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SUPREMACIST COURT UPHOLDS ROE VS WADE?

By Suzie Miles

Monday, June 29, anxious women all over America waited as the Supreme Court ruled on Pennsylvania abortion restrictions. The 5-4 Supreme Court decision preserved *Roe vs. Wade*, the landmark 1973 case giving women a constitutional right to abortion, but gave states strong new power to restrict abortion.

The ruling upheld states' restrictions on abortion as long as they do not amount to an "undue burden" on a woman seeking to end her pregnancy. Only a state regulation that imposes an "absolute obstacle or severe limitation on the abortion decision" would be subjected to judicial scrutiny.

The court, in voting to uphold most of the provisions of the Pennsylvania abortion law:

- * Upheld, 7-2, a 24 hour waiting period.
- * Upheld, 7-2, a requirement that unmarried women under 18 who are not self-supporting must get consent of one parent or a state judge before obtaining an abortion.
- * Upheld, 7-2, a requirement that women be told about fetal development and alternatives to abortion before obtaining an abortion, so-called "informed consent."
- * Struck down, 5-4, a requirement that married women must tell their husbands they intend to get an abortion.
- * Upheld, 7-2, a requirement that could make getting an abortion a matter of public record - it requires doctors to keep detailed records, subject to public disclosure.

The Supreme Court decision, though technically retaining *Roe vs. Wade*, has dealt a terrific blow to many women. The Pennsylvania laws are particularly hard on the poor and the young. Those who cannot afford private health care or to travel to New York or other nearby states will be forced to resort to other means. Anti-choice lawmakers and the police who enforce their restrictive laws will discover that angry women will fight for their right to a safe, affordable, legal abortion for every woman -- by any means necessary.



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"LOWER EAST SIDERS AGAINST COKE DEALING COPS" DEMONSTRATES AROUND TOMPKINS SQUARE ON MAY 14TH, AFTER 2 DEMONSTRATORS WERE ARRESTED BY NINTH PRECINCT KOPS ON AVENUE A ON MAY 11TH FOR HOLDING UP SIGNS READING "KILLER KOPS DEAL COCAINE" + "YOU CAN'T TRUST THE COPS" AS THE ANNUAL POLICE-SPONSORED "KIDS AGAINST DRUGS" PARADE PASSED BY.

ONE MONTH LATER, ON JUNE 18TH, NEWSDAY REPORTS THAT FEDERAL INVESTIGATORS ARE LOOKING INTO AT LEAST TEN NYPD PRECINCTS, INCLUDING THE NINTH PRECINCT, FOR ALLEGATIONS OF DRUG-DEALING, EXTORTION, TAKING PAY-OFFS, AND OTHER CORRUPTION!!

EDITORIAL

WE NEED *your* SUPPORT

In March of 1989, as a direct result of the mainstream media's twisted coverage of the Tompkins Square Pig Riot of 1988, the SHADOW began publishing the only underground newspaper on the Lower East Side since the early 1970s. Keeping with the tradition of the RAT and the East Village Other, the SHADOW has been covering counter-cultural news, pig-induced riots in and around Tompkins Square Park, exposing corruption and the likes of right-wing slime like Antonio Pagan, and giving unique how-to information, along with investigative journalism.

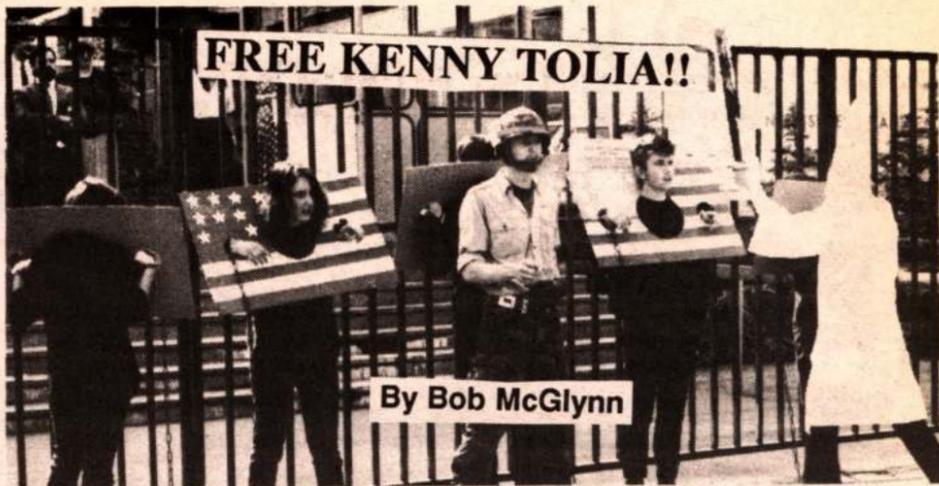
For all of this, we have kept our price at a very low 50 cents for almost three years, unlike other alternative newspapers that charge \$1.00 for nothing more than rhetorical self-congratulating bullshit.

Since 1989, we have been publishing the SHADOW at a loss, existing partly on the income from newsstand, bookstore and mailorder sales, but mostly on donations from our supporters, all without asking our readers for assistance. At this point, we are asking for your help in order to keep publishing the SHADOW on a regular basis.

If you like the SHADOW and it's unique style, why not subscribe? If you've got a message to pass on or something to sell, you could take out a "Subvertisement"!! If you own a business and dig what we are doing, put your money where your heart is and advertise with us instead of the mainstream media!! Maybe you can help by selling the SHADOW!! At the very least, we would appreciate a contribution, if you can afford it.

(Even if you hate the SHADOW, or if you are a kop or associated with government agencies that monitor people and publications like us, then you should help support the SHADOW too!! You need us to know what's going on, where you're fucking up, and who is on to you and your group.)

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A number of groups have gotten together to show support for imprisoned MayDay 29 defendant and political prisoner Kenny Tolia. Kenny is doing one year on false charges of incitement to riot, stemming from the 1990 May 1st riot in Tompkins Square Park in which the pigs precipitated a riot by rushing the stage. Some of the groups include Workers' Solidarity Alliance, Neither East Nor West, Unconventional Action, NY Anarchist Youth Federation, Love + Rage Production Group, and Autonomous Anarchist Action. In NYC, a twin demo was held for Kenny and for two Russian anarchist punk political prisoners, Alexandre Kuznetsov and Aleksei Rodionov, who were subsequently freed after an international campaign.

An international appeal for Kenny was made, including petitions in Russian and English, and urging people to picket US embassies. What follows is an account of one support action by our friends from the Polish Anarchist Federation and other groups who demonstrated in front of the US embassy in Warsaw:

On June 2nd, Warsaw anarchists organized a happening in support of Kenny Tolia. A group of about 60 persons gathered on Jzrech Krzyzy Square. A part of them were disguised—for example, there were people in stocks and chains and there was also an american soldier, a businessman, and a Ku Klux Klan member who were beating and pushing the stocked people. Demonstrators roared a melody of the american anthem and throwing petards marched to the USA embassy.

In front of the embassy they spread black flags and banners: "Kenny Tolia Must Be Free" and "We all are Blacks from Los Angeles." People were shouting: "Free Kenny Tolia" and "Today Los Angeles—Tomorrow Warsaw." During the demo, cars with surprised policemen came, but there weren't enough of them to attack us.

After the demo, part of the participants went to a nearby park. About 40 minutes after the end of the demonstration the park was invaded by police and an anti-terrorist brigade and 34 persons were brutally arrested and taken to a police station—among them some accidental persons who hadn't taken part in the manifestation. The majority of arrested people was released after 2-3 hours, but 4 persons were kept until the next day. Probably those who were arrested will be fined for "taking part in an illegal demonstration."

Pieter Rymarczyk, Warsaw, Poland

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**GLOBE-SPANNING MIND-CONTROL
CULT SEEKS Foothold
ON LOWER EAST SIDE!!**

EAST VILLAGES

A Free Neighborhood Paper

**IS "EAST VILLAGE AVENUES" A FRONT
FOR THE SHADOWY "SILOIST" ORGANIZATION?
By Manny Goldstein**

Recently, while walking along East 7th Street between First and Second Avenues, I noticed a group milling on the sidewalk, the spillover from a wine and cheese social in a new storefront. Curious, I approached the literature table outside the store. I found it staffed by two physically attractive young people -- a man and a woman -- who spoke with charming European accents. And I immediately smelled the *modus operandi* of the so-called "Siloists" -- the international mind-control organization that reveres its charismatic founder in Argentina, Mario Rodriguez Cobo, aka "Silo."

I asked the young couple who was hosting the party and who ran the "East Village Center of Direct Communication," as the plate glass window of the storefront at 75-C East 7th Street read. After receiving a string of evasive answers like "A group of volunteers who live in the neighborhood," I knew I was on the right track. Finally, one of them broke down under my repeated questioning and admitted that "some of us are involved in a group called The Movement for Non-Violence. Have you heard of it?" "Indeed I have," I answered, and walked away. My suspicions had been confirmed.

The Movement for Non-Violence, usually referred to simply as "The Movement," was founded in Argentina in 1969 by the mysterious Silo with messianic visions of launching an "unstoppable force" to "humanize the Earth." From its Argentine base, The Movement spread rapidly to Chile and Spain, and then elsewhere in South America and Europe, riding the crest of the burgeoning "New Age" and "Human Potential" movements of the 1970s.

Strategies for attaining a global reach were revealed to the initiates at an international conference held in Greece in 1975. The Movement's top strategy has proven to be siphoning off the energy of pre-existing political and social movements, forming front groups at will, appropriating the names, logos and rhetoric of other groups in order to cash in on hot trends in the effort to expand Silo's global influence. Activists and radicals in New York City, San Francisco and numerous other cities around the world have already had run-ins with Silo-spawned dummy groups and have come to regard them as political parasites.

This strategy is even evident in the name of the parent organization, The Movement for Non-Violence. Movement adherents frequently view Silo in the same light as Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King.

The next Movement incarnation was called The Community -- known in various countries around the world as The Community for Human Development, The Community for the Development and Equilibrium of the Human Being, and other New Age monikers. The Community used the classic cult tactic of immersing their targets in an idyllic substitute family, with the distant Silo as the father figure, and urging recruits to break outside contacts -- except to proselytize. One recruit who broke from The Community's San Francisco chapter reports that he had been "encouraged to abandon friendships with people who weren't attracted to The Movement. I was encouraged to find a girlfriend but to look within The Movement, that it would be too difficult, too distracting to have such a relationship with someone outside The Movement..."

Apparently, seeing a need for a group with a less overtly cultish image to secure access to greater numbers of potential recruits, Silo next launched an ostensible political movement, the Humanist Party, in the mid 1980s. By 1986, the Humanist Party, organized by members of The Community, was running candidates in the San Francisco Board of Supervisors election.

The Humanist Party was quickly disavowed by the pre-existing *bona fide* Humanist movement, whose name the Siloist party had stolen. The American Humanist Association, founded in 1941, is committed to human rights, rationalism, and separation of church and state. Its prominent members have included Albert Einstein, Bertrand Russell and Isaac Asimov. Its executive director, Fred Edwards, who edits the group's magazine, *The Humanist*, told a reporter investigating the mysterious Siloists in 1989 that the American Humanist Association "disavows any connection" with the Humanist Party. "We try to inform the public that they are not us and we don't consider them reputable," says Edwards, who points to their leader worship and messianic tendencies as evidence of "fascist leanings."

The Siloists next tried to cash in on the growing concern with ecology by launching various "Greens" organizations -- nearly ten years after the real Green Party had first been founded in West Germany.

When Humanist Party activists in San Francisco started launching a new group called Green Future, defected Community recruit Bob Von Holdt decided it was time to go public with his experiences. He contacted the genuine Northern California Greens in the Bay Area, which had been launched by long-time ecology activists, and warned them that the political turf they had won through their organizing was in danger of being usurped by the well-funded, well-disciplined Siloist front.

The warning came too late to stop the Siloists from making significant gains. In November, 1988, the Northern California Greens applied to state authorities to register candidates for local elections, only to find that Green Future had beaten them to the punch by one week. Because there was already a "Green" group on the ballot, the Northern California Greens candidates were denied registration.

But Von Holdt's revelations did result in a series of exposés by the San Francisco *Bay Guardian*. Green Future subsequently faded from view, discredited in the eyes of most Bay Area activists. Today, the California Green Party (successor to the Northern California Greens) is on the ballot.

Silo-spawned "Greens" were also effectively beaten back by local activists in New York. In May, 1988, a group calling themselves the Brooklyn Greens set up shop in Park Slope, ostensibly organizing for recycling and against the municipal incinerator planned for Brooklyn's Williamsburg. But local activists became suspicious about the group's mysterious and seemingly limitless budget -- and about reports of neophyte neighborhood volunteers being sucked in to emotionally-overwhelming encounter-group sessions.

After receiving a report on the Siloist strategy to take over the Green movement from Bob Von Holdt in San Francisco, activists in the legitimate previously-existing New York Greens raised the alarm, leading to exposés of the Brooklyn pseudo-Greens in *Downtown* (February 15, 1989) and the *Village Voice* (December 26, 1989).

But the Siloists replicated their Green strategy globally. Green activists from Brazil and Japan report that their efforts have been hindered by Siloist groups appropriating the names and logos of the genuine Green parties, with the apparent intention of causing confusion and stealing votes. A June 1989 press release from the original Green Party in Germany protested the fact that a Silo-spawned "Green" party in Spain had split the Green vote there, preventing Spain's pre-existing legitimate Green List from gaining a seat in Euro-Parliament. The press release decried "the shameful deception of the electorate by the internationally-operating psycho-sect of the 'Humanist Movement'..."

Yet, the Siloist effort has been slowed by the fact that no matter how many different front groups they form, their idiosyncratic method of operation renders them instantly recognizable. Local front-groups revolve around particular charismatic personalities, who are the Movement "Group Delegates" or "Signature Operatives", and stay in close contact with The Movement's "Prime Magister", the revered Silo, receiving frequent "recommendations" on strategy -- often, according to reports, by nightly direct computer link-up with Argentina. "Delegates" and "Operatives" also fly to annual worldwide Movement strategy conferences -- usually in Europe.

Bob Von Holdt writes that in The Community he "began noticing how everything flowed from the top down in the structural pyramid. I saw how 'suggestions' and 'recommendations' from Silo were accepted without question.... I saw how Silo was considered practically infallible (though never described in those terms), and that his words were treated as pearls of wisdom to be savored by the true believers..."

Shortly after arriving in Brooklyn from California, the Silo devotees established a storefront in Park Slope and went about recruiting volunteers for their new "Greens" group. Targeted volunteers report being enlisted into the group with the same tactic that Siloist recruiters apparently use worldwide: being invited out for coffee by an attractive member of the opposite gender -- who typically has a keenly developed charm, often speaks with a European accent, and always proves to be a longtime Siloist devotee.

In his *Voice* article "A 'Cult' Grows In Brooklyn," writer Joe Conason reports about the central roles "played by Nicole Myers and Jean-Marc Grambert, an attractive couple who had moved to the city from San Francisco only a month or two before they started the Brooklyn Greens. They knew hardly anyone in New York; yet there they were, toiling day and night: single-minded, cheerful, friendly and remarkably dedicated."

But a few months later, six neophyte Brooklyn Greens activists attended a so-called "nonviolence workshop" in the basement of a Park Slope brownstone, directed by an "Orienter" introduced to the group by Nicole Myers. After a few hours of role-playing directed by the "Orienter," the group was "speaking intensely, sometimes in pairs, sometimes altogether, about their deepest fears, their doubts, their problems. At certain moments, the little basement room echoed with the sobs and screams of psychodrama." Upon leaving the meeting, feeling drained and vulnerable, the participants were handed Movement pamphlets with the by-line: "Silo."

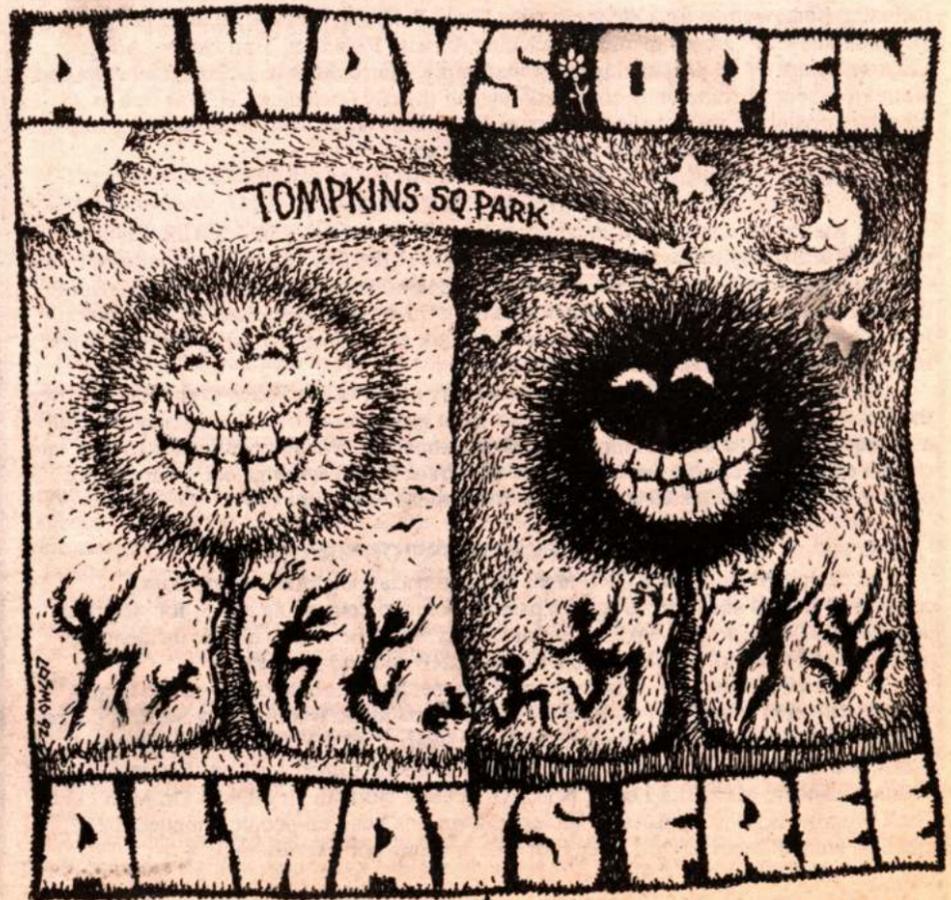
Conason reports that Nicole Myers (who had run for office with San Francisco's Humanist Party before relocating to New York) and Jean-Marc Grambert "could only advance their rank in The Movement by recruiting as many new members as possible." One of the Siloist pamphlets distributed at the unsettling "nonviolence workshop" was entitled *Norms*, and outlined the structure and rules of The Movement hierarchy. It stated that: "All members must participate in the activities of an organism generated by The Movement." Conason writes: "Everyone in the Brooklyn Greens, whether they knew it or not, had been participating in an 'organism' of The Movement."

Nicole Myers has recently been seen attending private closed-door meetings at the "East Village Center of Direct Communication" at 75-C East 7th Street.

Siloists have been seen around the East Village sporadically for years, recruiting on street corners for the Humanist Party. They now seem to have dropped that tactic in favor of hosting weekly social meetings to discuss neighborhood concerns over free bread and cheese -- a shrewd move in a low-income and intensely politicized community. Their free bi-monthly newspaper, *East Village Avenues*, which has accrued some local advertising, reports on local Community Board Three meetings, tenant struggles against rent hikes, the controversy over the proposed "Housing Works" AIDS shelter on 7th Street -- clearly targeting a hardcore Lower East Side activist constituency, much as Siloists have always strategically targeted a pre-chosen constituency. Given the unfortunate scarcity of legitimate alternative media in a neighborhood which has got a lot to say, it is not surprising that some Tompkins Square activists have already contributed letters to *East Village Avenues*.

Nicole Myers has vociferously denied having anything to do with a "cult", claiming to be the victim of a "McCarthy-like manipulation."

But the 7th Street Siloists may find that seasoned Lower East Side activists, themselves all too used to being red-baited, persecuted and scapegoated by local reactionaries, are more sophisticated and skeptical than what the cultists have bargained for.





**STEPS TOWARD JUSTICE:
TRUE CIVILIAN COMPLAINT REVIEW
BOARD GAINS MOMENTUM!!**

By Suzie Miles

When the brutal attack upon Rodney King by Los Angeles Police in March 1991 was broadcast in living color over and over again into the living rooms of middle America, people watched in horrified fascination as men who had vowed "to protect and to serve" us, senselessly pounded a man into a barely recognizable pulp. Months later, when the police officers who had been involved in the beating were put on trial, the eyes of America were again glued to their TV sets. The acquittal of the officers involved resulted in one of the most sensational riots in US history, which led to more riots, violence, and protests across the country. The issue of police brutality had again made it to the front pages and to the supper tables of everyone in America.

The Rodney King case in LA, along with the Tompkins Square Park police riot of 1988, and other well publicized cases of police brutality in New York City such as the killings of Eleanor Bumpurs (a 70 year old woman evicted by cops at gunpoint from her apartment), Michael Stewart (a Lower East side artist beaten and killed by police officers for allegedly resisting arrest in a 14th Street subway station), Juan Rodriguez (who was having a seizure and was beaten to death by cops instead of being helped by them), and Grady Alexis (a Lower East Side artist who was killed by an off duty officer) has caused a public outcry that police finally be held responsible for their crimes.

One of the first steps in gaining accountability is the reformation of the Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB), which investigates and reviews complaints of police misconduct. The reformation now being called for would include the elimination of police and persons connected to the police department from the board and a conversion to an all-civilian board. Currently, the 12-member Civilian Complaint Review Board consists of six people chosen by the mayor and six civilian members of the Police Department chosen by the Police Commissioner.

The current campaign for a true CCRB is being led by Norman Siegel, Director of the New York Civil Liberties Union, and by New York City Council members Ronnie Eldridge, Virginia Fields, and Victor Robles. The campaign has a broad-based coalition of supporters including Congressman Ted Weiss, Senator David Paterson, Assemblyman Roger Green, 18 additional City Council members including Annette Robinson, Tom Duane, Adam Clayton Powell IV, Guillermo Linares, Una Clarke, Martin Malave-Dilan, Israel Ruiz and Kathryn Freed, 16 community boards throughout the city (including CB 3) as well as 25 advocacy organizations including the Lower East Side Call for Justice, an ad hoc group of clergy, peace, labor, housing and health care advocates.

WHAT IS INTRO 83?

The goal of the campaign is to persuade the City Council to pass Intro 83, a bill proposed in January that would reform Section 440 of the City Charter as it pertains to the Civilian Complaint Review Board. The bill would remove police department employees from the current CCRB and would bar cops from "investigating" themselves. In addition, Intro 83 would expand CCRB jurisdiction to include the Transit, Housing, Sanitation, and Health and Hospitals Corporation police forces.

The new law would not change the disciplinary power of the Police Commissioner over the Police Department or of any law enforcement agency head over that agency. The bill also requires that the CCRB employ exclusively impartial, civilian investigators to look into civilian complaints of police abuse. Of the 49 current CCRB investigators, 34 are police officers. Intro 83 requires 26 votes on the City Council to become law.

COMMUNITY DISCUSSION URGED

The campaign for a real CCRB urges tenant associations, block associations, community boards and other groups to pass a resolution demanding justice for victims of police abuse. (If desired, speakers from the NYCLU will be sent to discuss incidents of police brutality and to explain the role of the CCRB and Intro 83).

On Thursday, June 18, a neighborhood town meeting was held on the at the Grand Street Settlement to respond to the non-guilty verdicts in the Rodney King beating, discuss police brutality and Intro 83. Speakers included Dean of CUNY Law School Haywood Burns, activist defense attorney Ronald L. Kuby from the Center for Constitutional Rights, housing advocate Margarita Lopez, NYCLU Director Norman Siegel, and Dr. Mini Liu of The Committee Against Anti-Asian Violence. Over one hundred people attended the meeting, with all races of the Lower East Side "melting pot" represented.

CLIMATE OF CONSERVATISM FOSTERS BRUTALITY

Reverend Rosemary McCreary, pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church on East Sixth Street moderated the event. Haywood Burns began the panel discussion by giving an overview of the Rodney King case and the violence which followed in Los Angeles.

He explained that there are two sets of justice in this country -- one for white people, and one for people of color. He cited historical reference where blacks have been continuously treated differently by the law: "Despite all the gains we (blacks) have made in the civil rights movement, we are still facing a nation which has not come to terms with the basic issues of race, justice and law...What is happening now, could have happened anywhere, it could have happened here, it may still happen here. One of the places that the rage came from in LA, is the national climate in which racism is now once again fashionable in some circles."

He also discussed the effect of government cutbacks in social and educational programs in the US: "The message that it is OK to display racism, is coming through loud and clear when we see what our President, our courts and our congress have done to social programs in this period. There is a very close relationship between race and poverty in this country. If you are a poor person or a person of color in this country, then you know that you are not being regarded as a full human being."

Burns said that this message is demonstrated loud and clear by the drastic cutbacks in domestic programs occurring at the same time that the government is spending billions to bail out the S&Ls, and to sending billions of dollars of aid overseas. Burns urged people to turn the tide of conservatism, and call for the accountability of the government to the people.

A CALL FOR JUSTICE

Ron Kuby explained that police brutality has been making headlines in New York City for years. He discussed the Grady Alexis case, and the Tomkins Square police riot in detail.

Kuby also called for justice for the victims of police brutality. Specifically, he insisted that crimes committed against civilians by police officers must be investigated as crimes, be tried as crimes, and most importantly, be sentenced as crimes. Kuby emphasized that currently, it is very difficult to get an indictment of a police officer, much less convict and sentence him appropriately.

"There are a few things that the state of New York considers more serious than the killing of Grady Alexis," said Kuby. "For the killing of Grady Alexis, the guy who did it is eligible to get one year in jail. If you sell an ounce of marijuana on the streets of New York, you're eligible to get four years. If you produce a live sex show, you'll get six years. If you kill a black man, you'll get one year, or nothing."

Kuby continued to explain that a reformed CCRB is not a panacea for solving the problem of police brutality because the CCRB imposes administrative remedies. These remedies include reprimands and transfers of problem officers, often to the 9th Precinct, which is known within the police department as one of the less pleasant tours of duty.

Kuby feels that stricter penalties should be imposed for police offenses, particularly the more severe penalty of being kicked off the force. He said that the CCRB investigations should be an early warning system for the Police Department's Internal Affairs Division to troubleshoot potential police problems. Kuby said that many cops who are involved in corruption have long histories of brutality against civilians. For example, three of the "cocaine" cops who are currently being investigated by the federal government for corruption and drug dealing had past histories of police brutality. In fact, Michael Dowd, the "ringleader" of the corrupt cops, was identified as participating in beating Juan Rodriguez to death as he was having a seizure.

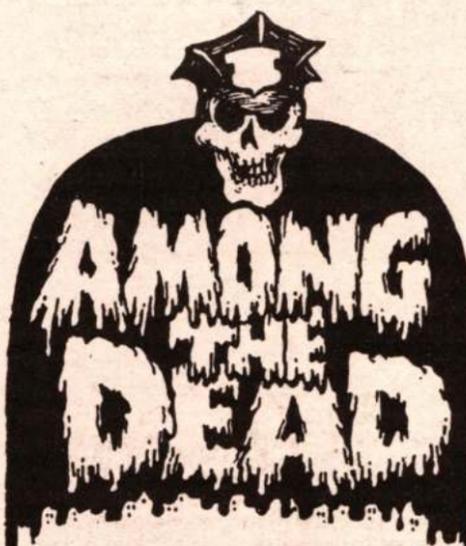
Kuby stated that CCRB investigations create a record of "bad" activity early on. In addition, if a complaint is lodged against an officer who has a past history of abuse registered with the CCRB, it will be easier to get a conviction. Records of abuse also aid in achieving justice in the case of somebody who fights back against unnecessary police force, and ends up with charges against them.

POLICE ARE A TOOL OF THE UPPER CLASS

Margarita Lopez then discussed the link between police brutality and the poor. She said that the police have become a tool of empowerment for the upper class because law and order is defined by whomever is in power. Lopez feels that the people need to start standing up for themselves and fighting back against oppression.

Lopez repeatedly said that one of the most important steps people from the Lower East Side need to take is the removal of Antonio Pagan from the City Council. Pagan, the

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**KILLINGS OF CIVILIANS
BY NYC KKKOPS:**

1979--15	1985--12
1980--10	1986--10
1981--37	1987--26
1982--18	1988--15
1983--29	1989--45
1984--10	1990--14

(Figures supplied by the Center For Constitutional Rights)

**DEATH PENALTY FOR
KILLER KOPS!!**

**Mayor hit
on vow to
take cops
off panel**

By JOEL SIEGEL

The New York Civil Liberties Union chief yesterday accused Mayor Dinkins of betrayal, saying he is not pushing hard to civilianize the board that probes police brutality.

Norman Siegel said Dinkins is bowing to Police Commissioner Lee Brown, who favors the current makeup of six civilians and six police employees on the Civilian Complaint Review Board.

The issue, Siegel said, has taken on urgency in the wake of the Los Angeles riots that followed the verdict in the Rodney King police brutality case.

"He has betrayed us," Siegel said, citing Dinkins' campaign pledge to support an overhaul of the board. "It's absolutely mind-boggling. If I'm the mayor, I don't defer to the police commissioner on these kinds of issues."

GOTBAUM'S SECRET HISTORY EXPOSED!!

**THE DEMOCRATS ARE COMING!!
GOTBAUM TRIES TO STOP CENTRAL PARK
CAMP-OUT BY "UNCONVENTIONAL ACTION":**

By A. Kronstadt

The New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, headed by Betsy Gotbaum, has denied demonstrators permits to camp in Central Park during the Democratic National Convention from July 12-17, 1992. During that five-day period, thousands of people will converge on New York City to protest and take the spotlight away from the decidedly undemocratic farce which will be going on in Madison Square Garden as Bill Clinton--the toxic waste dumping, prison building, war mongering governor of Arkansas--is coronated as the Democratic candidate. Betsy Gotbaum, like Bill Clinton, is an example of the type of right-wing, power hungry snake-in-the-grass which now controls the Democratic Party locally and nationally. Her answer to the housing crisis is to keep the parks locked at night so that homeless people cannot sleep in them. The people whose ideas she values are the big real-estate developers into whose master plans the parks must be made to fit. If the parks were not so valuable to these builders of \$1000-per-month apartments, Betsy would contract to have toxic waste dumped in them just like Clinton has done to Arkansas.

The hordes of demonstrators have been offered what Betsy considers "reasonable alternatives" to camping out in Central Park. One such alternative is remote Randall's Island, out of sight and mind. The other is DeWitt Clinton Park in Hell's Kitchen. Gotbaum has stated that demonstrators camping in Central Park will supposedly deprive people of the right to use the park. Apparently she has no problems with depriving the people who use DeWitt Clinton Park, which is in a poor neighborhood on Manhattan's West Side. The only people who are people in Betsy's mind are the rich who own property up and down the avenues around Central Park. Betsy also wants to keep the demonstrators in an inconspicuous protest ghetto where they will not upstage a convention which promises to be one of the most boring in U.S. history. All of those cameras will be looking for something interesting to photograph, and it will not be the convention itself. An "Unconvention" in Central Park, bringing people from around the United States who are angry about the records of both the Democrats and Republicans on police brutality, civil liberties, housing, environmental degradation, and the AIDS crisis, is bound to attract worldwide attention.

Betsy Gotbaum did not get to be head of the New York City Department of Parks because of her expertise in gardening. Betsy is a former investment banker and the wife of former District Council-37 union boss Victor Gotbaum, a long-time kingmaker in New York City politics. Until 1986, he was the boss of a union which organized tens of thousands of municipal employees. Over the years, Gotbaum has peddled the Democratic Party to his union constituency. In return for delivering a lot of votes and being cooperative with the City administration's cutbacks, he has been given many favors by successive Democratic administrations. One of the most recent was the appointment of his wife, Betsy, as Parks Commissioner. Betsy Gotbaum is a member of the Central Park Conservancy, and was a member of that institution for years before her appointment as Parks Department czarina. The Central Park Conservancy is an organization which obtains private funding for various projects within Central Park and listens to what these wealthy investors want out of the projects that they fund. The Conservancy is, in effect, an agency for the privatization of Central Park. In the person of Betsy Gotbaum, therefore, the rich yuppie scum who fund the "You Gotta Have Park" campaigns (what a stupid slogan--what an ugly T-shirt!) are united with the city government so that there is no conflict over whose interests are upheld in the governing of Central Park. This is what is meant when Betsy talks about demonstrators depriving users of the park of their right to enjoy the park. Demonstrators sleeping in Central Park should not interfere with anyone's enjoyment except those who know in advance that they cannot enjoy themselves in the presence of demonstrators. These are the people whose interests Betsy Gotbaum represents.

Betsy Gotbaum has a serious problem seeing people without money as human beings. She appeared at the eviction and closing of Tompkins Square Park on the morning of June 3, 1991, surrounded by police who diligently turned away anyone who approached. She related only to the TV cameras and ignored the neighborhood residents and homeless

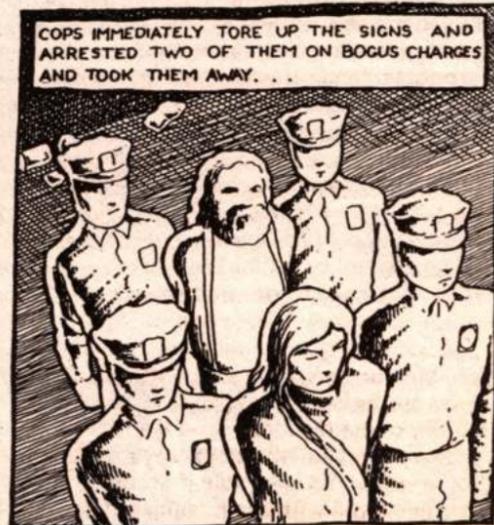


people who objected to their park being closed against the wishes of the community. Her attitude toward people employed in her own home has been very similar. At the time of Gotbaum's appointment as Parks Commissioner in January 1990, a mini-scandal erupted over Victor and Betsy Gotbaum's employment of an undocumented Mexican woman as a maid. The press was scandalized that union leader Gotbaum would dare to employ a worker without a green card. The true scandal, however, was about the treatment of this woman, Isabel Garcia, who was totally at the mercy of the Gotbaums because of her immigration status. Victor and Betsy paid Isabel Garcia no salary but made her come and get handouts for her living expenses from an "escrow" account in the Gotbaums' name into which her wages were supposedly being deposited to circumvent the laws against hiring illegal aliens. Victor Gotbaum was quoted in the Daily News of January 19, 1990, saying "Betsy and I are real high fliers--Isabel is the perfect maid for us." In the same article, he calls Ms. Garcia, who served the Gotbaums at their homes in Brooklyn and in Bellport, Long Island, "the Earth Mother." In spite of all this paternalistic baloney, the Gotbaums made no effort to get Isabel Garcia a green card after five years in their service. Could it be that they preferred an undocumented worker who they could bully into accepting an allowance from an escrow account in lieu of a salary? All of this is consistent with Betsy Gotbaum's actions as a Parks Commissioner who shits on poor people and their communities.

Betsy Gotbaum's real job is to enforce the privatization of New York City parks. She has no conception whatever about public spaces and the right of people to assemble on them. It is a notion foreign to people like Betsy that anyone has rights in the absence of money. We see the situation differently. The Democrats are having their convention inside Madison Square Garden because they have the money to pay for it. The right to buy a high profile location for a convention is the same as the right to buy an election. "Unconventional Action" demands the right of people with alternatives to the crap being dished out in Madison Square Garden to be seen in a place as prominent as Madison Square Garden. Randall's Island is not such a place, and neither is DeWitt Clinton Park. We demand the right to assemble peaceably in Central Park, and are willing to fight for that right if necessary.

**TELL BETSY GOTBAUM WHAT YOU THINK--CALL HER OFFICE
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NEW POLICE STATE POWERS PROPOSED FOR FDA

By Cub Reporter

New bills granting additional powers to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and expanding their definition of "drugs" to include amino acids and most vitamin and mineral supplements are now pending in Congress. A counterproposal, the Health Freedom Act of 1992, which protects the public's right to choose herbal medicines, vitamins, and minerals stronger than what the FDA considers necessary, has been sponsored by, of all people, conservative Utah senator Orrin Hatch.

The logic used to defend the proposed regulatory bills is typified by California Congressman Henry Waxman's argument that some drugs, devices and cosmetics are "overpriced, overpromoted, and overused," creating a potential danger. Nutritional products are included in the "drugs" category in this legislation.

The proposed laws, which will come to vote in the very near future, grant expanded police powers to the FDA to forbid the sale of most herbs and herbal preparations, amino acids, and any vitamin and mineral supplements which contain more than what the FDA deems "nutritionally rational and useful." The pending legislation also forbids any sort of health claims for nutritional products to be printed on labels, in literature, or made verbally by store personnel. This would be a violation of the First Amendment of the Constitution.

The FDA has not used responsibly the police powers they already have. For example, on May 6, 1992, the FDA and local police in Kent, Washington, with guns drawn, broke down the office doors of a doctor who prescribes nutritional supplements and natural therapies. The doctor, Jonathan V. Wright, is an eminent practitioner of nutritional medicine and a Harvard graduate. He is currently suing the FDA to recover his supply of uncontaminated L-Tryptophan, an amino acid banned because of one defective shipment from a Japanese supplier of raw materials which caused 36 deaths, the only known case of fatalities from nutritional products. In contrast, an eight year survey of 72 poison control centers showed 460 deaths from sleeping pills and tranquilizers, 715 from analgesics, 805 from antidepressants, and 360 from cardiovascular drugs. No fatalities occurred from taking vitamins, either by children or adults.

Gary Null, the well-known nutritionist and radio talk show host, predicts that the regulatory bills would put 90% of the nation's 10,000 health food stores out of business. Arcus Flynn, of the Meadowsweet Herbal Apothecary on East 4th Street, says that her store would not be viable if herbs became a prescription business. They would be forced to sell to someone with a pharmaceutical degree, and since only one percent of the medical profession has any interest in herbology or serious knowledge of nutrition, it would be unlikely to happen. At the Medina Natural Food Market on Avenue A, employee Richard said that over half their profits come from sales of nutritional supplements, and without them they would be "up the creek without a paddle." Arcus Flynn also commented how ironic it is that the herbal and supplements industries are being accused of overcharging, when the real multibillion dollar profits are made in the pharmaceutical industry, which can charge anything it wants for products which are often fairly cheap to produce.

If the legislation passes, it could take years before many nutritional sup-

plements are even available by prescription. Manufacturers would be required to submit scientific evidence that their products are safe and effective, which would require years of evaluation by the FDA, and might never happen because many manufacturers of alternative health products lack the resources needed to mount such a campaign. An exception would be Hoffman-Laroche, the pharmaceuticals giant which also manufactures nutritional supplements.

It is ironic that an agency which supposedly exists to promote public health is trying to crack down on nutritional products at a time when even mainstream research is demonstrating countless benefits from vitamins. The New York Times, hardly the alternative press, said recently that "scientists ... are gathering provocative evidence that vitamins influence the health and vibrancy of nearly every organ, and that these enigmatic chemicals may help forestall or even reverse many diseases of aging, including cancer, heart disease, osteoporosis, a flagging immune system, neurodegeneration, and other chronic disorders."

Research shows folic acid may ward off cervical cancer by strengthening chromosomes, which could prevent viruses from entering cell nuclei. Vitamin K has been found to aid absorption of calcium into bone, besides promoting blood clotting. The antioxidants—vitamins C, E, and beta carotene—may prevent cancer by scavenging free radical molecules that harm DNA, fight cardiovascular disease, and keep the body form changing a harmless form of cholesterol into the sticky type that clogs arteries.

In addition to the pending bills, the level of daily nutrient intake which the FDA recommends is itself about to be drastically reduced. The FDA plans to replace the familiar RDA (Recommended Daily Allowance) with a "Reference Daily Intake," or RDI. The difference is that the RDA was calculated to provide anyone in the population with enough of the officially recognized nutrients to prevent diseases of gross deficiency, while the RDI will be calibrated to some hypothetical average person eating 2,400 calories a day. The RDA values would in theory provide for the groups that need most of each nutrient; for example, teenage girls, who need more calcium than most people. The RDI of calcium will be a whopping 80% lower than the RDA, because only the "average" person is considered. Teenage girls will be expected to know that they need five times the RDI to meet government's minimal standards. The average drop for all nutrients from RDA to RDI is 14%.

The Long Island-based advocacy group, Nutritional Health Alliance (NHA), met with Senator Orrin Hatch and three of FDA's top policy officials on June 17 to discuss the FDA's unwarranted regulations, raids, and harassment of the nutritional health community. NHA's Scott Bass said he believes the meeting "paves the way for the possibility of a meaningful dialogue with FDA that could lead to a change in their treatment of dietary supplements and health claims."

If you are concerned with the proposed increase in the FDA's powers and the future of the alternative health care movement, you should contact "your" elected representatives (Senators and Congressmen) and encourage them to oppose the following bills: S. 2135, S. 1982, H.R. 3642, and H.R. 1662 (the bills favoring more FDA police powers, classifying amino acids, vitamins, and minerals as drugs, and forbidding the sale of herbs and herbal preparations). Urge them to support instead Senator Hatch's proposal, S. 2835, the "Health Freedom Act of 1992." Don't allow the American Medical Association (AMA) and the big pharmaceutical companies to stop you from having access to anything that you can learn about yourself that can actually improve your health.



IBOGAINE: SHAMAN'S TOOL OR WESTERN MIRACLE CURE?

By Paul DeRienzo



Howard Lotsof, a tall, slightly graying man in his early 40s says he has found the answer to one of the world's most unremitting problems in an African bush known as *Tabernanthe iboga*. From the roots of this tropical rainforest plant comes a substance known to western science as ibogaine, a powerful hallucinogenic drug used widely by the *Bwiti* and *Mbiri* religious cults of the equatorial Africa nation of Gabon. According to scientific studies and extensive anecdotal evidence, ibogaine interrupts an addict's craving for heroin and cocaine.

Lotsof has been interested in ibogaine since his college days in the early 1960s. He noticed that some friends of his who had been using heroin and consumed ibogaine to experience its psychedelic properties found surprisingly that their craving for narcotics was interrupted. The discovery sent Lotsof on a 30-year odyssey in which he obtained a United States patent to use ibogaine to "interrupt the physiological aspects of the opiate addiction syndrome." According to Lotsof, "We have a procedure which is exactly what the medical profession is looking for. It limits physical withdrawal and reverses psychological addiction. It's safe and it's effective."

Until recently, the most extensive research on the drug was done in France, where ibogaine in tablet form was sold as a mild anti-depressant. Virtually no work was done on ibogaine in the United States before the federal government made it a Schedule I drug, together with heroin, cocaine, LSD and other better known hallucinogenics. The government currently considers ibogaine a drug with "no medical value" and a "high liability for abuse." Any attempt to use ibogaine to treat addiction would have to surmount tough legal hurdles. However, new research arising from Lotsof's determination to win approval for therapeutic use of ibogaine may be cracking the wall around this promising but little known substance.

Dr. Stanley Glick, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology at the Albany Medical College, decided to do some preliminary studies of the effects of ibogaine on rats after being approached by Lotsof. The rats were allowed to self-administer morphine and then were injected with ibogaine. Glick's study showed that ibogaine reduced morphine intake "dramatically" and the effect lasted for several days or weeks.

According to an article in *Drugs, Toxic Chemicals and Health*, a newsletter published by the Albany Medical College Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology, the test results "tend to corroborate Mr. Lotsof's claims that ibogaine can reduce the desire for opiates."

Further studies by Dr. Glick found that ibogaine prevented the increased concentration in the brain of the neurotransmitter dopamine which gives morphine and cocaine their pleasurable effects. An even more surprising discovery was that the effect on dopamine levels had continued much longer than the time it took for ibogaine to be eliminated from the body. The Albany Medical College newsletter goes on to state that the initial test results "suggest that, in fact, there is some neurochemical evidence consistent with Mr. Lotsof's claims."

A researcher at the City University of New York Medical School, Patricia Broderick, has found that ibogaine decreases dopamine levels induced by cocaine without depleting the brain's normal amount of this essential chemical. Broderick told the *Albany Times Union* that "we want to look at mechanisms that will modulate dopamine in such a way that the cocaine-addicted person will have enough dopamine for normal functioning, but won't have the excessive amount that cocaine brings."

THE MYSTICAL ROOTS OF IBOGAINE

Iboga was first stumbled upon by Europeans in the early and mid-19th century. An 1819 report by an English explorer described the plant as a "favorite but violent medicine." An 1864 report said that warriors used the yellowish bark of the iboga root to keep themselves awake during night watches. Hunters used the drug while tracking lions to remain awake and alert for two day periods while waiting for the cats to cross their paths. According to some reports, the German colonists in the late 19th century encouraged the use of iboga to suppress fatigue among railroad workers.

Iboga is basic to the *Bwiti* (male) and *Mbiri* (female) cults of Gabon and the Congo. Growing in converts over the past 50 years, *Bwiti* represents a strong native African influence in a society rapidly engulfed by foreign colonial cultures. Apparently, these religions unified once hostile peoples in the Congo and Gabon, in resistance to Christian and Moslem missionaries.

The cultural importance of the drug is seen everywhere among the people of Gabon and the Congo. The name *iboga* is used as a synonym for the *Bwiti* and the term *ndzi-eboka* (eater of iboga) also means a member of the cult and signifies the religion surrounding the plant.

According to practitioners of *Bwiti*, the initiate cannot enter the cult without seeing *Bwiti*; the only way to see *Bwiti* is to eat *iboga*. Sorcerers also take the drug to seek information from the spirit world. Large doses are often taken to "break open the head," thus the initiate makes contact with the ancestors through hallucination. Intimately associated with death, the plant frequently takes on a supernatural human form which practitioners say can carry away an individual to the "realm of the dead."

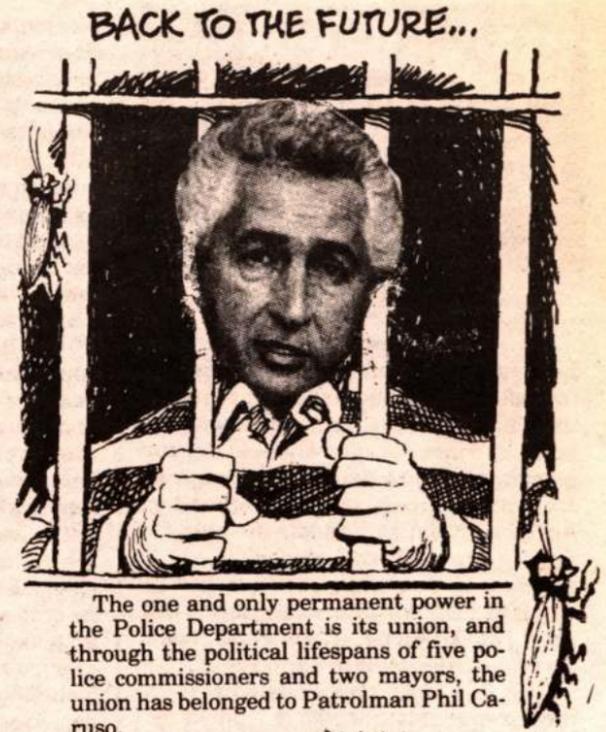
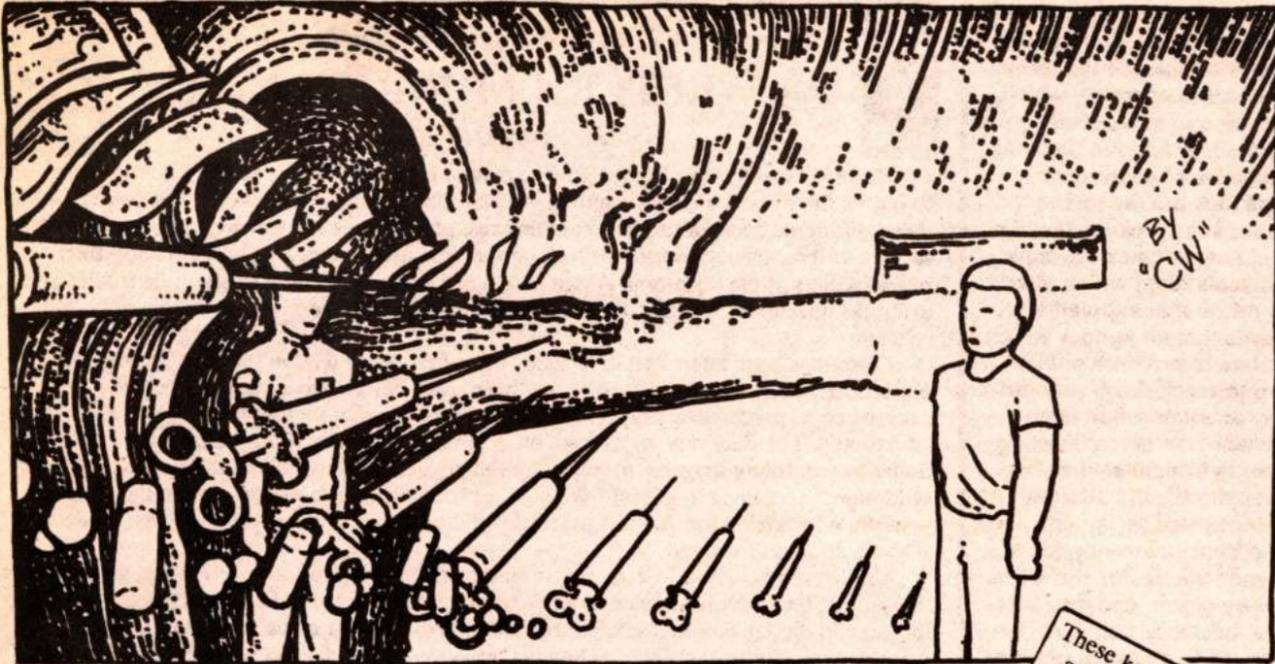
Dr. Anthony Kweku Andoh writes in *Sankofa Journal*, a magazine dedicated to traditional African healers, that the root bark of the *iboga* is grated and eaten as a powder or drunk as an infusion. The drug is taken first in limited doses in the early part of the ceremonies, followed by a smaller dose after midnight, followed by much larger doses. There is singing, dancing and drumming until a high state of excitement is reached under the influence of the plant. *Bwiti* members then sit quietly in the middle of a special chapel waiting for their ancestors to arrive. They see the spirits of the dead in a mirror placed at the entrance to the chapel.

According to *Bwiti* members, the visions brought on by *iboga* are strikingly similar even among different users. In one report of an *iboga* experience, the young African man described a long road in a deep forest blocked by an iron barrier. In the distance beyond the barrier was a light. Suddenly, the cult member says, his father descended in the form of a bird and gave the man his "eboka name," enabling him to fly over the barrier of iron.

The young man reported crossing a river of blood from which a great snake emerged and acted as a bridge. Passing crowds of people all in white, they crossed another river on a chain of gold. On top of a grassy hill was a house made of glass. Inside waited a man with his beating heart visible and a red cross tattooed on his neck. The initiate reports being returned to earth by his father who said if he went further he would not return.

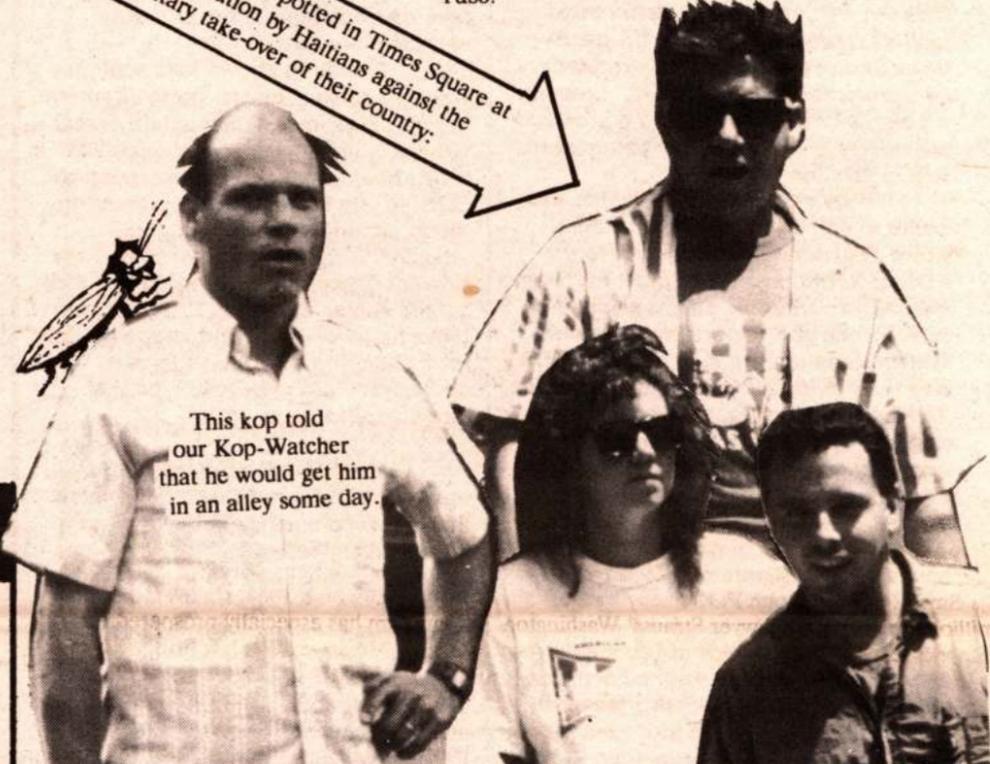
Lotsof says taking *iboga* is like "watching a motion picture." He describes his first *iboga* hallucination as "an Oedipal one." He says "The first thing I saw was a pulsating yellow screwdriver, which disappeared abruptly. The next thing I knew, I was walking up a ladder leading to a ten-foot diving board over a pool. As I dived into the pool, my mother appeared beneath me with her legs open and I was diving into her vagina. As I got closer, she changed into my sister, who changed into an infant. I went into the water and that was it. The vision changed to a new one."

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The one and only permanent power in the Police Department is its union, and through the political lifespans of five police commissioners and two mayors, the union has belonged to Patrolman Phil Caruso.

These kops were spotted in Times Square at a demonstration by Haitians against the military take-over of their country:



This kop told our Kop-Watcher that he would get him in an alley some day.

Well, more fun and games! The big news in the neighborhood is the suspicious shooting of neo-nazi "Guardian Angel" kingpin Curtis Sliwa on June 19th. The word on the street is that kops were involved, either directly or indirectly, because Sliwa knows too much about kop activities (shaking down/working with drug dealers, dealing drugs, taking pay-offs, etc), and that he was warned previously to back off. With all the kops saturating Tompkins Square in the past year, who else but kops or people connected with kops would have the balls (and the stupidity) to use a cab against the shooting and then speed away against traffic to do the shooting? Conveniently, no kops were anywhere to be found before, during, or shortly after the shooting--(does Curtis Sliwa still want to be a kop?)

Captain Hanley, Executive Officer of the 9th precinct, may be in some deep shit real soon. When the doorman of the Pyramid Club on Avenue A was gay-bias crime by 5 people last May, Hanley allowed three of them to go free, denying that it was gay-bias crime, even though the attackers called him "faggot" as they beat and cut the doorman with bottles, leaving a cut throat requiring stitches. Hanley's anti-gay history goes back to August 28, when he called freelance photographer John Penley a "faggot" and arresting him when Penley confronted him for it. Several gay power groups are preparing for a response to this.

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SLIWA CHANGES TACTICS
When Sliwa started his Guardian Angels about 15 years ago, he often confronted the police department on their inability and apathy in fighting street crime. This, combined with the high profile patrols of his Angels, along with their impromptu press conferences, embarrassed the cops. They have never forgiven Sliwa, even after he changed tactics years ago, complimenting and sympathizing with the police wherever possible. Sliwa had been on the Jackie Mason show on Channel 9 only a few nights before the shooting, addressing an audience composed mostly of cops. As always, Sliwa did his best to kiss the asses of the cops, but it didn't work that time either.

At a June 29 press conference in Bellevue Hospital where he was treated for his wounds, Sliwa stated that he had no idea who would want to hurt him, but speculated that the Mafia was behind the shooting. "I have gone on tirades against organized crime, particularly in light of the Gotti decision," Sliwa told the press. Gotti, the alleged boss of the Genovese crime family, received a life sentence in June after a "trial" in which his rights were violated by the judge and district attorney.

Sliwa now complains about the pace of the police investigation into his shooting, calling himself "the leader of the number one crime-fighting organization of the world shot down like a dog."

GUARDIAN ANGELS IN TOMPKINS SQUARE
Shortly before the Tompkins Square Pig Riot of 1988, Sliwa and his angels moved into an apartment building at the corner of St. Mark's Place and Avenue A. (The landlord of there is best known for the eviction of almost a dozen small merchants and several rent-controlled tenants.)

Sliwa has been seen on television and in newspapers, adding to the disinformation campaign used by forces working with corrupt councilman Antonio Pagan and the cops seeking the closing of Tompkins Square Park and removal of the homeless from the streets around the park.

Most of the Guardian Angel patrols are composed of young hoodlums who are not from the neighborhoods they patrol. Their patrols have been rejected by area residents as mere "showcasing", and they have been shunned from the neighborhood. On some of their "patrols," Angels have been known to harass people sitting on stoops on hot nights, and in one case, a woman they thought had bought a bag of marijuana was chased and tackled by a gang of Angels near First Avenue and 9th Street.

In the wake of the Sliwa shooting, the neighborhood has once again been flooded by Angel patrols, ostensibly looking for clues in Sliwa's shooting. In the process, the out-of-control Angels "have been running roughshod over people's rights," according to activist attorney Stanley Cohen, who has been collecting reports of abuses by Angel patrols in the Tompkins Square area before and since the Sliwa shooting. Cohen says that cops have been maintaining a hands-off policy on the Angel patrols, allowing them to do as they please. "Through their inaction, the police are letting them to do to us exactly what the police themselves can't do with impunity" Cohen says.

About one week after the shooting, a Guardian Angel posting reward posters got into an argument with a man on Avenue A near 6th Street, resulting in the man punching the Guardian Angel in self-defense. The Angels called police, who let the man go after separating him from the group of Angels. Lisa Sliwa then led a group of Angels and chased the man for several blocks. They held him against his will, called cops and made a "Citizen's Arrest" alleging that he had pulled a knife on them. The next day, Lisa told TV reporters that the man had a knife when the cops let him go. Newsday reported that the man had no weapon when he was arrested.

On her radio show, Lisa Sliwa complained that while they have been trying to detain people on Avenue A, residents have been pouring water on the Guardian Angels. Lisa, who lives apart from Curtis Sliwa and maintains an apartment in Battery Park City, has told reporters "...I don't want to have a creep crawl through my bedroom window on Avenue A."

Get this: The NYPD's latest crime fighting tool is kops on bikes!! One kop told a SHADOW reporter that he wondered what would happen to their bikes when they ditch them while making arrests--what do you think? (Remember, the best way to stop kops in their tracks is a pole through the spokes!)

Kop-Watch has received info on that mysterious blue van that has been seen "disappearing" people at random. It is a navy blue Chevy van with tinted windows and it's plate number is: A6B-460.

As always, thanks to our Kop-Watchers who have been sending us info on the kops. You can and should be a Kop-Watcher too!! If you have any info, 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.

COP RE-INDICTED IN GRADY ALEXIS MURDER!!
By Paul DeRienzo

On June 3rd, Supreme Court Justice Stephen Crane reinstated misdemeanor assault charges against police officer Richard Frazier and his companion, Terri Pressley, who had been indicted in the beating death of Haitian-born artist Grady Alexis. The killing occurred on 8th Street near 5th Avenue on May 4, 1991, after Frazier, who was driving a blue Jeep, nearly struck Alexis and a friend as they were crossing the street.

Frazier, a Golden Gloves amateur boxer, went on to represent the NYPD in a boxing tournament in the Soviet Union. According to the Assistant District Attorney prosecuting the case, Frazier is moving on to become a professional boxer.

A Grand Jury considered bringing an indictment charging the two with 3rd degree assault, a strange development since it's unheard of for a Grand Jury to bring back indictments on misdemeanors which are relatively minor offenses. Then Justice Crane tossed out the indictments in May, charging that the Manhattan District Attorney's office had botched the presentation of the case. In their reargument, the DA's office revealed that Officer Frazier had admitted striking Alexis, a fact left out of earlier reports.

This was Justice Crane's final decision in Criminal Court since he was subsequently transferred to Civil Court. The new judge is Bruce Allen. ADA Jay Stein who was the original prosecutor has also left the DA's office and was replaced in the Alexis killing case by ADA Miroslav Lovric.

In a potentially explosive move at the June 3 hearing, attorneys for Pressley and Frazier immediately moved for ADA Lovric to be called as their first witness. The defense attorneys are also calling for a special investigator to look into the Manhattan DA's role in the matter.

"Behind and to Bobby's right, Ali Ahmand had held his position, closely following the Senator, when Sirhan's gun went off..."

"Ahmand watched through his viewfinder as the startled and dodging presidential candidate tried to back away from the wild-eyed gunman. Then, as Bobby literally backed into him, Ahmand pushed the lethal camera up behind the Senator's ear and pulled the release mechanism.

"The soft-nose lead projectile made virtually no noise as it exited the camera and tore through Bobby's right mastoid, the force of the shell literally stopping him in mid-air. As Bobby started to collapse, Ahmand followed him with his camera, pulling the trigger three times more..."

--Former CIA Contract Agent Robert Morrow in *The Senator Must Die*

"In 1974 ... Congress enacted the 1974 Federal Election Campaign Act Amendment, which provided public funding ... for the parties' national nominating conventions.... The two major political parties are eligible to receive convention subsidies from the Presidential Election Campaign Fund.... The amount of the grant originally stipulated was \$2 million plus a cost-of-living adjustment. The base amount was raised to \$3 million by the 1979 FECA Amendments and to \$4 million by an act of Congress in mid-1984...."

--Financing The 1984 Election by Herbert Alexander and Brian Haggerty



FROM NEW YORK SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION TO CLINTON'S CLOSED CONVENTION:

A Look At The Politics of Assassination, Special Interests And The CIA's Democratic Party

By Bob Feldman

Less than a year before the 1964 Democratic National Convention, President Kennedy was mysteriously eliminated in Dallas, Texas. Coincidentally, in Los Angeles a few months before the 1968 Democratic National Convention, JFK's brother, New York Senator Robert Kennedy, was also eliminated after he had won the California Democratic presidential primary and read a victory statement in the Ambassador Hotel.

Neither the CIA nor its Democratic Party Establishment have seemed too eager to finally let people in the United States know who actually organized the elimination of President Kennedy and New York Senator Robert Kennedy from late 20th-century U.S. Establishment political life. But in 1992, the CIA's Democratic Party Establishment seems very eager to come to New York City and spend millions of dollars of your tax money nominating Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton for President at its Democratic National Convention.

FORMER DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON ROBERT STRAUSS AND THE JFK DALLAS MOTORCADE ROUTE

When the Democratic Party Establishment held its National Convention in Manhattan in 1976, the Bush Administration's current Ambassador to Russia, Robert Strauss, was the Democratic National Committee Chairperson. Strauss served as Democratic National Committee Chairperson from 1972 to 1977.

Since President John F. Kennedy's assassination on November 22, 1963, Dallas multi-millionaire corporate lawyer Strauss' Washington, DC law firm has especially prospered. According to the 1988 edition of *Louis Rukeyser's Business Almanac*, "His law firm, Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, is one of the city's most important lobbying groups." Strauss has also sat on the board of PepsiCo in recent years. On November 22, 1963, PepsiCo's lawyer, Richard M. Nixon, just happened to be in Dallas "on company business."

Coincidentally, On November 18, 1963, former Democratic National Committee Chairperson Strauss -- a former FBI agent -- was one of the first people in Dallas to learn of the selected November 22, 1963 JFK motorcade route. In a March 26, 1964 letter to Warren Commission General Counsel J. Lee Rankin, which forms part of Warren Commission Exhibit 1022, US Secret Service Chief James Rowley wrote:

"Late in the afternoon [on November 18, 1963], Agent Lawson attended a meeting at the Dallas Club which was already in session when he arrived ... Agent Lawson indicated that he had completed the final selection of the route with the police and the selected route was furnished to those present. Those present included ... Mr. Robert Strauss..."

"... The Secret Service does not release selected routes of Presidential motorcades to the press, nor by what authority.

"It is conceivable that someone present at the November 18 meeting may have released the details of the route after they had been furnished with this information.

"At the time the Secret Service Report to the Commission was being completed, a brief inquiry was made in Dallas by SAIC Sorrels of press representatives as to the source of the release and he was informed only that it was obtained from a reliable source."

THE CIA TIES OF MCCARTHY'S ANTI-KENNEDY CAMPAIGN

After a trustee of the CIA-linked Hoblitzelle Foundation, Federal Judge Sarah Hughes, swore Lyndon Johnson in as US President in Dallas following President Kennedy's death, both LBJ and Senator Eugene McCarthy apparently began working to prevent the 1964 Democratic Party Vice-Presidential nomination from going to Robert Kennedy. As *People* by Richard Stout noted in 1970:

"Even in the first hours after John Kennedy's death, friends of McCarthy began to talk about McCarthy's chances to be Lyndon Johnson's running mate in 1964. Eventually a campaign for the nomination was mounted. It was much more extensive than McCarthy ever told.... He spent at least \$39,000 in the quest..."

"... Lyndon Johnson assigned two aides, Walter Jenkins and Hobart Taylor, to keep close contact with a circle of McCarthy supporters and advisors who began meeting almost weekly in February, 1964, to plot strategy."

Although McCarthy was unsuccessful in securing the 1964 Democratic Party vice-presidential nomination, RFK was also unable to secure it. Instead, the 1964 Democratic National Convention chose JFK's opponent in the 1960 Democratic presidential primaries, Minnesota Senator Hubert Humphrey, as its vice-presidential candidate.

By late 1967, however, LBJ had lost much popularity among Democratic Party liberals due to his policy of escalating US military intervention in Vietnam after he and Humphrey were elected in 1964 on a peace platform. U.S. Establishment liberals opposed to LBJ's Vietnam War policy agreed to finance a Eugene McCarthy campaign against Johnson in the 1968 Democratic presidential primaries. According to the book *People*:

"Among the major contributors were Howard Stein, 41, president of the Dreyfus Fund, and the company's retired chairman, Jack Dreyfus. Stein became one of McCarthy's major fund-raisers."

Other fund-raisers for the 1968 McCarthy presidential campaign were William Ford (who owned much Ford Motor Company stock), General Motors stockholder Stewart Mott and Martin Peretz, who in later years would purchase *New Republic* magazine. Coincidentally, in his book *Compulsive Spy: The Strange Career of E. Howard Hunt*, Tad Szulc noted that a "senior" Central Intelligence "Agency official became after his retirement the treasurer for Eugene McCarthy's presidential campaign in 1968 and is now a fund-raiser for the Democratic Party..."

After LBJ's unpopularity among Democratic voters was exposed by McCarthy's strong showing in the New Hampshire primary, Robert Kennedy -- who had been elected to the US Senate from New York in 1964 -- decided to seek the 1968 Democratic Party presidential nomination. Coincidentally, after RFK announced his presidential candidacy and LBJ announced he would not seek re-nomination, another former CIA official named Thomas Finney joined the McCarthy for President campaign staff to help organize the anti-Kennedy 1968 primary campaign in Oregon and California. Former CIA official Finney was also the law partner of LBJ's Secretary of Defense Clark Clifford, who would become famous again in the 1990s for being involved in the BCCI banking scandal.

Grassroots activists in the 1968 McCarthy campaign were suspicious of former CIA official Finney's motives in agreeing to play a major leadership role in the anti-Kennedy presidential campaign. According to *People*:

"The young people ... never stopped suspecting that Finney, because of his close ties with the administration, was a double agent for Hubert Humphrey [who was also seeking the 1968 Democratic Party presidential nomination]..."

Former CIA official Finney's secret activity prior to the 1968 Democratic National Convention reinforced the belief of "most other McCarthy campaign aides" that "Tom Finney was a secret agent for Humphrey" and that "McCarthy had been the secret agent, in effect, in a campaign to present the best situation possible to Humphrey as the Democratic nominee for President," according to *People* by Richard Stout.

One of Finney's first acts after taking over the direction of the McCarthy for President campaign prior to RFK's elimination, coincidentally, was to recruit Tom McCoy, "who, like Finney, had been associated in the past with the CIA," to become "a chief Finney aide" within the anti-Kennedy campaign's organization, according to the same book.

After New York Senator Robert Kennedy was eliminated, Finney continued to play a behind-the-scenes role prior to the August 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago. As the book *People* recalled:

"Tom Finney proposed to McCarthy that a secret effort be made to find a party-unifying compromise candidate.... For 48 hours Finney and Tom McCoy explored the possibilities in a string of phone calls..."

"Finney also arranged a breakfast meeting between Humphrey and McCarthy several days before the convention in Humphrey's Washington apartment..."

"Finney also worked behind the scenes to kill the television debate with Humphrey that McCarthy had sought for so long.

WHO ELIMINATED NEW YORK SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY?

Many people believe that the presently imprisoned Sirhan Sirhan fired the bullets that eliminated RFK at the comparatively young age of 42. Yet in their book, *The Assassination of Robert F. Kennedy: A Searching Look At The Conspiracy and Cover-Up 1968-1978*, former FBI agent William Turner and former ABC News correspondent John Christian concluded:

"Eyewitnesses uniformly recounted that Sirhan accosted Kennedy from the front, and never got closer than two to three feet from the senator before he was grabbed and wrestled to the floor.

"Yet County Coroner Dr. Thomas T. Noguchi, who performed the autopsy, declared that all three of the bullets striking Kennedy entered from the rear, in a flight path from down to up, right to left. Moreover, powder burns around the entry wound indicated that the fatal bullet was fired at less than one inch from the head and no more than two to three inches behind the left ear.

"Thus it would have been physically impossible for Sirhan to have fired the shots that killed Kennedy."

In his book *The Senator Must Die*, former CIA contract agent Robert Morrow argues that the bullet which killed New York Senator Kennedy was actually fired from a CIA-manufactured camera-gun weapon whose trigger was pulled by a member of the Shah of Iran's SAVAK secret police, who was posing as the Microdot Company photographer Ali Ahmand. Morrow argues that while Sirhan Sirhan was creating a diversion by shooting around RFK from the front, the SAVAK agent "photographed" RFK from behind with his camera-gun and, thus, released the fatal bullet. According to Morrow, Ali Ahmand is pictured wearing both a yellow sweater and the camera-gun around his neck in a photograph taken shortly before RFK was eliminated, which appeared on page 17 of the June 14, 1968 issue of *Time* magazine. In *The Senator Must Die*, former CIA contract agent Morrow also asserts that "SAVAK had indeed murdered Bobby Kennedy" and "had done it in conjunction with organized crime, the CIA, or both."

Morrow described the alleged murder weapon used by the SAVAK agent as follows:

"The camera strapped around Ali Ahmand's neck was a highly unusual one. Nested within its body was a four-shot, mechanically fired .22 calibre weapon. A weapon that, within half a dozen feet, could fire soft nose slugs, which would fragment on impact and be extremely lethal..."

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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JULY 15--WAR PARADE 18 TRIAL--Four remaining defendants being prosecuted for protesting the Persian Gulf War Massacre in Iraq at the "Operation Welcome Home" Parade in Manhattan. Pack the courtroom! 9:00AM, 100 Center Street, JP-5, First floor. Defense Campaign:(212)642-5228.

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Letters To the Editor



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While it is obvious that the police were held back and authorities actually encouraged the L.A. Mayday riots, it is also obvious that the media gave a very distorted view of these events. A large percentage of the looters were not interested in justice or [Rodney] King. They were just scum who used these events as an excuse. The earlier film footage showed King charging out of his car all wired and belligerent...while his companions complied with officers' requests and got no hassles. Any unbiased jury would probably come up with the same verdict with the same evidence. Rather than continue ranting at the "Pigs" freedom fighters might do a lot better by concentrating on the real enemy.

We find the true enemy parked outside the banks and U.N. Building in New York City. Their license plates frequently have the word "elite" right on them. You can't get much more brazen than that. These are the corrupt leaders who have stripped our nation of its wealth and freedoms. Most cops are just doing their jobs and are brainwashed. The elite are not brainwashed and are bringing our freedoms to an end through deliberate evil intent. If readers want to target the true adversary why target a bunch of lower level working men, why not aim a little higher and get the guys who control our media and money. If we aim at the right target we might get better results. Alison

Dear SHADOW,
I have a criticism/contribution I would like to put to you. With the exception of the victory of the May Day 29 most of the news has been fairly depressing. I realize that this is the reality of the situation--police repression at Tompkins Square. Yet I feel that a paper like the SHADOW by/for/about squatters, has the opportunity that no other anarchist paper has, to deliver a positive message about what you are doing. You have to talk about police repression because this is what you have to contend with everyday. Yet this is only one part of what is going on with the squatters movement. Squatting is anarchy in action and this is exactly why the squatters are a source of inspiration to me. I would only suggest that you put more balance in your paper by including more stories about the positive aspects of squatting. Like Life Is Free says--"Squatting: The solution, not the problem."

I would also like to make a suggestion about the gluing of stamps. People I have corresponded with in Britain and Canada say it is done with soap--by getting a bar a little wet and rubbing it over the stamp until it leaves a film. I think this method is better because the film it leaves is far more invisible than glue and all you need is warm water to remove the cancellation mark. The only thing is that you have to make sure you get soap all over the stamp to keep the ink from getting through.

Stuart, Austin, Texas

Dear Stuart,
Thanks for the suggestion about--we plan to do some stories on the positive/productive side of squatting, but there have been many other more pressing stories to cover lately. We're sorry if there seems to be an excess of depressing news--unfortunately, that is the reality of things. Rather than just tell our readers how fucked up everything is (and it is pretty fucked up!), we also try to tell how

they can do something about it, alternatives, etc.

Perhaps you are right though--in covering so much negativity, we do sometimes lose sight of the more positive things going on around us, so we will try to cover those types of stories. (Another thing to remember is that the pigs, both local and federal, read the SHADOW, so there is only so much we can reveal (scams, how-to stuff, who's doing what and where, etc)--when we do exposés and local stories, we make sure the details do not benefit the pigs in any way.

Chris Flash, Editor

Hello,

I'm a 20 year old anti-authoritarian living in the Long Island suburbs with my folks for the summer. Although my perspective is more non-violent (I'm a War Resister's League member) I sympathize with the squatter situation. I feel forced to be apathetic in the suburbs...I'd like to fight against the power in Long Island, but unfortunately the place was built to discourage community--and it has succeeded.

I am sick of reading anarchist theory. I want to take action, but I am becoming increasingly frustrated. Help me help us out. I am lusting to fight to take back my humanity from the hierarchy. I love you all for fighting.

Burt, Roslyn Heights, New York



CB3 WATCH

By Stuart Frankel

HE'S BAAAACK!

City Councilmember Antonio Pagan, a coward as well as a bully (the two usually go together), is allergic to criticism, and has repeatedly ducked Community Board 3 (CB3) meetings, sending sacrificial lambs in his place. We reported on the February and March meetings previously. In April, Pagan sent J. Shelby Gragg, a pale, blotchy wisp who sweated through his single sentence to the board that there would be no statement. Pagan also sent a letter to the mayor, saying that he couldn't appear at CB3 meetings because the meetings were continually disrupted, etc., etc., etc. CB3 chair Rick Carman sent a reply saying that the Mayor's aide and others present at the meetings could attest to the "inaccuracy" of Pagan's accusations.

Pagan was lying about the meetings; this reporter will attest to that. But if he really did fear for his personal safety, we must question his sense of propriety in sending his aide René Williams, alone and presumably unarmed, to the May CB3 meeting. Williams, distributed a written statement, read the statement out loud as if to schoolchildren, refused to take any questions, and left unmolested.

It should be noted that it is almost unheard of for City Councilmembers to skip Community Board meetings, and it is TOTALLY unheard of for them (or their aides) to refuse to take questions.

By the time of the June meeting, Pagan had appointed half a dozen members to the board (Manhattan Boro President Ruth Messinger's dozen appointees are curiously right wing -- some people believe that she is a political opportunist, lining up support for a future mayoral bid), and evidently felt himself secure enough to put in an appearance.

Pagan recited a selective list of his accomplishments. He announced proudly that he had been elected chair of the Latino caucus. He didn't mention that the Latino caucus is a new body, and that he has never attended a single meeting of the long-standing Black and Puerto Rican Caucus. He also didn't mention that he's attended almost no meetings of the Manhattan Caucus since his election.

He also didn't mention that he's introduced a bill saying that landlords don't have to provide hot water to their tenants during a "water emergency." Small Property Owners of New York (SPONY) has praised Pagan in their newsletters and have said that his election was one of the best things ever to happen to landlords. Pagan didn't mention this praise, either.

He also didn't mention that he skipped out on the Gay Men's Health Crisis AIDS Walkathon, although he was scheduled to walk with some members of his Democratic Action Club (DAC). It rained that day; maybe he didn't want to get wet (although most of the DACers did show).

He did mention, briefly, an anonymous mailing that he said some people had received. He said it was "disgusting." He didn't go into any detail. The only disgusting mailing The SHADOW has received about Pagan was a note, printed in SHADOW #24, about him having sex in a public bathroom.

The SHADOW has received many reports of Pagan's disgusting behavior. Pagan has quite a reputation for leering and butt pinching. A legislative aide went into Pagan's office once, and Pagan stuck both his hands down his pants and started rubbing his balls. And at one point during the June CB3 meeting, Pagan stared rather pointedly at this reporter's crotch.

If Pagan really doesn't like disgusting reports, he should stop his disgusting behavior.

Facing questions from even the small body of Pagan opponents left on the board, Pagan showed himself unable to act with any dignity. His answers were rude, and he clearly enjoyed his position as tinhorn bully. "You're a sore loser," he told CB3 member Robert Schoenbohm. "Sit down!"

And you, Mr. Pagan, are a sore winner.

PAGAN STILL TRYING TO NUKE AIDS TREATMENT FACILITY

Housing Works, an ACT-UP affiliate, is proposing to build a residence and treatment facility for HIV-positive IV-drug users at 186-194 East 7th Street. Pagan, State Senator Martin Connor, and State Assemblymembers Steven Sanders and Sheldon Silver (the "Gang Of Four"--see SHADOW #23) have been trying to strangle the project with a variety of pretexts.

But because of excellent planning at Housing Works, and support for the project from the local community, it turned out to be very difficult for the Gang Of Four to block the project, so they worked out a "compromise" -- that Housing Works director Charles King read a face-saving statement they had drafted, and in return, they'd stop bothering him. Standing before the May CB3 meeting, King read the statement, which turned out to be one of the most embarrassing political documents this reporter has ever heard. The introduction, in which King "thanked" the Gang Of Four for their "valuable input" was silly enough, but what provoked the audience to fits of giggling was the repeated mention of the Gang Of Four by full title and name. The effect was like of those "personalized" computer-generated form letters where your

name is put in six times a paragraph. King exercised remarkable self-control (he did slip once or twice; Toby Axelrod, writing in the New York Observer, primly reported that his voice was "choking with emotion"), but many members of the audience didn't feel so constrained, and had tears of laughter in their eyes by the time King had finished.

In spite of the agreement, Pagan hasn't given up trying to spike the project. At the June CB3 meeting, he announced that he was trying to save Housing Works "a lot a money" and find a city-owned lot that they could purchase for one dollar -- their current plans are to purchase a privately-owned lot.

Pagan lied, as anyone familiar with government money would realize immediately. Money appropriated for site purchase does not automatically become available for other purposes if a less expensive site is found. It simply disappears.

And it's obvious enough what Pagan is up to. City-owned property has to be disposed of through ULURP, the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure, which means that any plans for the site have to be approved by the Community Board, the City Planning Commission, and the City Council. This would give Pagan three chances to shoot down the Housing Works proposal; also it would delay the project for at least a year. (People are dying every day, but the Gang Of Four is quite willing to kill in order to maintain Property Values).

King later said that Pagan has never contacted him about an alternative site, and that he first heard about it from people who had been to the CB3 meeting. He declined to speculate on Pagan's motives.

The SHADOW thinks that if Pagan really had the best interests of Housing Works in mind, that he would have contacted them. Pagan is definitely being sneaky, and sneaks are usually up to no good.

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**QUAYLE
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**PUSHES
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By Paul DeRienzo

The President's Council on Competitiveness, a group headed by Vice President Dan Quayle that is charged with reducing regulations that the White House believes hobbles American business won another major victory in late May. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), acting on a report by the so-called Quayle Council, approved a policy giving the biotechnology industry tremendous leeway in marketing genetically altered food products.

While the new FDA guidelines apply to all genetically engineered food, the first genetically altered food product, a slow ripening tomato, will appear on the market by 1993. The California based Calgene Inc., a leading agricultural biotechnology firm, has invested \$7 million to develop a new gene that delays the rotting process of tomatoes and increases their shelf life. The FDA biotechnology guidelines will allow the altered tomato and other genetically engineered products to be sold for the most part without labeling. In the words of an FDA spokesperson, the lack of labeling would "help with product acceptability and, to an extent, liability protection." Liability protection would be provided by the government's seal of approval on genetically engineered food products.

The FDA guidelines are not laws but the agency's own interpretation of the Pure Food Drug and Cosmetic Act, which exempts most genetically engineered products from pre-market safety testing. The Quayle Council policy maintains that genetically altered organisms should not be assumed to be dangerous because of the method used to produce them. The Council says that genetic engineering is no different then traditional methods of selective breeding.

The policy may require that some genetically engineered foods be labeled or safety tested if they contain a gene from a plant thats a commonly known allergen. The biotechnology industry, following the arguments of the Quayle Council in opposing government regulation throughout the economy, argues that the benefits of safety testing do not justify the costs.

According to White House officials, the new biotechnology policy will serve as a model for similar policies affecting other federal agencies involved in regulating the biotechnology industry, including the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Agriculture.

More than 500 genetically engineered food products are up for testing including livestock, fish and poultry. Products such as pesticides and disease resistant plants are expected to join the altered tomatoes in coming years. Although the current debate on these products is focusing on components from animal genes, the majority of these new products will involve the use of bacterial and viral components. Genetic engineers are taking genes from bacteria, viruses and insects and adding them to fruits, grains and vegetables. They are producing foods in the laboratory that have never been eaten before.

An environmental organization that has been at the forefront of opposition to unregulated use of genetically altered organisms is the Washington, DC-based Foundation for Economic Trends. Katherine Matthews, the staff attorney for the Foundation, says "We're afraid that the new biotechnology policy will result in the American people becoming guinea pigs."

"It makes us very suspicious" says Matthews, "we know industry is desperate to market these products because they've invested millions of dollars for development."

However, FDA spokespeople insist that genetic engineering is no different from crossbreeding and hybridization, practices that have been followed by humankind for thousands of years. The FDA says that there is no difference between the compounds that makeup the genes from different organisms. Matthews scoffs at that argument. She asks if it means that it's no different when "you can put genes from a flounder into a tomato or the genes from a chicken into a potato." Matthews says she "challenges the scientists who work for the biotech industry to state that traditional crossbreeding could result in these bizarre combinations."

Opponents of the relaxed regulation of the biotechnology industry also point at the ethical questions posed by the inclusion of animal genes in plant products that may be eaten by people who follow vegetarian diets or other dietary restrictions. In once case, human genes were inserted into pigs in tests aimed at producing leaner pork products. According to Matthews, "Vegetarians have already voiced concerns that if these products are allowed on the market without labeling how will people know what they are eating?"

GENESIS OF AN ALTERED TOMATO

The genetic benefits of the Calgene tomato begins with the isolation of the gene which causes a tomato to soften. Since commercially grown tomatos are not allowed to ripen on the vine so that they can be brought to market without rotting, the store bought tomato is often pretty tasteless. Scientists have found however that when the gene for softening is copied in reverse and then re-implanted into tomato cells, the fruit will last up to seven days longer and can be even shipped without refrigeration.

The new gene, which is the patented proerty of Calgene, is injected into tomato cells in a laboratory. To determine how many cells have accepted, the new genes scientists use a "selectable marker" called a kan gene. Essentially, the kan gene uses an antibiotic to screen plant cells that have been genetically engineered in the laboratory. In the Calgene example, tomato cells that have incorporated the desired genetic alteration are also resistant to the antibiotic, called kanamycin, and they survive. Cells that miss the genetic trait are weeded out.

Calgene has admitted the possibility that people who consume food treated with antibiotics may develop tolerance to the antibiotic used. If that antibiotic was the only effective treatment for an illness, it could pose a problem. According to environmentalists, antibiotic tolerance is a serious issue in other areas of biotechnology.

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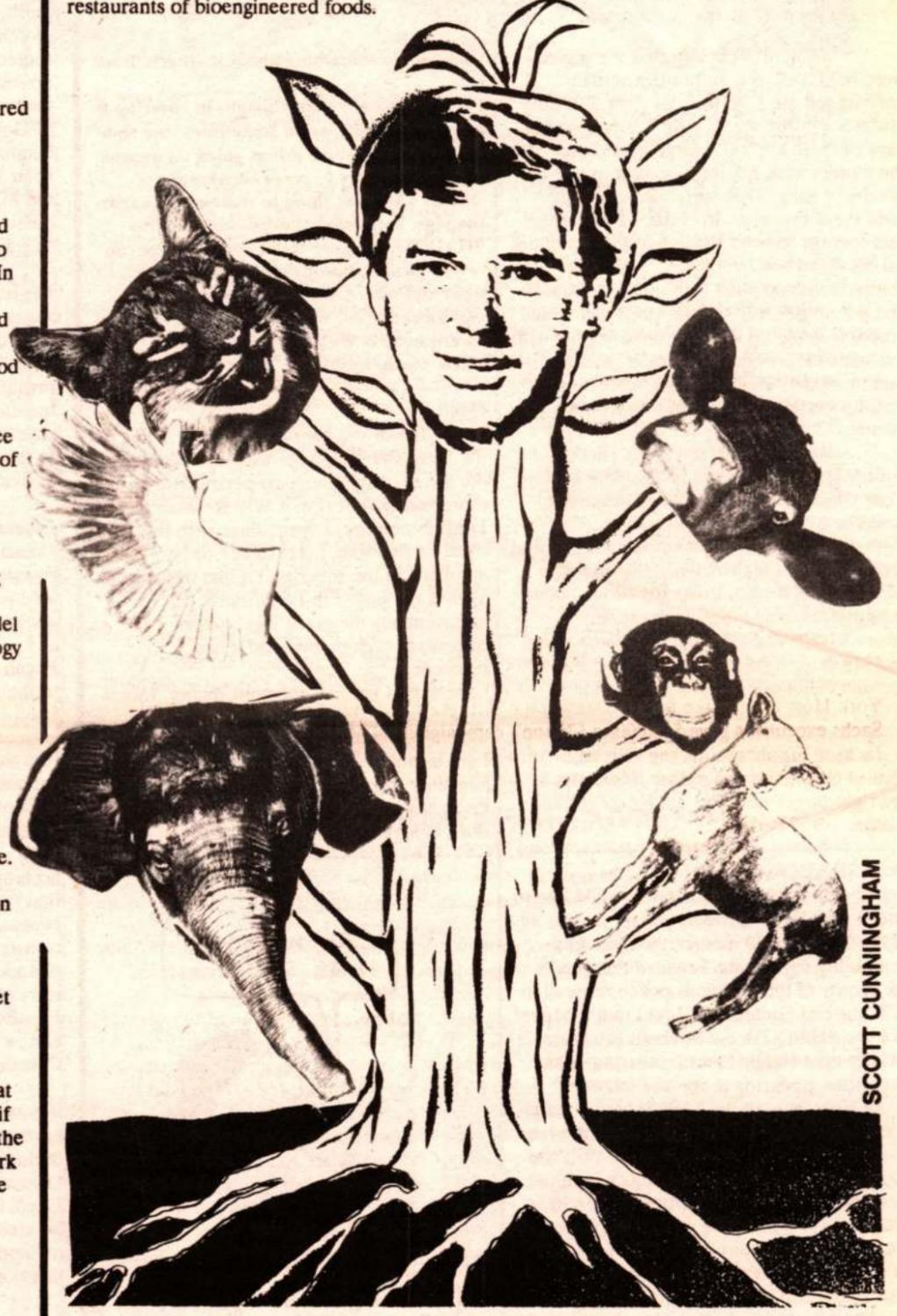
Activists concerned with the rapid deregulation of the biotechnology industry cite the experience of the dietary supplement L-tryptophan, that was produced by genetically engineered bacteria in the 1980's, leading to disastrous results. According to Katherine Matthews, when one plant manufacturing L-tryptophan changed strains of bacteria and

used a new filtering process, they created a contaminant that killed at least 31 people and caused thousands of serious illnesses and resulted in over 2500 personal injury lawsuits.

According to Matthews, if a genetically engineered product could have this effect, it is "really necessary to have pre-market safety testing and require the industry to prove that the products are safe." She adds that the FDA does not test genietally engineered products but requires the industry to do the testing and then submit the data for FDA review. Therefore, according to Matthews, the "burden of proof" should be on those industries that profit from bioengineered products.

Matthews says that the Foundation for Economic Trends is considering suing the FDA to have the agency declare that the genetically engineered components of foods are categorized as food additives, a defined term under federal law that means it must be pre-market safety tested. According to Matthews, pre-market safety testing, in which stringent testing of new products must be approved by the FDA, should be the "bottom-line for genietally engineered products as well."

Looking toward the future, Matthews says the Foundation is spearheading a "pure food campaign" that aims to fight every genetically engineered food proposed for the market until the government imposes mandatory labeling of these foods. The Foundation has filed a legal petition with the FDA demanding tighter regulation and is organizing a boycott by restaurants of bioengineered foods.



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In addition to RFK, 5 other people in the pantry were hit by gunfire: Paul Schrade, a UAW official; William Weisel, an associate director of the Washington bureau of ABC News; Ira Goldstein of Continental News Service; Elizabeth Evans; and Irwin Stroll. All five, however, survived their wounds.

According to former CIA contract agent Morrow, RFK's death on June 6, 1968, triggered "the start of a massive official cover-up, second only to the one following his brother's assassination" and "the key to thwarting the investigation would be that there was a CIA-controlled operative in a high police position, high enough to manage witness testimony and censor what could be placed into evidence."

To investigate RFK's mysterious death, a special task force was set up by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) which was called "Special Unit Senator" (SUS). Coincidentally, the head of SUS, Lt. Manuel Peña had previously "left the LAPD for a special training unit" at the CIA's Camp Peary, Virginia training base, which is nick-named "The Farm," according to Morrow. The former CIA contract agent also observed that SUS head Peña "had previously performed some special assignments for the CIA in Central America and South America, working with CIA operative Dan A. Mitrione" and that Peña's brother "casually mentioned to television newsman Stan Bohman how proud Manny was of his service for the CIA over the years."

Coincidentally, according to Morrow, "Peña selected another CIA compatriot, Sgt. Enrique 'Hank' Hernandez" to "investigate" the possibility that there was a conspiracy to kill RFK for the special LAPD task force and, in a resumé he wrote after his retirement from the LAPD, "Hernandez claimed that he had played a key role in the CIA's Unified Police Command, a training operation for Latin American countries."

KEEPING THE PUBLIC OUT: SECURITY AT THE 1976 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

In 1976, the Democratic Party Establishment also held its national convention in the Big Apple and during convention week decreased civil liberties in Manhattan, illegally, to discourage women prostitutes from doing business around the Democratic National Convention with delegate-johns. A new anti-loitering law went into effect the day before the convention began, which allowed a NYC cop "to arrest anyone he saw beckon, stop, or engage passersby in conversation for what the cop thought might be solicitation," according to *Convention* by Richard Reeves. The same book recalled that "There were doubts about the new ordinance's constitutionality, but appeals by the New York Civil Liberties Union would not be heard until after the convention--and vice cops called it 'the convention law.'" To keep the public out of a publicly-funded event in 1976, the Democratic Party Establishment required residents of Manhattan to show "credentials" in order to enter the Madison Square Garden "Convention Hall." According to *Convention*, although "officially there were 26,590 credentials distributed each day" by the Democratic Party Establishment, in actuality the number given out was 30,123 and "overruns were hidden from everyone but a few of the highest party officials, to allow the Democratic National Committee and Bob Strauss, a man of many friends and favors, to satisfy extra or ineligible politicians and reporters."

Preston Tisch -- brother of CBS Chairman of the Board Laurence Tisch -- was the chairman of New York City's Host Committee for the 1976 Democratic National Convention. In 1992, Goldman, Sachs Chairman Robert Rubin is the Chairman of the New York Host Committee for the Democratic National Convention. Coincidentally, Goldman, Sachs executives gave \$54,000 to Clinton's campaign as of March 31, 1992, and Rubin, like Jackson Stephens, is a key Clinton financial advisor. Like Stephens, Inc., Goldman, Sachs also makes a bundle of money by dealing in government bonds.

FORMER NIXON FOUNDATION TRUSTEE ROSS "NAPOLEON" PEROT'S DEMOCRATIC PARTY CONNECTIONS

The last two times it held its taxpayer-subsidized national convention in Manhattan, the Democratic Party Establishment nominated a Southern governor and US Naval Academy graduate named Jimmy Carter, one of whose chief campaign organizers was Hamilton Jordan. Coincidentally, a few weeks ago, former Nixon Foundation Trustee and US Naval Academy graduate Ross "Napoleon" Perot hired the Democratic Party Establishment political operative Hamilton Jordan to be one of his 1992 campaign managers.

Another Democratic Party Establishment figure that Perot recently hired to represent his special, personal interests is a Democratic Party State Senator -- who also represents Brooklyn Heights and Lower Manhattan -- named Martin "Perot" Connor. According to an article appearing in the June 22, 1992 issue of *The Brooklyn Paper*, the *Staten Island Advance* quoted the New York State Chair for Perot's presidential campaign, Matthew Liflander, as stating that Perot had hired Democratic State Senator Connor to be another one of his lawyers. *The SHADOW*, calling Senator Connor's office at 270 Broadway to determine the nature of Perot's relationship with Connor, and the rate at which Perot is being billed for Connor's special services, received the following response: "No one is able to answer questions."

Hiring Democratic Party lawyers to represent his special, personal interests is not a new method of operating for Perot. To draft the "Perot Amendment" to a 1975 federal tax bill which would have enabled Perot to secure a \$15 million tax break that represented "the most gigantic tax break in history for one person," Perot hired the Democratic Johnson Administration's former Internal Revenue Service Commissioner, Sheldon Cohen, according to the November 7, 1975 issue of the *Wall Street Journal*. Coincidentally, between 1972 and 1977, Perot's lawyer Cohen was also the Democratic Party National Committee's General Counsel.

In 1974, Perot also gave a \$5,000 campaign contribution to Democratic Senator Mike Gravel of Alaska, who was a member of the Senate Finance Committee. Coincidentally, after receiving his \$5,000 campaign contribution from Perot, Democratic Senator Gravel sponsored the \$15 million tax break "Perot Amendment" in the US Senate.

The *Wall Street Journal* also reported in its November 7, 1975 issue that in 1974 Perot contributed \$5,000 to Democratic Congressional Rep. Omar Burlison of Texas, \$5,000 to Democratic Congressional Rep. Joe Waggoner of Louisiana, \$2,500 to Democratic Congressional Rep. James Corman of California, \$2,500 to Democratic Congressional Rep. Dan Rostenkowski of Illinois, \$2,500 to Democratic Congressional Rep. James Jones of Oklahoma, \$2,500 to Democratic Congressional Rep. Joseph Karth of Minnesota, and \$1,000 to Democratic Congressional Rep. Al Ullman of Oregon. Coincidentally, all but one of these "campaign" contributions to Democratic Party politicians were made after the 1974 election. And, coincidentally, all of these Democratic Party recipients of Perot's special generosity held seats on the House Ways and Means Committee that was scheduled to vote on the \$15 million tax break "Perot Amendment" in 1975.

Of the \$90,000 in campaign contributions dished out by Perot in 1974, about \$55,000 was given to Senators and Congressional Representatives who sat on committees which wrote tax bills or monitored the government health programs from which Perot's EDS (Electronic Data Systems) company received lucrative sub-contracts, according to the *Wall Street Journal* on November 7, 1975.

Another Democratic Party Establishment figure closely connected to Perot as recently

as 1984 is Democratic Mayor David Dinkins' chief financial adviser -- former ITT (International Telephone & Telegraph) Director and Lazard Freres partner Felix Rohatyn. Coincidentally, prior to General Motors' purchase of Perot's EDS in 1984, Rohatyn sat next to Perot on the EDS board of directors.

While serving as an ITT Director in the early 1970s, the Austrian-born Rohatyn met with former Nixon Administration Justice Department official Richard Kleindienst several times to discuss ITT's desire for the Nixon Administration to drop an anti-trust suit against ITT. After other ITT officials agreed to provide thousands of dollars in cash to subsidize the 1972 Republican National Convention that was originally scheduled to be held in San Diego, the Nixon Administration evidently agreed to drop the anti-trust suit against Rohatyn's ITT. Kleindienst was compelled to resign his Justice Department position because of his role in the Rohatyn/ITT Scandal of 1972 after columnist Jack Anderson and ABC News correspondent Brit Hume revealed the existence of an ITT memo discussing the proposed deal between ITT and the Nixon Administration.

(Rohatyn's ITT was also involved in this period in supporting Nixon Administration and CIA efforts to de-stabilize the democratically elected regime of Salvador Allende in Chile.)

YOUR TAX MONEY AT WORK:**FINANCING THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION**

Prior to 1974, the Democratic and Republican national conventions were "subsidized by grants of from \$300,000 to \$1 million" by special corporate interests of the host city, according to *Fat Cats And Democrats*. The same book also noted that "another subsidization" of the Democratic and Republican national conventions came from corporate purchasing of "expensive ads in the party convention program" and in "in 1964 ... the Democrats helped pay for their convention with \$1.5 million raised from ad sales."

After 1974, however, your tax money began to be used by the Democratic and Republican parties to pay for their national conventions every 4 years. The 1974 Federal Election Campaign Act (FECA) Amendment was passed which authorized the U.S. Treasury Department to dish out "2 million plus a cost-of-living adjustment" to pay for Democratic National Convention from its Presidential Election Campaign Fund, according to *Financing The 1984 Election* by Herbert Alexander and Brian Haggerty. The 1979 FECA amendment increased the base amount of your subsidy to finance the Democratic National Convention to \$2 million and a 1984 act of Congress increased the base amount of your subsidy to \$4 million.

Both the Democratic National Committee and the Republican National Committee, however, still wanted to spend even more public money and corporate-donated money on their national conventions than the millions the 1974 FECA Amendment was already giving them, so they complained to the Federal Election Commission (FEC). As *Financing The 1984 Election* recalled:

"In June 1975, prompted by complaints from the Republican and Democratic National Committees that a public grant of \$2.2 million (\$2 million plus the cost-of-living adjustment) would be insufficient to pay the nominating convention costs... The FEC ruled that state and local government agencies and municipal corporations could provide such facilities and services as convention halls, transportation, and security assistance without the cost of those facilities and services counting against the parties' expenditure limits."

As a result of this FEC ruling, the Democratic Party's New York City government was allowed to dish out \$5 million in support of the 1976 Democratic National Convention in Manhattan. According to *Convention*, for the 1976 Democratic National Convention, "the city's costs ... broke down this way: \$1.9 million for rental of Madison Square Garden; \$1.4 million for design and construction to turn it into a convention hall; \$280,000 to provide buses, cars, and parking for delegates and DNC officials; \$215,000 for insurance." The same book also noted that New York City cops earned \$2.6 million in overtime pay during the 1976 Democratic National Convention week in Manhattan, although this public cost was subsidized by a grant from the Federal Law Enforcement Assistance Administration.

To finance its 1984 Democratic National Convention in San Francisco, "the 1984 Democratic National Convention Committee Inc. received from the U.S. Treasury grants totaling \$8,080,000," according to *Financing The 1984 Election*. The Democratic Party Establishment then used the 1984 Democratic National Convention which your tax money funded as a vehicle to raise more money from special corporate interests, to help further finance the campaign of Democratic Party Establishment candidates. *Financing The 1984 Election* revealed that:

"The Democrats offered a graduated selection of benefits according to the amount contributed. Contributors of \$5,000 ... were guaranteed 2 seats at all convention sessions, reservations for VIP accommodations at 1 or 2 fine San Francisco hotels, access to the convention center's VIP lounge, and tickets to a number of special programs and events. A \$10,000 contribution brought an invitation to a reception with the party's presidential nominee after his acceptance speech, and \$25,000 resulted in an invitation to a special dinner with the party's nominee. Contributors of \$100,000 were promised an opportunity to be photographed with the party's nominee."

DEMOCRATIC PARTY NATIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON RON BROWN'S KISSINGER, "BABY DOC" DUVALIER AND JAPANESE ESTABLISHMENT CONNECTIONS

Presiding over Clinton's Closed Convention this year will be a partner in the 140-member lobbying-law of Patton, Boggs & Blow named Ron Brown. Since 1981, Democratic Party National Committee Chairperson Brown has worked on behalf of special corporate interests and special foreign interests at his Washington, D.C., law firm. As *Current Biography Yearbook 1989* noted: "A first-rate corporate lobbyist, Brown has numbered among his clients the former Haitian regime of Jean-Claude ("Baby Doc") Duvalier, American Express, Toshiba and Sony. Democratic National Committee Chairperson Brown's American Express client is also a client of Henry Kissinger's Kissinger Associates and in recent years Kissinger has sat on American Express's corporate board.

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN'S PARAMOUNT COMMUNICATIONS/PENNZOIL/BUSH CONNECTION

Madison Square Garden, the *New York Knicks*, the *New York Rangers*, 50% of the USA Network cable channel, WTXF-TV-Philadelphia, WDCA-TV, Washington, D.C., WLFL-TV-Raleigh/Durham and television stations in San Antonio, Houston and Dallas, Texas, are owned by the Paramount Communications mass media conglomerate. Simon & Schuster, Pocket Books, Poseidon Press and Zebra book publishers, as well as the Miss Universe Pageant, are also owned by Paramount Communications. Coincidentally, sitting on the board of directors of Paramount Communications in recent years has been former CIA Director George Bush's former business partner -- Pennzoil/Zapata Oil head and major Chevron/Gulf Oil stockholder, J. Hugh Liedtke.

CLINTON'S CLOSED CONVENTION

Although Arkansas Governor Clinton's popularity in relationship to former Nixon Foundation Trustee Ross "Napoleon" Perot decreased after each Democratic Party presidential primary Clinton campaigned in, it looks like the Democratic Party Establishment still intends to nominate Clinton in New York City as its 1992 presidential

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MUSIC REVIEW



ICE-T: "BAN ME, TRY IT, YOU MIGHT CAUSE A RIOT"

By Nashua

On June 10, the Combined Law Enforcement Association of Texas (CLEAT) announced they would be spearheading a nationwide "boycott" against Time-Warner, Inc., the company that distributes albums by L.A. rapper Ice-T. CLEAT was soon joined in their call by the Los Angeles Police Protective League, the Fraternal Order of Police, the National Rifle Association, and the New York State Sheriffs Association. Then on June 17, the Houston City Council passed a resolution denouncing Time-Warner, and the Los Angeles City Council is now considering a similar resolution.

The song that's blowing their minds is from Ice-T's new hardcore group **Body Count**. The tune, "Cop Killer", is an expression of outrage by ghetto youth against racist police enforcement in inner cities. The cops say the song promotes cop killing and they are demanding an "apology" by Time-Warner. They're threatening to protest at Time-Warner's stockholders meeting.

On June 18, **Trans World Music**, based in Albany, New York, pulled "Body Count" from 600 stores, and **Super Club Music**, based in Atlanta, Georgia, pulled it from 300 stores in 19 states, including **Coconuts** record stores, like the one on 6th Avenue and 8th Street in Manhattan.

The lyrics to the song **Cop Killer** speak to the environment that young, poor black people and anyone else who looks different from the acceptable mainstream face from the police every day:

<p>"Cop Killer, it's better you than me Cop Killer, fuck police brutality ...Fuck the police, for Daryl Gates Fuck the police, for Rodney King Fuck the police, for my dead homies.</p>	<p>I got my 12-gauge sawed off. I got my headlights turned off. I'm 'bout to bust some shots off. I'm 'bout to dust some cops off." --from "Cop Killer" by Ice-T and Body Count.</p>
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The boycott has been rejected by pro-police groups, including the National Black Police Association, which supports various police reform schemes such as "community policing" being followed by former Atlanta and Houston police chief Lee Brown, who now heads the police department in New York City.

Ice-T spoke with the **SHADOW** earlier this month at the New Music Seminar. "As far as them boycotting me, I ain't got no problem with that. But when they go so far as to say they gonna boycott **Batman**, that's ridiculous, what has **Batman** gotta do with me? That makes me think they got ulterior motives."

"Nobody's above ridicule. If you make a record about anything it should be legal."

Ice-T went on to describe why he wrote **Body Count**. "The song is about you so frustrated that you think this is the way to handle the business of police brutality. I ain't no cop killer but there been times I wanted to kill cops. But the record is directed at racist brutal police not the average cop."

"When they boycott my records what they're really saying is that they don't want Ice-T to make records because what about my next record? It's gonna be crazier ya' know. They're moving on my platform not me, when they move on me, they're gonna kill me."

So far, the people at Time-Warner have said they will not pull Ice-T's record, saying they stand by their "commitment to the free expression of ideas." However, Washington state recently passed a law forbidding the sale of songs with "erotic lyrics" to minors, and anti-censorship groups report that the big companies like Time-Warner did nothing to fight the bill, despite their claim of opposing censorship.

Since CLEAT called for a boycott, sales of **Body Count** have gone up 300 percent nationwide and almost 400 percent in Houston.



TONIGHT-WE GET EVEN!

CCRB

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first Latino to represent parts of the Lower East Side on the City Council, is the only Democratic council member opposed to civilian control of the CCRB. Pagan, who won his seat on the council with open support of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (PBA), has claimed that civilians lack the "expertise" to spot police misconduct. He told a reporter from the *Manhattan Spirit*, "You must have people who know about the hierarchy and the rules and regulations of the police department, not just who beat up who."

Lopez told of Pagan's long history of oppression against the people of the Lower East Side, the very people he represents. He is involved in questionable housing projects, and was largely responsible for the closing of Tomkins Square Park, despite protest from the neighborhood and Community Board 3. Ironically, the park closure created a dramatic drop in local business, causing many small merchants to close shop or move. The condition of the streets surrounding the park has steadily declined, with drug dealers virtually the only businessmen thriving on St. Marx Place. Lopez urged that the people of the Lower East Side reclaim TSP when it reopens in July.

THE PEOPLE MUST DEMAND ACCOUNTABILITY FROM THE POLICE

Norman Siegel then explained Intro 83 in detail. He said that the CCRB is only one small piece of the larger picture which is to get accountability over the law enforcement people in our city: "Inherent in the notion of democracy is the principal that we the people, must have accountability over the people that we employ to use physical and sometimes deadly force."

Siegel stressed that an independent special prosecutor needs to be appointed to prosecute allegations of police brutality. Siegel said that the District Attorney cannot be relied upon because there is an inherent conflict built in -- the DA works day after day with the police, and often relies upon police witnesses and testimony in order to gain a conviction in cases.

Siegel also feels strongly that the investigators who deal with allegations of police brutality be completely civilian. Currently, there are 25 civilian investigators and 33 police investigators working for the CCRB. All of them are paid by the police department, which makes them employees of the police. Siegel thinks that the law should be made similar to one in San Francisco which mandates that no one can investigate police brutality if they have ever been employed by the police.

Siegel explained that there will be a hearing on September 17 prior to the City Council vote. Before the hearing, there will be a large rally and march culminating in a concert in Central Park. (See the **SHADOW** for more details.) Siegel said that if the City Council doesn't pass the bill, a coalition is already working to get 45,000 signatures to put the bill on the ballot in November of 1993. Every politician will be forced to run on this issue and explain to the people where they stand on it.

VIOLENCE AGAINST ASIANS OFTEN PERPETRATED BY COPS

The final speaker, Dr. Mini Liu, represented the Asian community on the panel. She stated that the bulk of her work with the Committee Against Anti-Asian Violence is primarily in cases where the police are the perpetrators. "A large majority of the cases of severe injury we've seen in terms of violence against Asians has been at the hands of the cops. Police violence seems to have the characteristics of gang violence."

Police brutality against Asians is on the rise, but for some reason it hasn't received public attention outside the Asian community that violence against other people has. Dr. Liu cited in appalling detail many cases of police brutality against Asians on the Lower East Side and directly linked much of the violence to racism. In many incidents, there is documented evidence of extremely racist and profane slurs against Asians by the police.

Dr. Liu explained that police brutality against Asians is often due to the language barrier. Many Asians in this city are immigrants and do not speak English. Often when police are called to handle a problem or stop an Asian person for a minor violation, actions on both sides are sometimes misunderstood. Policemen are not trained adequately to deal with communications problems, and often overreact violently and profanely. Often, police officers automatically assume that an Asian person is an immigrant and doesn't understand them and thus treat them badly. The people sometimes fight back, and a violent incident often results.

Dr. Liu calls for strict guidelines and training to aid cops in dealing with people who don't speak English. She also demands that more Asian officers be placed within precincts with Asian populations. After Dr. Liu spoke, City Council member Kathryn Freed made a brief appearance and urged support of the all civilian CCRB. This was followed by a question and answer period.

MAYOR DINKINS FLAKES ON CAMPAIGN PROMISE

Mayor Dinkins, who claimed to support an all-civilian CCRB in his campaign for mayor in 1989, has yet to begin to fulfill his promise. Recently, Dinkins finally revealed his plans for only a modified CCRB after more than two months of study by Deputy Mayor Fritz Alexander.

The mayor's proposal differs from Intro 83 by giving the Police Commissioner the final say on what penalty a cop would receive if found guilty of wrongdoing while the Council bill would give that power to the civilian CCRB itself.

A spokesman for Police Commissioner Lee Brown, who has consistently opposed any change in the board, has stated that he is willing to testify against Mayor Dinkins' plan when the matter goes before a City Council committee. Brown has traveled to community boards around the city arguing against an all-civilian CCRB.

An all-civilian CCRB will face stiff police union opposition. PBA spokesman Joe Mancini said the union opposes even the current board. "There is no need for a board at all," he recently told *Newsday*. "If a cop is guilty of any wrongdoing, the district attorneys can take care of the matter."

ACTION AGENDA ANNOUNCED -- GET INVOLVED!

The Campaign for a real civilian Complaint Review Board is located at the NYCLU at 132 West 43rd Street, 2nd Floor, NYC 10036, (Telephone 212/382-0557) The address for Lower East Side Call for Justice is: PO Box 320, NYC 10009. (212/505-6902).

Sister Elizabeth urged people to call the 24 Hour Police and Racial Violence Helpline at 718/953-8411 if they experience abuse. The service is designed to receive, document, monitor and respond to complaints of police brutality and racial violence around New York City. Trained volunteers will initiate the appropriate response to an emergency situation. Volunteers are needed to answer calls so that this service will continue and expand. Please call 718/953-8411 if you want to help. The 24 Hour Police and Racial Violence Helpline is coordinated by the Committee Against Police and Racial Violence.

If you are a victim of police brutality, remember that you have the right to file a complaint with the CCRB. You must file a notice of claim within 90 days of your arrest. You can file a claim at any precinct, but it is more advisable to give it directly to the CCRB after you have retained an attorney. The CCRB is located at 295 Lafayette Street, NYC. Their phone number is 212/323-8750.

CB3 WATCH

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LA PLAZA CULTURAL / CASA VICTORIA UPDATE

Good news here.

The Lower East Side Coalition for Housing Development, formerly headed by Pagan, had proposed to build "Casa Victoria," housing for the elderly, on the southwest corner of Avenue C and 9th Street. That site has been a grass-roots developed and maintained park called "La Plaza Cultural" since 1973. A suit in Federal Court had stymied the project, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced last month that they are not going to pursue the court case any longer.

So Coalition Housing is looking for another site. The one they suggested to the Community Board at the June meeting is the former Dinkinsville, on the south side of 8th Street between Avenues B and C.

The normal LESCHD leases allow the sponsor to sell the apartments at market rate after 15 years. This looks like corruption on the hoof, but at least La Plaza is safe for the time being.

BEVA BUMBLES, FUMBLES, STUMBLES

Kathy Kirkpatrick, head of the Businesses in the East Village Association, and previously described here as "programmed for failure" has done it again. Twice.

Once was BEVA's Art Around The Park festival, reported in SHADOW #24. There were dozens of political works, all of them implicitly, and some of them pointedly, anti-BEVA. The most popular featured Park Commissioner Betsy Gotbaum as a rat, which was mentioned in the New York Times. Kirkpatrick says her goal is to generate publicity for the area; this is probably not the kind of publicity she had in mind.

So, the political tenor of the festival backfired, but leave it to Kirkpatrick to snatch catastrophe from the jaws of defeat. Several anti-BEVA groups had set up tables at the busy corner of 7th Street and Avenue A, and were leafletting heavily. BEVA itself set up a table on the north side of 10th Street, on the least heavily used part of the park perimeter, and not even on the park, but across the street. Not too many people even saw their table. And their raffle was woefully undersold.

Kirkpatrick's second failure was the publication, with \$8,000 of city money (her figure) of "The East Village, a tourist guide and business directory." This guide was such a disaster that local resident John Curtis wrote a letter of protest to the Community Board.

Among his complaints were: that the eastern portion of the neighborhood is cutoff (Avenue C is labelled "east river"), that certain long-standing neighborhood institutions, such as St. Brigid's Church, are left out, and that the whole thing is riddled with misspellings.

BEVA responded in writing, ineptly but at great length. They admitted they had spelled "Ukrainian" wrong and a few other things, but said that there weren't any other typos. John in turn responded with a long list of additional typos.

Kirkpatrick and her sidekick Mark Frisk showed up at CB3's Economic Development Committee meeting in June to try to explain themselves.

Kirkpatrick and Frisk said that the city had funded a business directory (why, then, did they put "tourist guide" first in their title?), and the rest was "grave." That they weren't supposed to go east of Avenue A, but the "east river" label was a mistake because there was a poem around the outside of the map (?), and that they

thought they had done a good job and were now being "harassed."

They honestly didn't seem to understand that they had done a crappy job, that they had taken on a job too big to handle themselves and, by not contacting other community groups, had stepped on a lot of people's toes.

Responding to the argument that it was supposed to be a business directory, CB committee member Herman Hewitt said, "That doesn't absolve you." He told them that they had taken on the job and it was up to them to do it right.

John Curtis, who had written the letters of complaint, is a well-known progressive activist. Herman Hewitt is a moderate right winger. With no one on the CB committee willing to stick up for them, Kirkpatrick and Frisk seemed very uncomfortable.

Towards the end of the meeting, extreme reactionary Krystyna Piorkowska frumped in. Various matters were discussed, and Kirkpatrick and Frisk got up to leave. Piorkowska told them in a neutral tone that she had something to say to them. Kirkpatrick and Frisk may have hoped that someone, at least, was going to say something complimentary, but Piorkowska shot darts out of her eyes and said in a firm, low voice, "It would have been nice if you had included the Polish parish church which has been in the same location on 7th Street for over one hundred years.

"Furthermore, pierogi are not Ukrainian, they're generic Slavic, and Poles have them too."

In other words, BEVA has united the entire community, from the SHADOW to Krystyna Piorkowska!

The CB committee passed a resolution that BEVA should print a list of corrections and include it with the rest of the copies of the guide that they are distributing; also they shouldn't be such dorks next time (this wasn't the exact wording). The full board approved the resolution at the June meeting, as the janitor was trying to hustle them out of the building at midnight.

One final note: Kirkpatrick didn't seem to be aware that the "poem" on her map is a no-brain takeoff on T.S. Eliot's "The Hollow Men." BEVA's poem reads, in part, "between fantasy and reality / between time and space / is the east village."

The original reads, in part, "Between the idea / And the reality / Between the motion / And the act / Falls the SHADOW."

Put THAT on your next map, BEVA!



DEMOCRATS....

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candidate. Arkansas Governor Clinton may not be as liberal a Democrat as New York Senator Robert Kennedy was before he was eliminated, but Clinton has been careful not to offend either the CIA, special corporate interests or pro-Nuclear Israel lobbying organizations. In fact, the Clinton campaign's lawyer, David Ifshin, is also an adviser to the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) -- the organization that coordinates lobbying efforts in the US in support of the Israeli government's special interests.

Since RFK was mysteriously eliminated in 1968, the Democratic National Convention has nominated a loser for President in every year except 1976. And once elected, its 1976 Presidential nominee, Jimmy Carter, also turned out to be an ineffective loser as a President.

Coincidentally, in 1992 "Bull" Clinton also looks like he'd make a good losing candidate at this point in the campaign. But since the Democratic Party Establishment still does not appear too eager to find out who may have organized the conspiracy to eliminate JFK and RFK from late 20th-century U.S. Establishment political life, it isn't likely that they will nominate Caroline Kennedy for President, instead of Clinton, any time soon.

So don't be surprised if Clinton's Closed Convention fails to bring much freedom, affluence, justice, quality or leisure to people in New York City. What Fat Cats And Democrats concluded in 1972 is still true 20 years later:

"The policy-making process is in the hands of the grasping rich, whether of a half-way humane or a reactionary hue and the political parties are mortgaged to favor-seeking fat cats who want to keep campaigns as trivial personality contests.... No group should be disappointed to find itself continually left out in the cold by sweet-talking Democrats who are both and paid for by the big-rich."

IBOGAINE....

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FEDS AGREE TO EVALUATE IBOGAINE

On July 10, 1991, a group of activists gathered at the offices of the National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA) in Rockville, Maryland, to protest what they perceived as NIDA's foot-dragging over the testing of ibogaine. The group called itself the Harm Reduction Coalition and consisted of AIDS activists, rainforest conservationists, drug policy reformers and addict advocates.

In an open letter to NIDA, Coalition coordinator Bob Sisko explained why such a diverse group was focusing on the little known subject of ibogaine testing. "The AIDS activists are backing ibogaine research because of its potential to stop the spread of AIDS by interrupting intravenous drug use. Rainforest conservationists are backing ibogaine research because it represents a renewable rainforest resource and could thus stimulate rainforest conservation. Drug policy reformers are backing ibogaine research because they have long recognized that medical intervention, rather than law enforcement, is the key to winning the war on drugs. Finally, the addicts' rights advocates are backing ibogaine research because it appears to be the only treatment modality capable of providing meaningful treatment on demand for large numbers of people."

NIDA's response to the Harm Reduction Coalition demonstration was to arrange a meeting between Coalition representatives and several high level NIDA staffers. In a statement released on July 11, NIDA agreed to begin "confirmatory reclinical behavioral pharmacology testing, consisting of evaluating the effects of ibogaine on drug self-administration of cocaine in rats and/or monkeys." The statement maintained that "if initial reports on ibogaine induced reductions of cocaine or morphine self-administration are confirmed..." NIDA might, "in the future seek a clinical trial with ibogaine in cocaine and/or narcotic dependent populations."

Dr. John Morgan of the City University of New York Medical School said that while NIDA is still "on the side of a war-like approach and therapies to this institution mean something to stop individuals from taking drugs, the unusual steps regarding ibogaine may be seen to reflect some enlightenment or they may be viewed as cynical."

Much to the surprise of ibogaine advocates at a second meeting with NIDA on October 29, the institute announced it would accelerate development of ibogaine in much the same way as a new AIDS drug. NIDA agreed to combine pharmacological and toxicology testing, which would speed development. NIDA said they plan to file an Investigational New Drug application by this August and begin clinical trials in the fall of 1992.

According to a SHADOW source, in April of this year, Lotsof carried out six treatments in Holland where liberal Dutch attitudes toward drugs allow ibogaine to be legally studied. One of the subjects in the Dutch study was the first HIV positive addict to receive ibogaine, an American addicted to both heroin and cocaine.

Significantly, for the first time, an official of the Dutch government's Netherlands Institute for Drug and Alcohol Addiction was present as an observer during the Amsterdam study. According to ibogaine advocates, it is an important precedent to move NIDA toward observing ibogaine in humans.

Meanwhile, in New York City on July 15, The SHADOW confronted Vice President Danforth Quayle on the ibogaine issue at a press conference held in the Waldorf Astoria. Quayle was asked why, in light of the administration's commitment to deregulating industry, including the drug industry, ibogaine was not being looked at more closely. Quayle responded that the Competitiveness Council, which spearheads the Bush-Quayle deregulation offensive, is deregulating drugs necessary for "life threatening diseases such as AIDS, cystic fibrosis, cancer." He added that he didn't believe that drug addiction was a life threatening disease.

Howard Lotsof hasn't been idle waiting for the federal government to begin testing ibogaine. He's patented the drug under the name ENDABUSE[™] as an experimental drug in the European countries where ibogaine as a therapy is legal. Lotsof has formed a company to take on the daunting task of proving the efficacy of ibogaine, called NDA International, based in Staten Island, New York.

In 1987, Lotsof led a delegation to the Republic of Gabon to meet in Libreville with President Omar Bongo and his science advisor Dr. Jean-Noel Gassita. Bongo was delighted at the interest in ibogaine and promised to make supplies of the drug available on an experimental basis. Speaking to Lotsof, President Bongo stated, "Iboga will be Gabon's gift to the world." While today, synthetically produced ibogaine is supplied by commercial drug manufacturers, Bongo's words still echo in Lotsof's mind. He says, "All we need is the opportunity to demonstrate this procedure." He adds, "We will amaze the addicts and we will amaze the doctors."

For more information on ibogaine write to:

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