contacts as a tax consultant to have the IRS investigate her enemies.

CONFESSIONS...

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injected rats remained small while the "control" animals continued to grow. By the third week, the rats who were on cortisone actually looked smaller than when they arrived. They were losing hair and were bleeding from the nostrils. When I reported these symptoms to my boss, he said that it was good, that we would soon be ready to "harvest" them. My boss, incidentally, never entered the rat room because he had a severe allergy to rodents. Rats and mice made him asthmatic, he said, ever since he had killed hundreds of mice as a graduate student by injecting them with African sleeping sickness trypanosomes. He could tell if there was a mouse in his apartment because he would feel his chest tightening up. I wondered what my payback was going to be.

Finally, it came time for me to "sacrifice" one of the rats to see whether what we were doing was working. Medical researchers never talk of killing or slaughtering an experimental animal, they call it "sacrificing" them, like the Aztecs did to their captives. It is not a very effective euphemism, since few people would consider the loss of a rat to be a sacrifice. A Filipino graduate student taught me how to kill rats by cervical dislocation—a laboratory scale version of death by hanging. You put the rat on the table and grab its neck tightly right behind the bulge at the back of its skull. Then you grab its tail and pull, hard, until you feel the animal's spinal cord come apart. The rat twitches for a couple of seconds, and that's it. Drugs, gas, and other techniques which might seem more humane might also kill the *Pneumocystis*, so the scientific wisdom went, thus we had to do the job the crude mechanical way. I wheeled the victim down from the rat room, having chosen the most emaciated looking of the nine rats under "treatment". It is a violation of State law to kill an animal in the same room where other animals are kept, so we had to do it down in the lab. On the elevator, several other scientists and techs cracked jokes about the ragged white creature in the cage. On a later occasion when I wheeled a doomed, cortisone injected rat into my lab, one of the graduate students would remark that the animal reminded him of Hedda Nussbaum. Word of the execution had gotten around, and there were a number of people, mostly graduate students, gathered in the lab to watch me do the dirty deed. They all professed a desire to learn how to "sacrifice" rats for future experiments of their own. I told them that I had never done this kind of thing before, that I was nervous and didn't want an audience. They went away, disappointed. Putting on my huge wire mesh gauntlets, I pulled the victim from the little cage which I had used to bring it downstairs. Just as I had been instructed, I grabbed the animal by the *foreman magnum* at the back of its skull. Crushing its head into the table, I went for the tail and pulled. Its neck gave way easily, but when I was finished, my hands were twitching almost as badly as the unfortunate rodent whose brain and body had just been severed. Though I had never gone along with the arguments of animal rights people whom I had talked to from time to time, this job really made me feel like a murderer. Later in the day, I told a graduate student from China about this and she said that I didn't know where my meat came from, and that people like herself who had worked on farms and slaughtered pigs and chickens weren't bothered by such things. When we sectioned and stained the lungs of the rat, they were indeed full of *Pneumocystis carinii*.

The success of this attempt to grow the elusive PC spurred my boss to greater ambitions. We would have to isolate the bug for a broad range of biochemical experiments which we were planning. I would have to order more rats and more cages. In the course of shopping for the cages, I was introduced to a catalog for animal research equipment. In it was an ad for "animal tattooing kits" for distinguishing captive rodents from one another. Another ad featured a "small animal cremation furnace". I asked my boss if he thought that these commodities existed before World War II, and his answer was, "only in Germany". We both giggled nervously.

The experiments went on. The injection, "sacrificing", and "harvesting" of the rats became as routine as peeling potatoes. I no longer felt like a murderer, but like a collaborator in a busy and successful scientific project. The people around me assumed that I was the one who would do the honors whenever a rat needed to be bumped off for any of the *Pneumocystis* sub-projects which my boss delegated to his students. They called me the "hit man" and treated me with awe. A Hindu medical student expressed his gratitude to me one day for doing his dirty work—his religion, he said, forbade the killing of animals. I asked him if he thought that it absolved him of guilt to have me do the job, and he said that he thought that: it did. "only the one whose hands did the crime was guilty".

I don't have an ending for this story which would be particularly exciting to moralists on either side of the animal rights/vivisection issue. I went on to bigger and better things, and the rat job was given over to a student, who still uses the procedures that I devised. Our group published a couple of scientific papers about enzymes in *Pneumocystis carinii*, and the research was done using PC from cortisone injected rats. People still die from PC pneumonia, and the project which I worked on has not yielded any new drugs or saved any lives. Perhaps other projects elsewhere have had more success, with or without killing animals. I know that my ex-boss would say that in science, progress is made slowly. Ethical and moral progress are made even more slowly. The anti-vivisection people demand rights for animals which have yet to be won for humans. Certainly no other species in nature recognizes "rights" for other species. On the other hand, it is impossible to do the kind of things which I have done to animals without feeling soiled by it. If I did not feel this way, I am convinced that I would be able to objectify human beings and treat them in a similarly atrocious manner. For this reason, I do not intend to play a role in any animal research projects in the future. This is my personal decision, and I do not accuse other scientific researchers of being "murderers" for choosing to work with animals. This is the logic that the right to life uses when they threaten women outside abortion clinics. The decision is ultimately an individual one. When people finally choose to trust their own feelings rather than obey orders, perhaps we can have a society which is humane with respect to both humans and animals.

FILM REVIEW

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Ruby's female lead, Candy Cane, one of Jack Ruby's strippers, played by Marilyn Monroe look-alike Sherilyn Fenn, is also a composite of several actual historical figures. Candy Cane "is" Karen "Little Lynn" Carlin, the Carousel Club star stripper in whom Ruby took an intense personal interest, and who told Secret Service investigators on the night of Oswald's murder that she "was under the impression that Lee Harvey Oswald, Jack Ruby and other individuals unknown to her were involved in a plot to assassinate President Kennedy." A few months later Carlin was shot to death in a Houston hotel room. Candy Cane "is" Rose Cherami, another Ruby stripper, who is also featured in the opening sequence of *JFK*. Dumped out of a moving car on a Louisiana road two days before the JFK killing, she warned personnel at the hospital she was taken to that the assassination was imminent. A few months later she was fatally struck by a car in Texas. Candy Cane "is" Mary Moorman, the assassination witness who got a photo of JFK at the fatal moment. Candy Cane "is" Betty "Mooney" MacDonald, yet another of Ruby's strippers, who was found dead in her Dallas jail cell in 1964. She had provided an alibi for Dago Garner, the accused killer of Warren Reynolds, an eyewitness to the slaying of Dallas police officer J.D. Tippit, who was allegedly killed by Oswald as he made his getaway. Candy Cane "is" Judith Exner, a woman who was "loaned" by Sam Giancana to John Kennedy to induce him to call off his prosecution of mafia figures. And, of course, Candy Cane "is" Marilyn Monroe, who was reportedly intimate with both John Kennedy and mobster-crony crooner Frank Sinatra.

The movie also portrays Ruby's own death as a murder. Ruby died of cancer in prison shortly after telling the Warren Commission, the official government probe into the JFK slaying, that he couldn't talk in Texas because his life was in danger, but if they took him to Washington he would tell them what he knew. Ruby didn't go to Washington, and would later tell a visiting psychiatrist in his prison cell that he "knew who had President Kennedy killed." He added: "I am doomed. I do not want to die. But I am not insane. I was framed to kill Oswald."

The question of Ruby's motives at the moment that made him famous is where the film really stretches the limits of credibility. *Ruby* portrays Ruby as killing Oswald to deprive the conspirators of their fall guy, so that the "truth will have to come out." In reality, of course, the effect was precisely the opposite. Oswald never stood trial, never got a chance to tell the world *why* he was (in his own words following his arrest) a "patsy." While most researchers maintain that Ruby was manipulated into killing Oswald, MacKenzie's Ruby is a heroic figure breaking ranks with the conspiracy and acting alone. *Ruby* does leave open one possibility for the first interpretation -- a fictional conversation in which Ferrie warns Ruby *not* to do anything rash, perhaps using negative psychology to trigger the murder -- but the sequence seems contrived and implausible.

Ruby himself would be silenced by death, much as he had silenced Oswald. Persistent rumors in the Dallas Police Department maintained that Ruby had been injected with cancer cells by government agents. Could be, but the inclusion of this theory in a film so rife with distortions does little to lend it credibility.

Fictionalizing history for political aims is a potentially useful but always dangerous game. The danger is crossing the line between fictionalizing and *fabricating*, and entering the realm of dishonest propaganda. Stone's *JFK* approaches this line, but on balance it probably sheds light on history more than it muddies the water. I'm not sure that the same can be said of MacKenzie's *Ruby*.

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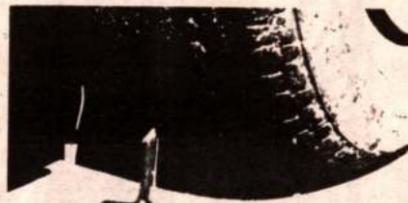
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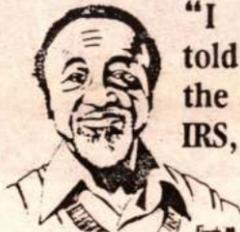


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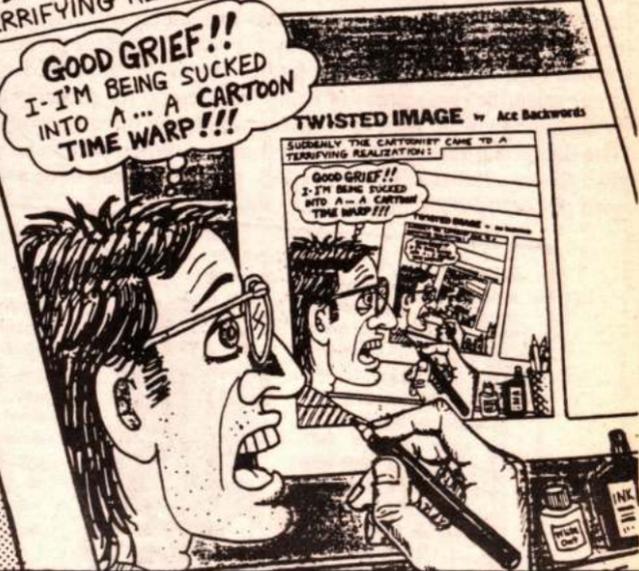
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