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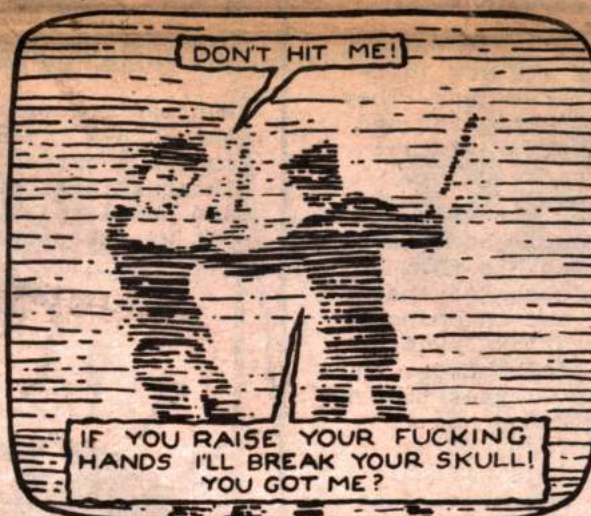
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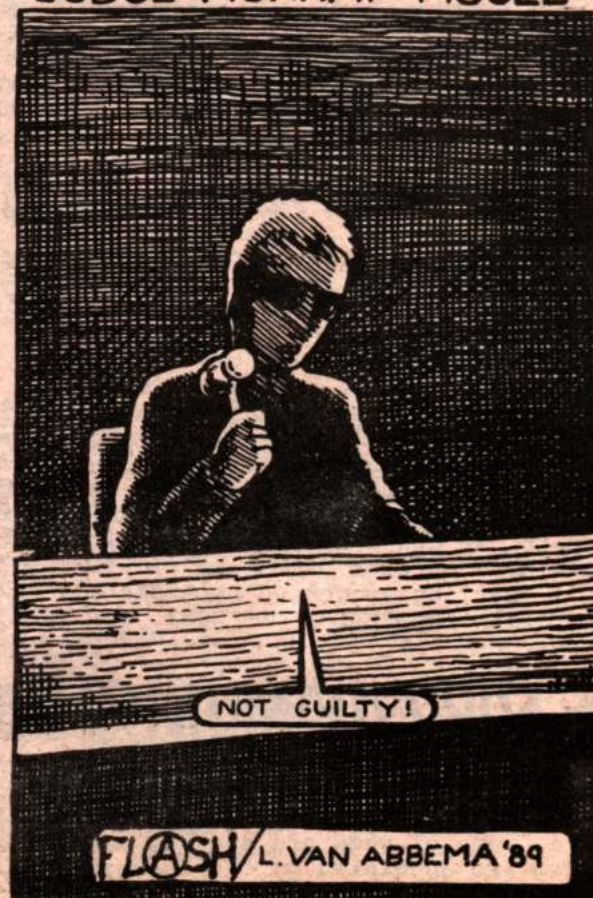
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## WAR DECLARED ON THE HOMELESS!!

ITS WAR ON THE HOMELESS INSTEAD OF HOMELESSNESS

Ever since last year's curfew imposed on Tompkins Square Park and the resulting police riot, both of which were met with outrage by political activists and non-political people alike, resulting in a political mess, the right wing members of the neighborhood, Community Board 3, and City Hall sought to develop new strategies to eliminate homeless people and squatters from the area of Tompkins Square. Since the residents of the area have let it loudly be known they are against any new park regulations, curfews, or shows of force by the police, the powers that be have found a way to get the community to change its mind and actually request them to reinstate the curfew along with a larger police presence in the area.

This is to be accomplished by allowing conditions in the park to deteriorate by decreasing or eliminating services by parks department workers--(less frequent or no garbage removal, closing the bathrooms after removing the portable toilets, etc). This has caused the park to look like shit, with garbage piling up and people being forced to use the sides of buildings and bushes as toilets. This same strategy was used last July, just before the parks department raided the park and evicted the homeless--(with the help of police, of course!!), on the grounds that the park was out of control and claiming that the homeless were causing unsafe and unsanitary conditions in the park. They may be using the same game plan to justify another raid on the park in the near future!!

This is the same strategy used by the Reagan/Bush administration to justify their phony "war" on drugs--flood the country with killer drugs, allow drug-related crime to run rampant, and make even the staunchest libertarian scream for stiffer penalties and having the National Guard patrol the streets. Never mind that everyone loses their civil rights in the process, and of course they back this bull-shit up with a good propaganda campaign!!

Already, some formerly sympathetic neighbors are now joining those who want the homeless removed from the park. They all say that the homeless people have made their point and that the tents in the park should come down now, and that homeless people shouldn't be living in the park.

Soon to be ex-Mayor Koch has nothing to lose, but everything to gain by going after the homeless people and squatters that have been a thorn in his side during his term as Mayor. Not only does he get satisfaction through "pay-backs", but he can also curry political favors from the incoming administration, whether it be Giuliani or Dinkins, by dealing with the messy problems of controlling the homeless and evicting squatters from city-owned buildings--issues that no new mayor or politician wants to deal with. (Rumor has it that Koch's boys from HPD (Dept. of Housing, preservation and Development) and the Department of Buildings will hit all of the squats on the Lower East Side in November, just before the election.)

There is a three-pronged strategy now in motion to get rid of the homeless: new restrictive parks rules and regulations (designed to make even laying down on the grass a crime) along with plans to re-impose a curfew in Tompkins Square Park, evicting the homeless from subways and bus and train stations, and evicting squatters from city-owned buildings near the park. So where do they go from there? Homeless people removed from the parks will go to squats and subways, homeless removed from subways will go to squats and Tompkins Square Park (the only park in the city without a curfew), and homeless removed from the squats will go to the subways and the park--it all starts with the park!!

Through direct action and the politics of squatting, we can both deepen the popular occupation of the park and build political support among the community at large. Tompkins Square Park is an occupied park. Looking at it as a squat, we must organize ourselves accordingly, with well-planned collective work days, and drawing people from around the community to work on the maintenance and reconstruction of the park. We don't need a multi-million dollar "renovation" requiring a partial or entire closing down of the park for over a year, as suggested by Assistant Parks Commissioner Jack T. Linn. REMEMBER: OUR WORK, OUR PARK!!

## AS FOR COMMUNITY BOARD 3:

Remember that the community board does not represent the entire community, or even a large enough cross-section of the community. It is composed of politically-connected people, some of whom are seeking a political career, all of whom are appointed by the Borough President and by the City Council member for that district. Most board members

"If there weren't so many cops here, I'd light up a joint"--  
Edgar A. Kulkin, Special Assistant to HPD Commissioner Abe Biderman. (At the eviction of ABC Community Center Oct. 26)

are landlords and business people or are connected to other groups who can use the board member's influence to accomplish their goals. Very few, if any, are normal rent paying tenants.

Until Community Board 3 represents all facets of life in our community, people do not have to abide by any of their decisions, nor should they allow CB3's votes or resolutions presented to the city government speak for them or their interests.

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## RIOT COPS OFF THE HOOK

In spite of massive evidence of their guilt--credible witnesses, videotapes and photos--two of the riot cops from the Tompkins Square Park Pig Riot of August, 1988, were found not guilty. If trials with much less evidence available than this one can result in convictions of poor people and political activists, then why is there not at least equal "justice" for these two vicious pigs that committed an armed assault on the people of a neighborhood so far removed from their own neighborhood just because they were hot and bothered and figured they could get away with it while their brother and sister pigs were doing the same thing?

Since the Pig Riot of August, 1988, many activists have been put through the system in hundreds of false arrests during protests against the city's fascist park and street regulations. How can they tell us we live in a free country? They're lying!! We live in an openly racist police state where the rulers' laws have already made criminals of us all. It's just a matter of building enough jails and camps to put us in.

But the lies of the government have never been clearer than with the not guilty verdict for these pigs. After the riot, the city and their uniformed thugs have gotten the names, addresses, and phone numbers of every person who has come forward to give evidence against the police, from complaints filed with the CCRB (Civilian Complaint Review Board), to witnesses at their trials. Their aim is to make sure you never speak out!!

We now know that even if you video tape and photograph police violence at close range, the pigs will still go scott free!! The only use the police state has and will have for photos and video tape is to indict, arrest, entrap, and frame the people. NOT the soldiers!!

But let's remember this: Since that infamous night of August 6-7, 1988, the powers that be have not been able to impose a curfew on our park!! Our park has now become an international symbol against oppression and for the poor and homeless. They may have won a battle here and there, but we the people of the Lower East Side are winning the war!!



**FASHION STATEMENT.** A generation ago, Abbie Hoffman, protester, wears his heart on his sleeve.

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EDITORIAL

## FUCK THE N.Y. PRESS!

BOYCOTT AND TRASH THE NEW YORK PRESS--AGAIN!!

Well, it looks like our old Yuppie swine pals at the New York Press are at it again. The last time we wrote about them, they were (and still are) tossing out other newspapers in stores where they leave theirs. This time, instead of trying to fuck over other publications, they did it to themselves with their September 29 issue "Best of Downtown-1989". This piece of pretentious Yuppie bullshit lists 191 "Bests", some of which glorifies Yuppie dives, and others which actually trash the NY Press' own advertisers. Normally, this meaningless Yuppie tripe written by meaningless Yuppie twerps doesn't mean shit to us--we don't care what Yuppies like or don't like!! But when we saw two particular entries in their listings, we just had to respond because this time they've gone too far.

Not only did one of the entries, "Best part of the city not to live in- East Village", trash their own advertisers, calling them "ugly storefronts selling the most expensive, worthless shit on earth", it also trashed the people who live here, calling them "...satisfied, incestuous, presuming white people."

The other entry, "Best article about Tompkins Square Park-Kate Walker- N.Y. Times Op-Ed Page", actually glorified that sleazy letter written to the N.Y. Times by right-wing fascist self-described "liberal" Kate Walter (spokesman and member of the "1-2 Saint Marx Block Association" that seeks to rid the St. Marx and Tompkins Square area of homeless persons and street peddlers who have no other way to survive) last July. [See SHADOW #5 "Letters"] This is the "Best" article about Tompkins Square Park? A typical Yuppie shit head may think so, but how about asking some real Lower East Side residents for their opinions?

Instead of even pretending to be sorry for allowing this trash to be printed with their name on it, the slime at the N.Y. Press, when contacted by angry residents of the Tompkins Square area, would only say that they are not responsible for what is printed in their paper!!!!

Any self-respecting Lower East Side resident would do well to respond to this blatant attack and disrespect for our neighborhood by refusing to patronize businesses that do business with the N.Y. Press and letting them know why. Even self-respecting merchants should be angry (and smart) enough to pull their ads from the N.Y. Press--After all, why should they support a publication that shits on them and their customers, and why should we support businesses that support such a publication?

(It looks like it's about time to re-activate our recycling program for the N.Y. Press!!)

## Best Article About Tompkins Square Park

Kate Walter  
New York Times Op-Ed Page

**Fighting Words.** In her July 26 Times piece Kate Walter spoke for thousands of East Village residents who feel victimized by a vocal minority of bullies who do more harm than good to the legions of homeless with their obnoxious and self-serving tactics. Describing herself as a 14-year resident of the E.V., who's "pro-choice, pro-gay and lesbian rights," who's in favor of more money for AIDS research, housing for the homeless and low income people, who voted for Jesse Jackson and who opposes funding the contras, Walter eloquently condemned the ostracism that she and like-minded neighbors are subjected to by "anarchists" who believe that force is the only way to solve a complex and tragic problem.

They're all deranged, so they're all...

## PENUMBRA'S WINNERS

Winner of the Kate Walter Flight From Reality Award: The New York Press, which listed Ms Walter's mean-spirited N.Y. Times op-ed piece as the "Best Article About Tompkins Square Park." Walter, they explain, condemned those "who believe that force is the only way to solve a complex and tragic problem." Walter, of course, advocated forcible removal of the homeless people's shelters. On another page, see, the New York Press derided a political figure for being "prudish, driven, [and] self-righteous." Does it take one to know one? Hey, nobody can accuse the New York Press of being prudish! They actually print things like "fuck you." My aren't we good and liberal? Fuck you, New York Press.

Best Part of the City Not to Live In  
East Village

**Knick-Knack. Who's there?** If you're living in the East Village now, we apologize. If not, congratulations. This rattish, over-written about place is swarming with the Santa Fe clubby: satisfied, incestuous, presuming white people. Best thing here are the homeless, since they could care less what their hair looks like after begging enough pennies to buy beer and cigarettes. Even some of the crack dealers look healthier than the tourisma gentry, and fit into the curdled environment more naturally. What grates us most about the East Village though are all the magazine restaurants now firmly in place, along with the ugly storefronts selling the most expensive, worthless shit on earth. Oi! What capitalism does for the immigrant!

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"PENUMBRA" HITS THE  
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ELECTRICITY IS POWER - WAHRHEIT MACHT FREI - RECIPES INSIDE

Fifty years ago: PIGS ATTACK POLAND!

TOMPKINS SQ  
EVERYWQ!

• Mayor Koch proclaims "final solution" for homeless problem

• Krystyna Piorkowska remorseful  
• Recipes inside

Earlier this month, a new paper popped up in stores where the SHADOW is usually left for free around Tompkins Square Park. It's called "Penumbra", which means "a partial shadow" and it seems to be a take-off on the SHADOW, but with a humorous twist. Their editorial says: "The SHADOW's editor wrote that his paper advocates everything and is not a rag. The Penumbra ridicules everything and is a rag." They add: "...we tell it like it should be".

Even though some of their stuff is a little wierd (like yuppie recipes), there's some great items, like Kate Walter making a fool of herself on WBAI, and quips on other SHADOW "favorites" like Inspector Gelfand and Deputy Inspector Julian, both of the 9th Precinct, an interview with Lt. McKenna ("McKlowna"), and even Kate Walter's buddy, ultra-right-wing-nazi-fascist-landlord-scum and Community Board 3 member Krystyna Piorkowska!!

The reaction to Penumbra has been swift in coming--some people think it's an attack on the SHADOW (we don't think so), and some even say it's anti-Semitic!! (Don't ask us, we don't see it!!) Others see the humor in it, as we do. Penumbra tackles these strange people from a silly, yet factual point of view, so you can see how ridiculous they really are.

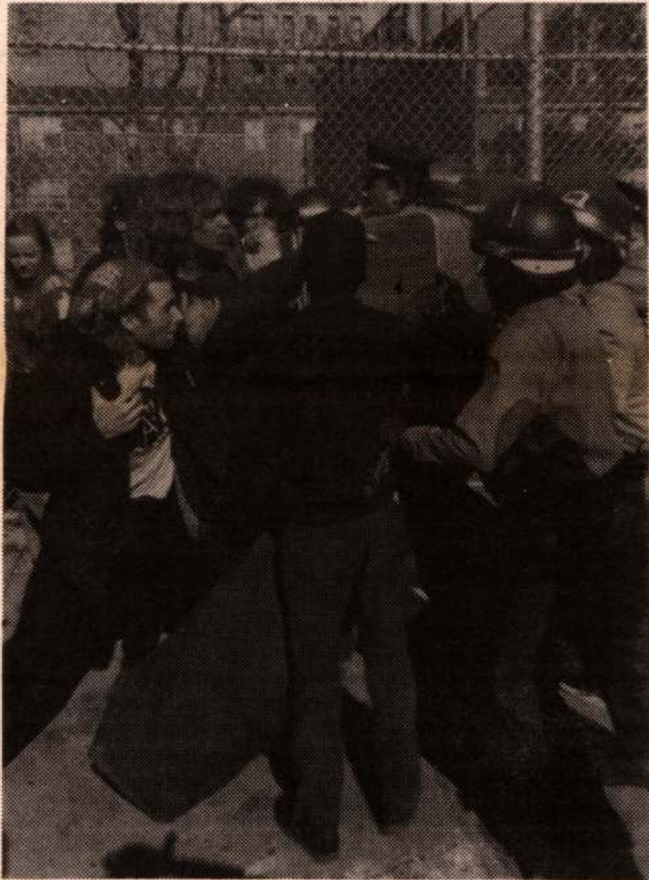
Anyway, we at the SHADOW like Penumbra and hope they keep it up. After all, imitation is the most sincere form of flattery!!



# HPD & RIOT PIGS ATTACK NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY CENTER!!

After removing drug dealers and junkies from the former school building P.S.105 on East Fourth Street, a task that police have been unable to accomplish in the many years the building was vacant, local neighborhood residents, activists, and homeless people from the Lower East Side, Tompkins Square Park, and even some people from the Housing Now march to Washington last month set up the "Alpha Bet City (ABC) Community Center" on September 24.

On October 26, at about 12:00 Noon, officials and workers from the HPD (Department of Housing, Preservation and Development), accompanied by various bureaucrats from City Hall and many cops, attempted an illegal eviction of the homeless people inside the Community Center. After building residents defended the Center from HPD's sledgehammers by dumping urine and bags of rubble from the top floor, the work crew and cops backed off and stayed across the street while ABC supporters stood on the front steps. After Inspector Gelfand walked up to them and pushed them out of his way, packs of pigs, some led by Sergeant Wagner, and others by Captain "Dick" Savage (who lives up to his name), both of the Ninth Precinct, viciously attacked people who were on the steps and who didn't move out of their way fast enough. Arrests were made, mostly for disorderly conduct, and most of them got DATs (Desk Appearance Tickets). One man was put through the system, being charged with 3 felonies for throwing an egg!! (Clayton Patterson was arrested on Julian's orders for "unauthorized use of a sound device" after Patterson berated him with a megaphone)



Fortunately, the Community Center's lawyer Stan Cohen was on the scene. He negotiated with Deputy Inspector Julian, who wanted Cohen to convince residents inside to leave voluntarily. Julian promised they would only receive DATs, but said that some of them would be charged with "reckless endangerment" for throwing rubble from the windows earlier. After Cohen succeeded in getting the eviction stayed by Judge Solomon who set a hearing for October 31, HPD lawyers got the stay overturned a few hours later by Judge Ostrau, allowing them to proceed with the eviction. By nightfall, six Community Center residents left the building and each received tickets instead of arrests. They were paraded in front of the cops outside who couldn't identify them for throwing rubble. Many media people were present.

Harold Schwartz of HPD told reporters that the Community Center was to be owned and operated by the "New York Foundation for Senior Citizens", but he admitted that they were not ready to begin working until sometime next spring. This further made no sense to have the ABC Center evicted now, just before the cold weather is due.

As the night wore on, the number of angry people increased as the number of riot pigs grew and word spread that the eviction stay was overturned. At about 6:20PM, as a fire roared near the intersection of Avenue B and Fourth Street, riot cops led by Inspector Gelfand and Captain Frey charged the crowd and pounced on selected people, including a woman who had a verbal argument with cops earlier. They beat and dragged her behind police lines where she disappeared. As people ran, more trash fires broke out in the streets, including a huge one on Avenue C and Fourth Street, as firetrucks tried to keep on top of them. This was followed by more sweeps by riot pigs who made arrests and mostly beat

up women in the crowd, and dragged people behind police lines. Some eggs were thrown at them, but pigs on the roof of the corner building threw bottles at the demonstrators. Shortly after 10:00PM, during another charge by riot pigs, one cop had an M80 firecracker explode in his face after he beat someone, and he was led away crying in pain. Sgt. Wagner beat a female and male squatter and threatened a man with a camera when he took his picture. Apparently, this latest charge was set off by one person allegedly throwing an egg at the pigs. As they beat demonstrators, pigs viciously beat a homeless woman who was sitting on her belongings after having just been evicted from the Community Center. She was taken by ambulance to Bellevue Hospital for serious head injuries.

For the next two hours, people stood by and fed the flames of the large bon fire in the intersection as cops stood behind their lines waiting (and hoping) they would dissipate.

At about 12:00 Midnight, riot pigs rushed the intersection, scattering demonstrators in 3 directions--on Avenue B below Fourth Street, Avenue B above Fourth Street, and on Fourth Street west of Avenue B. Having broken down the demonstrators, cops in full riot gear with shields marched down Fourth Street and picked off people to arrest, mostly for allegedly lighting fires and throwing eggs earlier. Everyone arrested after the ABC residents was put through the system for a few days, and several were charged with felonies in order to make it more difficult for them to get released any time soon. Fires continued to break out on the streets as riot pigs kept marching toward people, pushing and beating them along the way, including some people trying to get home down the blocked off streets. By 3:00AM or so, most of the demonstrators had gone home and cops retreated back to the Community Center on Fourth Street, which they kept blocked off.

Later that morning, former residents were allowed to re-enter the building to get their belongings, after cops searched but were unable to find anyone else inside. Still later, it was sealed and re-locked and kept under police guard. A new demonstration was called that night in Tompkins Square Park, but it was heavily infiltrated by plainclothes cops, some of whom were well-disguised. This demo consisted mostly of RCYB (Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade) people leading marchers around the neighborhood, chanting and berating cops in front of the ABC Community Center. At ABC, cops got very nervous and re-inforcements arrived quickly, in riot gear and in plainclothes, but soon the demonstrators kept marching. Luckily for the flatfoots, the crowd wasn't as angry as the night before because this time the pigs didn't respond with their usual violence.

The following evening, Saturday, October 28, 13 people who were arrested on October 26 were arraigned and released.

Clayton Patterson was held for an extra day when he asked for a lawyer and cops claimed he refused to be finger-printed. He was arrested once more that day after receiving a DAT earlier for using the portable PA, and during that arrest, the pigs destroyed his camera which contained filmed evidence of their beatings of demonstrators.

Three people were still "in the system", and as of this writing are expected to be released later today, October 29. All told, there were 42 arrests that night.

On Saturday, November 4, there will be a community meeting at the bandshell in Tompkins Square Park to discuss the status of the ABC Community Center. Everyone and anyone concerned should attend and help them get back their building.

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SGT. WAGNER (LEFT) LEADS YOUNG WOMAN AWAY  
AFTER ROUGHING HER UP BEFORE ARREST-10/26



# JUSTICE IN AMERIKKKA:

# RIOT COPS BEAT RAP

On October 16, over a year and two months after they participated in the Tompkins Square Pig Riot of August 6-7, 1988, two of the hundreds of uniformed thugs, Officer Eric Vecchi and Officer Ed Skryzpek, finally went on trial for their vicious beating of video artist Paul Garrin.

The two goons, who look like Mutt and Jeff, wisely waived their right to a trial by jury, choosing instead a trial by judge. The judge in this case was Murray Mogel, an old hack judge who wore a scowl on his face during the entire length of the trial, when he didn't have his eyes closed, half sleeping.

The first person to testify for the prosecution (handled by Assistant District Attorney Carol Stokinger) was Captain Gerald MacNamara, former Commanding Officer of the 9th Precinct, and the one person who started the riot in the first place by calling in the hundreds of riot cops to Tompkins Square Park to enforce a curfew. On the stand, he admitted that the chain of command was chaotic, and that there was no supervision of the riot cops involved, even though this assault was planned out a week ahead of time by MacNamara and other police officials.

Next came video maker Clayton Patterson, who described what he saw when he videotaped Officer Vecchi throwing Garrin against a wall on Avenue A between 5th and 6th Streets, and then beating him with his club, as his video played on the television in the courtroom. Patterson's video showed Officer Vecchi throwing Garrin against a wall as Garrin tried to stop Vecchi's swinging nightstick with his free hand while cradling his video camera in the other hand. Officer Vecchi could be heard saying, "If you raise your fucking hands to me, I'll break your skull-- you got me?" Garrin answers: "Yeah, I got you." (Later that day, after his testimony, Patterson saw the court stenographer in the hall outside the court talking with the defendants.)

Patterson was followed by Paul Garrin, who also played his video tape, which caught Officer Skryzpek striking Garrin and another photographer repeatedly with his nightstick as they stood atop a parked van filming the police below. As the tape played, Garrin was requested by ADA Stokinger to explain what was happening in each frame. As Garrin pointed out where one cop's club was hitting him and where he was being slammed against the wall, the defense attorney objected. Judge Mogel sustained the objection and then angrily shouted at Garrin: "I don't need a running commentary on this -- I can see for myself". This outburst was ominous because this was not just the judge speaking -- he was the judge and jury!! As Garrin testified, he was further subjected to hostility by court officers, three of whom surrounded him with their hands near their guns, yet no officers stood near the defendants, as is normal procedure in any criminal trial!! On top of this, the courtroom was filled with up to 20 plainclothes cops, many of whom Patterson recognized from Washington Square Park and Tompkins Square Park, all young white males, all of whom looked threateningly at Garrin, trying to stare him down and intimidate him. After Garrin's testimony, they left almost in unison.

The last person to testify for the prosecution that day was photographer John McBride, who also stood with Garrin on top of the van during the pig riot. He was also hit by Officer Skryzpek's club as he and Garrin tried to get off the van. When he got down, the cops on the other side of the van left them alone because they hadn't done anything wrong. McBride ran from the scene because he feared for his life, even after suffering a leg injury by Skryzpek that made it hard for him to walk for over a week afterward. As he ran, he looked back and saw Garrin on the ground being poked by Vecchi with his club.

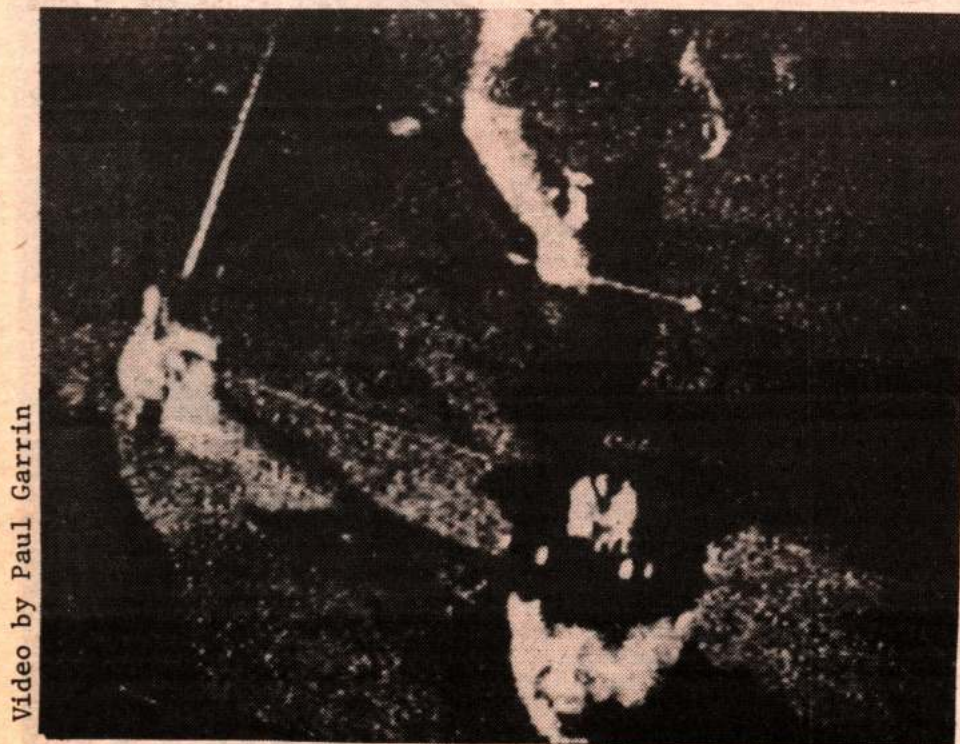
The next day, the "trial" continued with the testimony of photographer Peter LeVasseur. At the moment Garrin was getting thrown to the ground by Officer Vecchi, LeVasseur was being pushed and shoved by cops past Garrin. This was seen on Patterson's video which was replayed in court as Mutt and Jeff's family looked on with interest. As LeVasseur passed the scene, he was able to take a photo of Vecchi with his club raised, grabbing Garrin by the collar with Garrin on his knees trying to cover his head to shield himself from the coming blows of the nightstick. Just after the photo was taken, Garrin was hit several times by Vecchi's club, and suffered cuts and bruises, but he was able to save his video camera from harm.



Photo by Peter LeVasseur

PHOTO SHOWING OFFICER VECCHI (RIGHT) GRABBING GARRIN BY THE COLLAR JUST BEFORE HITTING HIM

For some reason, ADA Stokinger then called, as the prosecution's next witness, Lt. Anthony Jannazzo, of the 5th Precinct. He said that, on the night of the riot, he responded to a radio call (a "1085") to assist cops in the area of Tompkins Square Park. Patterson's video was then replayed in order to establish his presence there, but Jannazzo couldn't be seen clearly. The prosecution was trying, but failed, to establish that Jannazzo could be seen on the video telling cops to hold their line at Avenue A and 6th Street. Jannazzo's testimony seemed to be more useful to the defense, which used him to say that there was no chain of command and no instructions by commanding officers, in order to justify the defendants' actions. When the ADA finally asked an important question: "In your opinion, is it appropriate for police to hit people on a van not doing anything?", the defense quickly objected and Judge Mogel sustained the objection. The next "witness" for the prosecution was equally questionable -- Captain William Klapenmeyer, (Commanding Officer of the 11th Detective Division), who had once worked with Captain MacNamara at the 9th Precinct two years ago. He said that on the night of the riot he went to Tompkins Square Park to "say hello" to MacNamara at 12:45 a.m. because he "knew the potential for problems" adding that he had no specific function because he had not expected to be there. The only somewhat important question asked by the prosecution was: "Were you ordered to clear the Park?" Klapenmeyer answered: "No", but added that he gave an order to use force only when necessary -- "when force used, arrests must follow ... MacNamara gave the same instructions." Once again, this prosecution witness' testimony was made more useful to the defense, since they used him to establish that there was a lack of communication, control, and that there had been no crowd control training for these cops before the riot. Using both of the officers' testimony, the defense sought to establish that the defendants were simply young, inexperienced cops, not familiar with dealing with a riot situation.



STILL FRAME FROM GARRIN'S VIDEO SHOWING OFFICER SKRYZPEK ATTACKING HIM ON THE VAN

Video by Paul Garrin

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# SQUATTERS FOIL DEMO ATTEMPT!!

By CHRIS FLASH and LAWRENCE

On September 11, at approximately 5:00PM, the lower three floors of the Umbrella House (an artist collective squat building at 21-23 Avenue C) were filled with dust when the building next door at 25 Avenue C collapsed into itself. Except for some dust on the street, the boarded up building looked as it always had. Within minutes, Fire Department trucks and police emergency vehicles arrived at the building. When firemen told Umbrella residents they would have to evacuate their building because it was next door to #25, "Eviction Watch" was called into action as fast as the city called in a "Collapse Rescue Team", even though #25 had been partially collapsed for weeks, making it impossible for anyone to be living inside. By 7:00, emergency vehicles and fire trucks blocked off Avenue C, between 2nd and 3rd Streets as more vehicles rushed to the scene. At 8:00, a fireman said they would have to relocate the residents of Umbrella House, as well as tenants of #27. The south wall of #27 had a hole in the brick work near the roof, but for the most part, #25 had fallen clear of both #21-23 and #27, posing no danger to either building. #27 was evacuated of its tenants, and most of the Umbrella's residents were on the street, with a few remaining inside, not trusting city officials gathered outside. One cop told a woman from Umbrella that people would be allowed to get their belongings when it is judged safe, but he added: "When one building collapses, it makes others next to it collapse" (By that logic, the empty lot at #19 would have caused the collapse of #21-23!!) As a crowd of squatters, activists, and homeless people gathered in front, firemen walked freely in and out of Umbrella House. When they tried to break down one of the walls, the residents stopped them. At that point, there were about 10 squatters inside, with others able to enter without being stopped by the police. At 8:15, a woman trying to re-enter was stopped by Inspector Gelfand and the orange police line was moved further away from the building entrance. Emergency Service Unit cops, carrying sledgehammers, bolt cutters, clubs and flashlights, entered the house to force everyone out, on the orders of Inspector Gelfand. One cop told the others: "Remember, you may have fuckin' junkies in here." They made their way slowly up the stairs, going from room to room, telling residents to leave. As some people hid in one room, cops below on the street looked up and waved. When one cop entered the room, he told them: "I don't care if you live here, I have someone telling me what to do...I could care less if you get killed here."

As some people left the building, others remained behind, hiding in various places, undiscovered by the cops. Outside, Gerry Trudell, candidate for City Council, spoke with Gelfand who told him: "...I have no desire, or inclination, or order, or mission to remove you from the house...you can have it in writing." When asked if he would put it in writing, Gelfand asked: "What do you want me to write?" "What you just said", Trudell told him. Gelfand responded with: "I'm putting down what I want, and if you don't believe me, that's tough shit." When a resident tried to ask him a question, he got even angrier and threw the paper he was writing on to the ground. It said: "evacuate for safety of tenants, if building is declared safe, they can re-enter." Surprisingly, he signed it!! At 8:40, everyone in front of Umbrella was forced behind the orange line, but several people remained inside. (A female cop guarding the ribbon was recognized as having participated in the Tompkins Square Pig Riot of 1988. Riot veterans remembered her enjoyment as she viciously beat people. Her name is Fleming of Midtown South Task Force, Badge #20393). Standing by were auxiliary cops and a man from the Red Cross who took the names of people displaced. He said he was "offering shelter for those displaced from the building collapse." (It's strange that the only time that homeless people are offered hotel rooms to live in are when they are burned out of squat buildings) A squatter responded by telling him: "If you want to help me, my clothes are in there." (Pointing to Umbrella House)

While cops roamed freely in and out of Umbrella House, the press room was vandalized by pigs who destroyed artwork done by artists in the building. They wrote "Fuck You" with a marker and poured ink over the illustrations and tore the room apart. Outside, activist attorney Stan Cohen arrived, and then came Deputy Inspector Micheal Julian (Commanding Officer of the nearby 9th Precinct), who was dressed in a fancy three piece suit. ESU cops told him the current status there.

At 9:05, two police dogs appeared to help sniff out people still inside the house. Instead, one of them pissed and shitted in front of the building. Soon, one cop was seen exiting the house with a six-pack of Gatorade, and then two grocery bags were removed from the building and brought to an ESU vehicle. One woman resident questioned a cop standing nearby about the bags (P.O. Komarow - Badge Number 27648), but he just ignored her. When she said: "I'm talking to you," he said: "Oh my goodness--do you demand service?" The woman said: "Yes, I do." He responded sarcastically: "Then go to a restaurant, see a maitre'd and ask for a nice table." Stan Cohen asked to speak with Gelfand, and one cop went to fetch him. In the meantime, Cohen spoke with Julian, asking about residents' belongings. At 9:20, 15 or more people arrived at the corner of Avenue C and 2nd Street, chanting and raising banners, and spray painting "Fuck the Police", and "Fight the Power" in the street. Julian quickly walked away, shaking his head.







At 9:33, the police dogs left the building, unsuccessful. Cohen told the people gathered that the Buildings Dept. will allow him to sit in on a meeting to decide the safety of 21-23 Avenue C, as well as an architect from the Bullett Space. At that point, a stalemate took place with police maintaining their positions, and demonstrators standing their ground. Suddenly, P.O. Bratkow (Badge #23534) pushed neighborhood activist Frank when he objected to their presence there. People began chanting "Housing, Not Cops", and demands were made to see Charles Smith of the Dept. of Buildings. After approaching the demonstrators, Gelfand shoved Frank into the crowd, and was quickly escorted away by other pigs. As Frank protested, Bratkow elbowed him several times.

Suddenly, Mayor Koch arrived in his limo, looking for votes since the primary was the next day. When he was told by Julian that many squatters were left homeless by the collapse and were demonstrating in the street, Koch was heard to say: "Who cares about them?" (Obviously, he didn't want the squatter vote!!) He was then greeted with chants of "Koch, you liar, we'll set your ass on fire!!"

At 9:50, a truck carrying police barriers pulled up to Avenue C and 2nd Street, and was blocked by protestors. Some pigs tried to get them out of their way, so P.O. Freer (Badge #7066) hit Frank in the chest with a barrier. Cops then doubled barriers across Avenue and in front of the Umbrella House. Shortly after 10:00, some demonstrators marched to Avenue A to get more people. By 11:00, many could be seen at Avenue C and 3rd Street, some chanting. Julian told people gathered at 2nd Street that cops were standing by until the Buildings Department returned. When told that cops had assaulted Frank with a barricade, he said: "The cops were showing me they were cut up, and I don't know what was going on, the guy was cut, said he got hit with a banner, he got blue splinters." (!!!) When he was asked about residents removing their belongings, Julian said: "We're not at that phase, yet." One resident told him: "We will videotaping the demolition crew, so there won't be any bulldozer hitting any building." He was referring to the demolition of 316 East 8th Street last April 1st, which was brought about after an HPD crew truck "accidentally" ran into it, loosening the facade. Julian told him they may do the demo by hand. The same resident told Julian about how they've taken homeless people from the street, gotten them jobs, and given them a place to get back on their feet. Julian asked him if he has gone through the community board to work through them, and he was told by another resident: "They won't support us." The first resident said: "We're fighting a bunch of bad guys here... there's gonna be bogus decisions..."

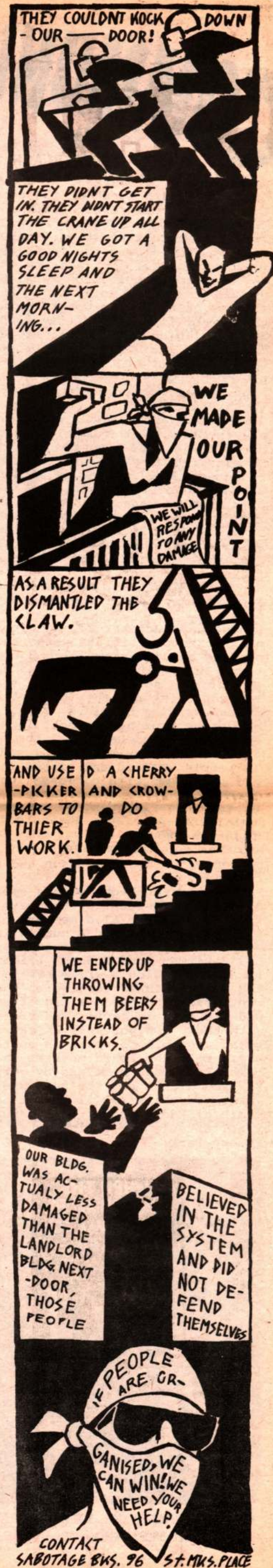
When Keith Thompson asked Julian what would be done about the pigs who hit and shoved people earlier, even grabbing a woman and swinging her around in circles, Julian told him he could make a civilian complaint report. As Julian spoke with people, it was revealed that while Avenue C was flooded with cops, a young woman had just been mugged at knife point around the corner!!

At about 3:30AM, a work crew arrived to begin tearing down #25, erecting a barrier made of joists from the collapsed building. By the time it was daylight, they had a crane and started demolishing the remains of #25. Just as the residents of Umbrella feared, the HPD crew hit their north wall with the crane. At that point, a few residents stepped onto the fire escape and revealed their presence, warning the crew that they would be held responsible for any damage done to their building. (By then, the damage done to the press room had been discovered and residents had quickly barricaded the front door from the inside.) When the crane operator saw them, he stopped the crane and jumped out. More cops were called in and they tried to break down the front door with a battering ram. After failing to get it open, they threatened the residents inside with arrest, saying they would enter through the fire escape with a ladder. Then they said the residents would be arrested, but would be allowed to re-enter at 5:00PM when the demolition crew would be finished. (This promise meant very little since the cops couldn't get into the building to make any arrests, and they weren't going to let anyone return inside for at least another day.)

The next day, September 13, a few residents wearing camouflage clothing put up three banners reading: "We will respond to any damage done to our home", "No claw", and "Don't accidentally hit the building". More cops came and once again an arrest ultimatum was given. After Stan Cohen and Julian conferred, an agreement was reached allowing residents to remain inside the building during rubble removal from #25 if they would stay on the other side of Umbrella, away from where the demo crew was working. Other Umbrella residents still outside were permitted behind police lines on Avenue C and sat across the street from Umbrella to watch and videotape the crew to make sure no "accidental" damage would be done to their home. Julian also allowed friends of Umbrella House to enter with a chain ladder from the fire escape and bring food in to the residents inside. (The HPD-hired crew was "BC Demolitions", the same company that demolished squat buildings on 8th Street months ago.)

By 5:00PM, the street was re-opened and everyone in #27 and Umbrella was allowed to return to their homes. Once again, HPD was stopped in their tracks in trying to destroy the Umbrella House. Last April 12, HPD workers tried but failed an illegal eviction there with the help of cops who later decided they wanted no part of it and told the HPD crew to leave the residents alone. This time, HPD tried to get the building damaged "accidentally" so that it could be declared "unsafe" and then be evacuated and demolished, just as two buildings at 316 and 319 East 8th Street were earlier this summer. Now the HPD creeps say they will go the legal route to try to get the Umbrella residents evicted. Now that would be a novel approach!!!

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# COMMUNITY BOARD 3 VS TOMPKINS SQ PARK!!

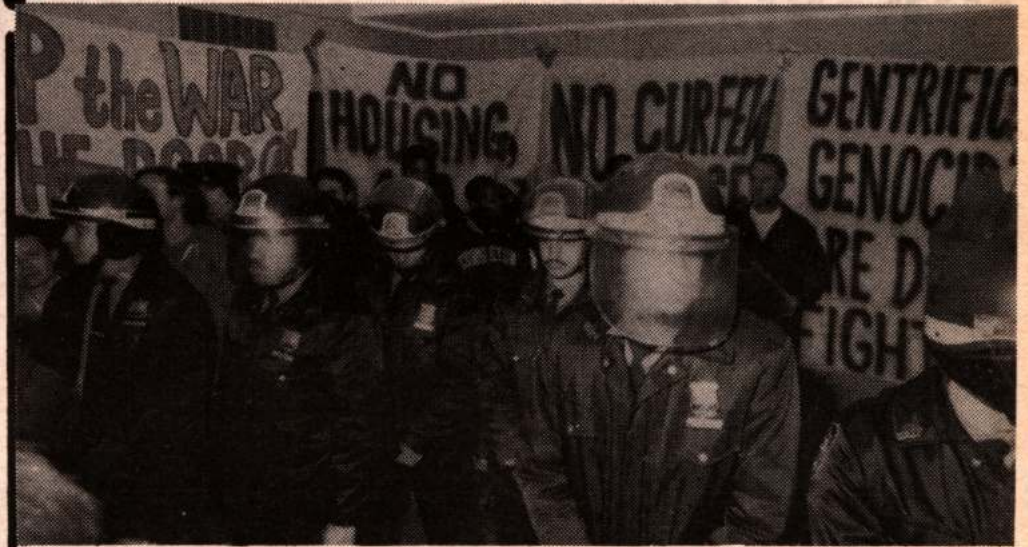
BY CHRIS FLASH

On Thursday, October 19, at the Parks Committee meeting of Community Board 3, about 150 people claiming to represent the community expressed their anger over homeless people living in Tompkins Square Park. They were egged on by right wing CB3 members Krystyna Piorowska and Phillip LaLumia, both of whom blamed the Tompkins Square Park Task Force (a CB3 committee) for getting the recently placed plastic garbage cans replaced by metal barrels that homeless people can use for fires in order to keep warm in the cold weather. Someone at the Parks Committee meeting said that sparks from the barrel fires could travel through the park, hit the brick buildings across the street and set them on fire and "burn down the whole neighborhood"!! This group also sought to have all of the new fascist parks regulations recently passed by Parks Commissioner Henry Stern enforced in Tompkins Square Park, claiming they have a petition with 600 signatures on it.

Committee chairman Charles Crespo suggested that the only way to break up the homeless encampments in the park would be to re-instate a curfew in the park. Assistant Parks Commissioner Jack T. Linn (telephone number: 360-1310), also in attendance, agreed. He said the park could be closed by arranging for a "renovation", and he drew a diagram of the park showing what sections of the park could be closed off during "renovation", adding that he could close the park entirely for 12-18 months during a "total renovation". He said: "It won't be easy to do this...remember what happened last year (when a curfew in Tompkins Square Park led to a full-scale police riot)...here's someone who started the riot..." With that, he pointed to local political activist Joel Meyers, one of the few people there objecting to their plans.

On Tuesday, October 24, homeless persons from the park and neighborhood activists were ready for the monthly general meeting of Community Board 3 at Public School 126 in Chinatown. About 150 were there an hour before the 6:30 meeting, after marching en masse from the park. Outside the school, two cop cars from the 5th Precinct sat along with a police truck carrying barriers. Young people and curious residents of nearby housing projects looked on through the windows, enjoying the scene of banners being hung on walls reading: "Stop the War on the Poor", and "Gentrify is Genocide", as people chanted and smoked pot. By 6:30, CB3 members arrived, some with confused looks and others giving dirty looks to the protestors there. Someone was about to hang up an American flag next to an anarchist and squatter flag, but then decided to BURN IT instead!! Then a Parks Department flag was brought up, but that burning was stopped by plainclothes cop Miriam Rivera, who was there with "Honorary Detective" Richard Johnson and a few Parks Department flunkies.

Public Session began with a speech by Keith Thompson, who is a homeless resident of the park. He told board members that the homeless are also members of the community, and reminded them that they tried a curfew last year, "and it ain't gonna work" this year. Other speakers spoke against the curfew, and CB3 Chairman Anne Johnson tried to stop a woman from speaking because she didn't write her address on the request form, but the woman refused to give up the microphone. Then Johnson went crazy and began a tug of war with her and finally snapped the cord in half!! The protestors then came to the rescue with their own portable PA carried during their march, so the woman was able to speak in spite of Johnson's tantrums. The woman told the board members that we are all members of the community, made homeless by yuppies and landlords, adding: "If you didn't get the park when you had 1500 cops, what makes you think you'll get it now?" She also pointed to the death of Eddie Rudder last January, on the coldest day of the year, after a cop extinguished his barrel fire in Tompkins Square Park.



RIOT COPS LINE UP TO "PROTECT" THE COMMUNITY BOARD

At this point, cops were present in the hallway as City Council Member Miriam Friedlander told the speakers: "Alright, you made your point--get out!!" Thompson told her: "We are the voice of the Lower East Side", but two ladies in the audience yelled at him and said that they were, and objected to the protestors' actions. One of them got into a scuffle with a homeless man with AIDS, and she got hit with an egg. At 7:00, about 2 dozen riot-equipped cops entered the small room wearing riot helmets and carrying their clubs. They stood between Community Board officers and the audience, as Anne Johnson stood on a chair behind them with a gavel in her hand, announcing that she had the floor--under police guard!! Instead of being frightened, the curfew protestors shouted angrily at them: "Curfew, try it, we'll have another riot". Lower East Side activist attorney Stan Cohen arrived as chanting continued: "Pigs out of the meeting", and "No cops--no meeting". Johnson said there was a motion on the floor to adjourn the meeting, and someone asked Friedlander to get the riot cops to leave the room. Several media people were present from Newsday, WPIX, and the Com-Post. Suddenly, at 7:15, someone from the new ABC (Alpha-Bet-City) Community Center on East 4th Street arrived and announced that 11 cops were outside the center, preparing to invade it. About twenty people left the meeting to go to the center, but most everyone else remained, some suspecting it was a diversion to get the protestors out of the meeting. Outside the meeting, many riot cops stood by. By 7:20, with the meeting in total disarray, the riot cops left the room, but

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Photo by David Sorcher

CB3 CHAIRMAN ANNE JOHNSON STARTS TUG OF WAR FOR MICROPHONE FROM THE HANDS OF A WOMAN WHO HAD SIGNED UP TO SPEAK

Photo by David Sorcher



# ACTIVIST LAWYER BUSTED FOR JAYWALKING

Welcome to our Humble  
POLICE STATE

EAST VILLAGE NYC

(Special report by Carl Treasurer and Flash)

I have suggested in my columns in the SHADOW that you do not have to identify yourself to the police. I don't want to mislead the public into believing the cops will back down from that situation. They believe their authority is paramount and when faced with people who refuse to recognize or accept it, they see that as a personal attack on their power.

Early in September, attorney Stanley Cohen, who has been representing homesteaders, squatters, political activists and homeless people on the LES, was arrested after he refused to show his ID to two cops who were harrassing him, but who had not charged him with a crime!! A week earlier, his vehicle was given 5 parking tickets, and it was towed away as he represented squatters of the Umbrella House on Avenue C that was being besieged by police and HPD (Dept. of Housing, Preservation and Development--better known as "Housing Prevention and Demolition"). At the time of his "arrest", he had been in Tompkins Square Park with friends, photographing police pointed out to him as brutalizers of homeless persons in the park. When he left the park and went to his vehicle parked outside, he was approached by Officers Moore and Kidd. Kidd gave him a ticket for a moving violation even though he wasn't in his vehicle. Kidd told him: "I'm gonna find something else to give you a ticket for!!" With that, he gave Mr. Cohen 3 tickets and said that he can give him a ticket every 20 minutes. Moore demanded to see Mr. Cohen's ID and Cohen refused, asking "On what authority?" Moore replied: "I'm a police officer." Cohen told him "So what? I'm a citizen." When Cohen told him he didn't have to show him ID, Moore said that he did, if he broke the law. When Cohen asked what law he broke, Moore looked around, and with a smile said: "You jaywalked, yeah, that's what you did, you jaywalked." After Cohen still refused to show them his ID, a back-up unit with a sergeant arrived and told him he was going to the 9th Precinct for "investigatory review". Cohen told them there is no such thing (he's a lawyer after all!!), that it's either a "custodial arrest", or he would walk away. They told him they weren't arresting him, but brought him to the 9th Precinct on East 5th Street anyway where he was frisked and searched. When the Desk Sgt. saw his ID and realized he was a lawyer, he could only say "Oh Shit!!". The Desk Sgt. said this could have been avoided with ID shown earlier, and Cohen pointed out that he gave Kidd his card much earlier and Kidd had torn it up. In the back room, Moore and Kidd joked about putting Cohen through the system for a few days as "John Doe Jaywalker". Finally, the Desk Sgt. told the cops "You fucked up--give him a DAT (Desk Appearance Ticket) and let him go". Cohen was released just as many people were preparing to converge on the 9th Precinct to demand his release.

When he left the 9th Precinct, both sergeants involved spoke with Cohen in an effort to get him to forget the whole thing. One told him: "...these are young cops, they have a

tough job on the Lower East Side, and they don't feel appreciated." Cohen replied: "The way they manifest their lack of appreciation is to arrest lawyers, to beat homeless, and to harrass people? If they don't feel appreciated, it's because their track record speaks for itself."



P.O. MOORE (LEFT) AND P.O. KIDD (RIGHT), HANGING OUT WITH SUSPECTED MURDERER DAN RAKOWITZ IN TOMPKINS SQ. PARK

PHOTO BY JOHN PENLEY

When he appeared in court to answer the "charges" of jaywalking, the judge moved to dismiss the case, but Mr. Cohen refused. He plans to fight the charge and use his case to expose Officer Kidd and Moore's brutalizing of people in the park. Recently, Cohen's law partner ran into Deputy Inspector Julian, the Commanding Officer of the 9th Precinct. He apologized for what Kidd and Moore did, saying he couldn't believe they would charge someone with jaywalking. He also said they would be transferred out of Tompkins Square Park, but as of this writing, they are still assigned to the park. There have been countless complaints received regarding Kidd and Moore. They are dangerous in the sense that they create havoc, bait people, push, and beat people, according to information received by Cohen.

There is no doubt that there is a "Hit List" of people identified by the police as community activists and "leaders" and they're focusing on them increasingly. If they will do it to an attorney, they will do anything and even more to anyone else.

If someone of principle and commitment is seen fighting the machinery of state which functions on intimidation, fear, and abuse of power, they will do anything in their power to try to destroy them. Sometimes this has been accomplished through arrest, prosecution, indictment, trials, and other times through violence and murder--they've done it before and they'll do it again.

"Laws are created by white upper class men to represent the interests of white upper class men. \$100 is better spent on self-defense than 100 lawyers."



MISSING FOUNDATION'S MEGAPHONE AND POWER RHYTHM ROCK TOMPKIN'S SQ. PARK INTO A ROARING BLAZE —



ANARCHIST PUNKS AND HOMELESS PEOPLE WORK TOGETHER TO END POLICE OCCUPATION AND RACISM IN THE PARK —





# HOMELESSNESS AND STATE REPRESSION!!

By A. BERTOLI

Homelessness is State repression of the peoples' right to live in dignity. The historical and continual violent displacement of poor people from their homes and neighborhoods throughout this country is a full-time repression designed to limit and destroy the ability of the poor, particularly Black and Latino people, to fight back against the daily exploitiveness and genocide of the capitalist system.

By taking someones home away and forcing them into shelters, the State is better able to control and limit popular resistance to social oppression. We should therefore think of homelessness as repression and counter-insurgency against the poor, a conscious strategy on the part of a white supremacist State whose logic is the murder of the oppressed by way of dispersement (spatial deconcentration) and re-concentration in shelters which are dangerous, unhealthy and dehumanizing.

This kind of counter-insurgency (war) against the poor, dispersed, homeless people takes many forms, some more violent and overt than others. The tactics of displacement and dispersement are well known: arson, phony demolition orders, rent increases, illegal evictions and so on. Just as important in the overall State strategy for the control of homeless persons is the creation of phony (loyal) opposition movements/organizations whose aim is to develop credibility so that they can effectively confuse, divide, and undermine authentic organizations and effective, as distinct from dead-end, tactics and strategy.

The recent demonstration in Washington DC (10/7/89), organized under the banner of Housing Now, represents a type of pseudo-opposition vitally necessary for the State to implement its plan. This is most dramatically demonstrated upon examination of positions taken by the major sponsors of the demonstration (if you can call it that) and the degree to which the platform of the sponsors coincides with the strategic needs of the State. The shelter system, as the key link in the chain of mass control of homeless poor, is an example of this type of coalescing.

Over the course of the last two decades millions of poor and working class people were displaced, forced from their homes, disenfranchised and dispersed. The shelter system came into being in order to consolidate and re-concentrate those homeless poor, who given their exploited condition, might pose a threat to the established order. The plan required rationalization. It had to be sold to the public. Even those who were made homeless would be sold the idea that they should go to the shelters, accept degradation and the oppressors' warehouse. Enter the National Coalition for the Homeless, founded in Washington DC in 1979, one of the main sponsors of the recent Housing Now action. 1979 was also the year its 'New York Chapter' filed a law suit which forced the city government to provide temporary shelter for the homeless person. The so called right to shelter legislation, which has been copied in municipalities across the country, was and remains nothing less than the legislative basis for the growth of the shelter industry, a billion dollar growth industry. Nationally, the Coalition pushes similar litigation, such 'right to shelter' laws which 'force' city and state governments to 'provide shelter'. In other words, these laws legalize the forcing of the poor into gymnasiums and armories. The 'guaranty' of 'emergency shelter' functions as a force driving homeless poor into concentration camps with the smiling acquiescence of do-gooders across the country.

The selling of the shelter system as a benevolent, though limited response to the 'crisis' of homelessness has succeeded in disguising the actual military implications of shelters as low-intensity detention centers, designed by federal 'emergency' planners, funded by Federal Emergency Management Agency fronts. The National Coalition for the Homeless took this one step further with its suit against the Pentagon in 1987 which 'forced' the Defense Department to refrain from "delay in opening unused barracks and other military buildings as shelter for the homeless." (NYT 6/17/87) The attempt to force the homeless into military installations (presumably under military law), facilities far from central cities, is opposed practically by direct action squatting and the seizure of livable space by homeless people. Any group which coincides with the State and declares that "the defense establishment should 'play a part' in helping the homeless" is the friendly face in the fascist war against the poor.

Squatting and direct action are anathema to Coalition new style poverty pimps. They direct homeless people, like traffic cops, into the shelters which indirectly pay their salaries, while mis-directing the masses away from the obvious solution to their immediate problem. The thousands of available living spaces that exist at this moment in NYC, at least 25,000 warehoused, 50,000 abandoned, are forgotten. Direct action is discouraged while what is encouraged is the dis-empowering making of money demands at passive

so-called demonstrations, monies which only mask the bribes to the dutiful servants of the rich in their war against the poor.

Organizations like the National Coalition for the Homeless and their local affiliates around the country could not be as effective as they are in implementing State strategy if it were not for their sponsorship of grass-root groups through which they can mislead and spy on the people in the streets and shelters. Where potential leaders can be identified and discredited. Where tactics like direct action squatting can be discouraged and opposed. The Union of the Homeless, whose President and national spokesperson sit on the Board of the National Coalition for the Homeless, was another major sponsor of the recent Washington demo. It fits the bill, filling the role of grass-root counter-insurgency.

November 29, 1986 was the founding convention of the New York City Union of the Homeless, held at Riverside Church. Over 1,000 homeless men, women and children were assembled at the convention to ratify what had already been decided behind the scenes. The 'Union', run by Chris Sprowal and Ron Darnaby along with Peter Kinoy and Ann Shutzberg of the so-called Communist Labor Party (very low key in NYC) went about and effectively destroyed the real grass-roots, local leadership of homeless people that had developed to that moment. They forced two candidates for office off of the slate and replaced them with their own people, from outside of New York City, completely destroying any illusion to democracy that had existed to that point. These two covered up the disappearance of the first President of the Union in NYC, Mr. James Bond. They trivialized and opposed squatting at a time when hundreds if not thousands of homeless New Yorkers were looking for leadership. Instead they were sold out by dishonest so called communists and their 'house' lackeys. The popularly elected Vice President, Alfredo Gonzalez, who assumed the Presidency after the disappearance of James Bond, was hounded out of the organization by way of character assassination, lies and disinformation. Alfredo wouldn't join the party, nor sell-out squatting, nor follow orders. The National Union of the Homeless, along with its' parent, the National Coalition for the Homeless, are strategic supports for the State plan to herd the poor into the shelters. The Coalition rationalizes and justifies the shelters, making them more acceptable through reforms while the Union undermines counter-organization, identifies authentic leadership for neutralization, and misleads the masses with dead-end tactics and empty and dishonest party sloganeering.

The earth is quaking in San Francisco and the Federal Emergency Management Agency or FEMA is planning for urban riots. President Bush makes it crystal clear that police-military and national guard preparedness is 'on track' and 'on the ground' in the Bay area. Since 1980 FEMA has divided its time among various emergency scenarios including those involving the homeless. In fact, FEMA currently funds the shelters which house the homeless while drawing up contingency plans for martial law and detention for the rest of the people. The McKinney Act, like the earlier Emergency Assistance Act, is a Federal money pool for this link in the chain. It is the only portion of the Homeless Survival Act which is pending in Congress which has been implemented. Its' chief sponsor Congressman Leland recently died in a plane crash in Africa. It is supported by Bush and the Reverend Jacksons' Rainbow Coalition. These are funds used by the State to buy off the middle men, middle class, who vote Rainbow, pacifying them, perfecting their obedience to the party line. They never speak of squatting to the homeless. Why not! Is it not, given the circumstances, the most ethical thing to do? Through collective strength and moral certitude homeless could seize the warehoused apartments, occupy the abandoned buildings. With the solidarity of intelligent people everywhere, real coalitions could be built, popular forces in the class war.

But no, they and the Housing Now demonstration are a spectacle of accommodation to racist violence against the homeless. They should be opposed and exposed.





# THE TRUTH

## BEHIND THE "HOUSING NOW" MARCH TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

### HOUSING NOW MARCH EXPOSED

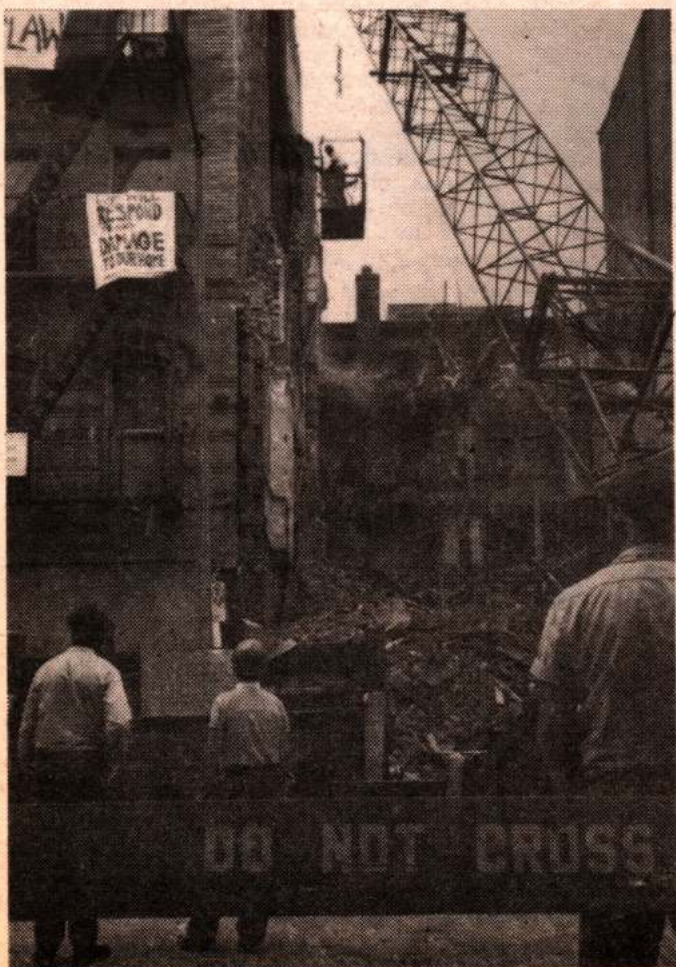
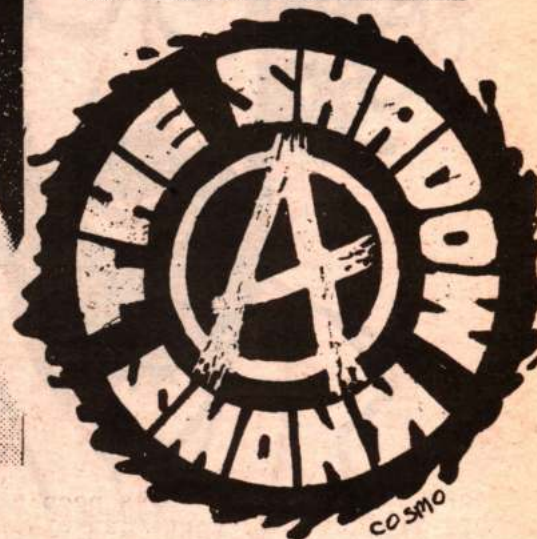
( Keith Thompson, a veteran of the Tompkins Square Park Tent City, was one of hundreds of homeless people who marched on foot to the site of the Housing Now demonstration in Washington DC on October 7th. Following is a summary of his comments regarding the march and the events in Washington. )

At the start of the march, which began in rain soaked Staten Island with police 'escort', the marchers were assured by the Housing Now demo organizers that food and clothing would be taken care of. The breakfasts and rain gear promised were never provided (other than plastic bags for protection). Despite the rain, spirits were high as hundreds marched through New Jersey, demanding their human right to a home, staying in churches and schools. In Baltimore the group was threatened by the KKK. As the march progressed, donations in the name of the homeless were coming in to the national office of Housing Now in DC. The City of Brotherly Love in the person of Mayor Goode (MOVE) told the homeless that they had to be out of Philly by sunset. People had flu, broken toes and ankles, lice and were suffering from fatigue. The Housing Now people promised medical care, what was provided was insufficient. Repeated calls to the offices in NYC and DC went unanswered. On the road, through Delaware the police made the people walk the longer route when shorter ones were available. The Housing Now security, wearing orange jumpsuits, giving orders, were opposed at various stages, leading to the stepping down of the man in charge who returned to DC. These people were usually the first to eat, ate the most. Food did run out at times along the way. Fights happened, often pitting people who opposed the Housing Now security and the type of instructions they were giving out. Of the 1000 people who began the march 450 made it to Washington DC. Many celebrities were there to greet the marchers. Jack Kemp met with people and said he'd pressure the President to build low-income housing. Many people required hospitalization, were often turned down, long waiting. Homeless marchers went to office of Housing Now to protest lack of food, clothing, medical care etc. They were confronted, pushed out of office and fight erupted. Riot cops showed up. The 'organizers' said they were \$200,000. 'in the hole'. Radio station WBAI-FM NYC was called and came through with money for foot powder and medical supplies. The marchers took trains back to NYC, avoiding the Housing Now buses. NYC people felt that they had made contacts with people here and made promises to the people that were not kept. If it wasn't for the Seeds of Peace people (SF) places to sleep would have been hard to find, let alone food and medical care. All in all it took two weeks and two days to get to DC. It also took about that long to realize that homeless people were being ripped off by Housing Now, Coalition for the Homeless, and other paid lackeys of the so-called housing movement,



*'I know that if I gave up a matter of conscience, I know my soul would rot in hell.'*

— Mayor Koch



# SOMBRILLA HOUSE

THESE PHOTOS WERE TAKEN SEPTEMBER 13, AS THE HPD CREW DISMANTLED WHAT WAS LEFT OF #25 AVENUE C-- ON THE LEFT, THEY PICK OFF LOOSE BRICKS BY HAND ON THE RIGHT, RESIDENTS LET PEOPLE ENTER WITH A CHAIN LADDER WHILE DOOR REMAINS BARRICADED.







BY  
CARL  
TREASURER  
ATTORNEY-AT-LARGE

"Let them call me rebel and welcomed, I feel no concern from it; but I should suffer the misery of devils, were I to make a whore of my soul."--(I'd like to take credit for writing these words, but I can't. They were written over 200 years ago by an early revolutionary named Thomas Paine.)

As the winter approaches, people who have been in the streets exercising protected political speech in fighting the apathy of this city and country are moving indoors. The next step is organizing. The government's police will do anything and everything possible to destroy, discredit, infiltrate, disinform, arrest, and kill political movements in this country. They do this in a number of ways, one of which is infiltration by the FBI's Terrorist Task Force (aptly named, because there are no bigger terrorists in this country than the FBI), and New York City's Red Squad. (The Red Squad had its genesis in the late 1960's with the Tactical Patrol Force (TPF), initially responsible for monitoring "subversive people". They included in that group people who ran the whole gammut from armed propaganda, to pacifism, and even Humphrey Democrats!! Anyone who stood in opposition to the city and police policy was suspect. The Red Squad did everything they could to destroy these movements through infiltration, disinformation, and division, which have always been powerful weapons. The Red Squad, which has been resurrected recently, now called the "Black Desk" and "NYC Intelligence Unit".) Their history is replete with examples of sending undercover cops fresh from the academy into groups, not just to observe or spy, but to incite and create and hatch conspiracy where none would otherwise exist, spread rumors, suggest illegal activities to try to create factions, and then bust them, claiming conspiracy.

Conspiracy is the age old answer of so-called "democratic" governments and institutions to legitimate opposition to genocidal policies in this country. This country has an infamous history of using conspiracy to smash dissent. Conspiracy boils down to indicting people not on the basis of their actions but on the basis of what they think and what they say. Conspiracy doesn't require that acts even be undertaken. Conspiracy doesn't even require that you engage in lawful political dissent. Conspiracy is charging people who come together to meet, talk, strategize, and make plans, with illegal acts. It's very easy to indict and very difficult to defend against because the government need not prove much. There need not even be an illegal act. Most conspiracy trials end in acquittals in New York City since juries often see through the government's charade, terror tactics, and lies.

For example, in New York City in the late 1960's, there was the Panther 21 Conspiracy--the government effectively paralyzed the Black Panther Movement for a few years, and in the end, the Black Panthers were divided and conquered. It's not just a question of whether or not you are convicted or acquitted of the charges - the conspiracy indictments tie up resources, generally produce long term illegal detention of activists, they drain energy, and allow government to disseminate lies and propaganda about the movements and people in them. Even when people are acquitted and freed, as they were in the Panther 21 trial, their movements that threaten the status quo of the city are effectively neutralized by their being incarcerated for long periods of time and by forcing their attentions on defense in court, rather than self-determination and self-defense in the streets. Another such conspiracy case was the so-called "New York 8" trial, in which it was alleged that a group of Black activists were planning to liberate a brother from jail. The Federal government brought down conspiracy indictments and they spent many months trying brothers and sisters on the basis of what they said publicly. In the end, they too were acquitted.

Another method used by the government to crush movements and individuals is electronic surveillance. This includes the use of photos and videos that can be used to show

# DOWN BY LAW

anything. Conspiracy prosecution has used film showing people leaving meetings together, attending demos together, and later establishing some common goal or purpose. Other types of electronic surveillance include wiretapping. We all know the government would never do anything illegal, and there are laws which carefully limit conditions under which police can use wiretaps, but we also know they regularly break these laws with impunity.

There are many types of wiretap situations. One is the use of a Pen Register. It doesn't intercept the substance of a conversation, but it keeps a record of incoming and outgoing calls, patterns of calls, and their sources. Police don't need a warrant for a Pen Register and it can be done routinely. They are often used to establish anything they wish to show and are brought to political hack judges and used as a basis for wiretap requests. All movement people have good reason to fear their phones are being tapped. It's not a question of paranoia, but of sound protection of protected political speech. Be careful of what you say on the phone--there is no need to say anything on the phone that can be said face to face.

Movement people and activists should keep in mind that not only are there agent provocateurs, but the strongest ally in conspiracy trials are weak links in groups. Described as "disgruntled people", very often they are not political people, but people with problems that are psychological, emotional, drug-related, sexual, etc.. Whatever it takes, the government seeks them out, and finds their weak points by money, promising lenient sentencing, stroking their egos, etc.. There are ways to deal with provocateurs and people who foist themselves on the movement. When people are coming together to meet and organize to discuss dealing with community problems, you are better off dealing with people you know. You are better off looking askance at people entering the group with wild and crazy ideas. Anyone who proposes unlawful acts (especially new people), we should be very suspicious of. Conspiracy indictments include totally lawful statements later distorted by the government and its Grand Juries which they control to change their contents, using them in ways they were not meant to be used. Beware of what is said in public.

People on the LES are coming together for peaceful tactics and someone from nowhere suggests violence, we know that the only perpetrators of violence are the police and their goons. Violence is something the protectors of a state have always relied upon. People of the LES have always relied on the truth.

There are some other basic rules for survival, for activists or people on the street. If the FBI, which is playing an ever increasing role on the Lower East Side, comes to your door, you don't have to allow them in. People think they can lie to the FBI, but unlike New York State law, there are charges they can use against you for lying to them. Therefore, you need never talk to them under any circumstances. It doesn't matter what lies they say, how they try to manipulate you, what promises they make--when all is said and done, they are representatives of the fascist police state. They are the true terrorists in society, whose sole purpose is to create self-fulfilling prophesy where they see enemies all over the place, and even when they're not there, they create them--IGNORE THEM!! Anything you say to an agent can be twisted, distorted and used against you and your loved ones. The same holds true for police.

Under New York State law, when you are questioned by city or state police, you have the right to counsel even when you haven't been charged with a crime. Simply tell them you are represented by counsel, and give your attorney's name. From that point on, nothing you say can be used against you. Under Federal law, you don't have that right.

Also, when a police agent demands to see your identification, you never have to show ID unless they say you have committed a crime, and then there must be reasonable suspicion or probable cause to stop you. If not, you can refuse to talk to them, and then walk, or even run away from them.

Remember, as the struggle on the LES moves indoors, there is much you can do to counteract police state terror tactics:

1. Be careful who you talk to and what you talk about.
2. Identify agents and cops.
3. Get license plates, badges, photos, and disseminate them.
4. Surveil the surveillers.
5. When an infiltrator/provocateur is discovered, make sure that brothers and sisters know about them.
6. Action speaks louder than words.

"Had I interfered in the manner which I admit on behalf of the rich, the powerful, the intelligent, the so-called great or on behalf of any of their friends, it would have been alright and every man in this court would have deemed it an act worthy of reward rather than punishment."

(Remember: "Prosecutors are nothing but cops in suits, and judges are nothing but prosecutors in robes.")

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, YOU CAN WRITE TO ME AT: CARL TREASURER, c/o SHADOW PRESS, PO BOX 20298, NEW YORK, NY, 10009





Well, here we are again!!

Since our last COP WATCH column, the cops vacated their undercover apartment at 97 Avenue that we uncovered almost as soon as the SHADOW came out!!

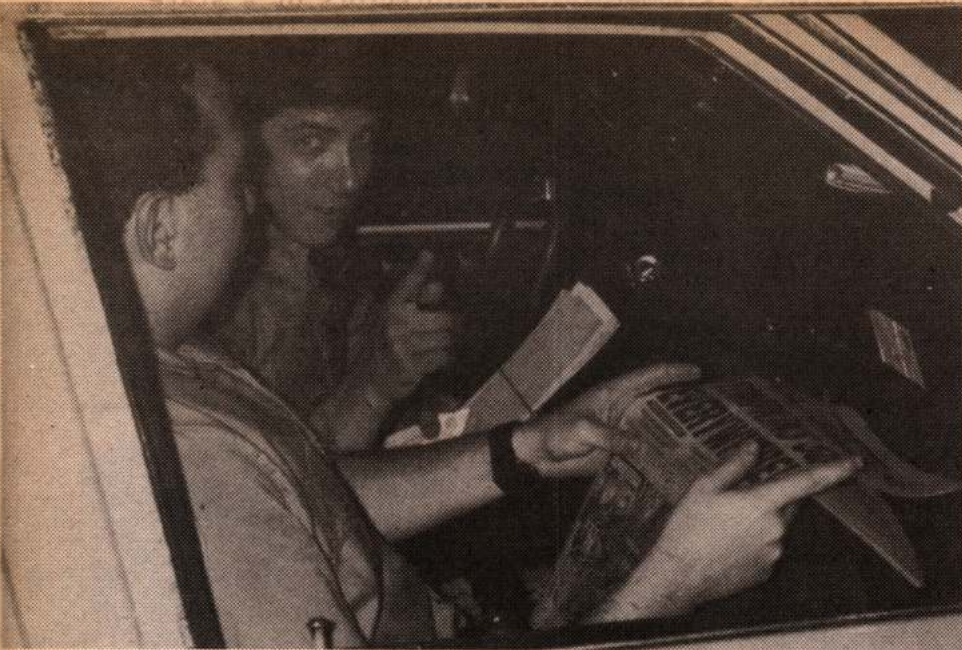
Here are some license plates acquired at the latest cop wilding on the Lower East Side on October 26:

IWZ-601  
YYA-659  
ASM-951  
HJL-501  
BDN-34Y--(New Jersey Plates!!)

Below are listed particularly brutal pigs that were involved in that same cop riot that night--(All were witnessed and documented in their acts of violence):

Captain Richard ("Dick") Savage--(Aptly named)  
Sergeant Wagner  
P.O. Bova  
P.O. Mulitz--(Badge #21615)  
P.O. Redmond--(Badge #16366)

\*\*Things are getting even heavier with the police on the Lower East Side these days, so now it's more important than ever to keep watching those cops!! If you have any information for COP WATCH--(Photos, License plates, Badge numbers of violent pigs, or their names, send it to us at the SHADOW



P.O.s MOORE (LEFT) AND KIDD (RIGHT) READING SHADOW

**anarchism:** The theory that all forms of government rest on violence, and are therefore wrong and harmful, as well as unnecessary.

**anarchy:** A condition of society regulated by voluntary cooperation and mutual aid instead of government.

# SABOTAGE

ANARCHIST BOOKS, 'ZINES, TAPES  
and SQUATCRAFTS  
96 SAINT MARX PLACE, NYC, 10009

## ISRAEL = S.AFRIKA

# GERRY TRUDELL FOR CITY COUNCIL

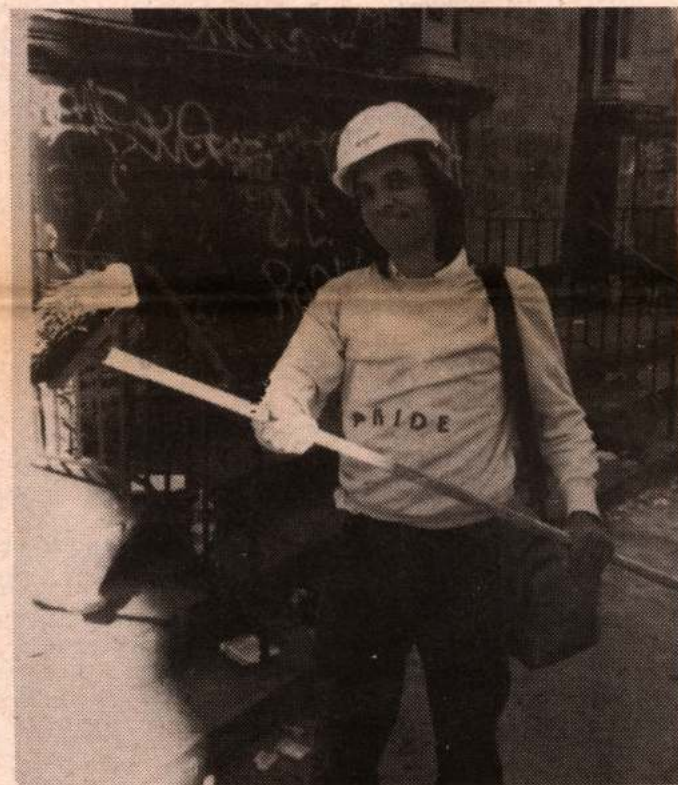
**BORED OF ELECTIONS?** Well, once again Miriam Friedlander is running unopposed for the City Council from our district (#2). Jerry Trudell, local squatter is running against the Friedlander machine as a 'write in' candidate. According to Jerry there are three reasons why people should vote for him on November 7: "I pledge to be the most radical activist NYC government has ever seen. I will take bolt cutters in my own hands to liberate abandoned, warehoused buildings. I will work to institute health care, AIDS treatment and day care facilities, as well as community recycling centers that are cooperatively owned and managed. I will introduce legislation to homestead all abandoned buildings, to create housing, jobs and opportunity for everyone."

**HOW TO WRITE-IN JERRY:** After pulling the lever to close the curtain, press the silver button in the upper left hand corner of the booth. Slide open the door across from the City Council row and write TRUDELL in the space provided on the piece of paper behind the door. If you can't figure it out ask questions about how you go about writing-in your candidate. If they are not cooperative (too bored) raise hell! You have a right to write-in your man for the job, JERRY TRUDELL!

For further info:

Trudell for City Council

(212)-969-0225, 560-0150



GERRY TRUDELL PREPARES TO CLEAN UP THE LOWER EAST SIDE WITH A NEW BROOM

### Political Prisoners Need Our Support

Mark Davis 120179 Earth First activists arrested  
Marc Baker 120194 for conspiracy to sabotage Gov't  
Peg Millet 120394 property.

Write them: 3127 West Durango, Phoenix, Arizona, 85009.  
Contributions: Earth First Legal Defense Fund, c/o  
Dan Conner, 5579 Boundary Drive South,  
Oregon, 97306 or call 503-588-8659.

Fran Trutt Animal Rights activist arrested for  
possession of pipe bomb, set up by a  
movement infiltrator hired by US Surgical Corporation.

Write: Fran Trutt Defense Fund, 266-B Main Street,  
Suite 120, Monroe, Ct., 06468.

Leonard Peltier Leader of the American Indian Movement,  
Native American Indian Political  
Prisoner, framed up.

Write him: #89 637-132, PO Box 1000, Leavenworth, Kans.  
66048.  
Defense Committee: Box 583, Lawrence, Kansas, 66044.



# up coming events

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 10/31--HALLOWEEN SMOKE-IN--8:00-Midnight rally in Washington Square Park, Midnight Marijuana March to Tompkins Square Park.
- 11/2--POETRY READING--Rainbow Cafe, 200 East 3rd Street--Surrealist Poet Steve Gillilan
- 11/2--ABORTION RIGHTS MEETING--  
415 West 14th Street, 7:00PM
- 11/4--ABC COMMUNITY CENTER MEETING--At the bandshell in Tompkins Square Park--Coalition of community members will meet to discuss solutions to Oct. 26 eviction by HPD and police
- 11/12--MOBILIZE FOR WOMEN'S LIVES--Abortion Rights March on Washington, DC--Transportation available--Contact NOW--NYC, 15 West 18th Street, NY, NY 10011 or call: 807-0721
- 11/14--TRANS-SPECIES GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING--7:00PM, Sacred Heart Church, 457 West 51st Street--Animal rights activist group. (For more info, write: PO Box 20697, NY, NY, 10023, or call: 966- 8490)
- 11/18--2ND ANNUAL N.BROOKLYN SMALL PRESS CONVENTION 1:00-8:00PM, Minor Injury Gallery, 1073 Manhattan Ave, Brooklyn, NY, 11222--Under ground/independent publishers showing their stuff--Submit materials, but not originals to: Scott Cunningham, PO Box 1329, NY, NY, 10276
- 11/24--FUR-FREE FRIDAY--Meet at Columbus Circle, 59th St. and Central Park West, 10:30AM--Join the march against fur with Bob Barker and Trans-Species Unlimited.
- TUESDAYS--TERRIBLY TRASHY TUESDAYS--At the Lismar Lounge--First Avenue, between 2+3 Sts, Ralphie Boy hosts great bands and loud music
- WEDNESDAYS--UNDERGROUND/POLITICAL VIDEO NIGHT--  
At SABOTAGE BOOKS--96 Saint Marx Place, 8:00PM
- THURSDAYS--OPEN MIKE SHOW--At the Chameleon, 505 East 6th Street, sign up at 6:45 for 7-10:00PM show, hosted by Lach--FREE!!
- SATURDAYS--"ANTI-FOLK" SHOW--also at the Chameleon, open mike from 9:00PM-1:00AM, also hosted by Lach, and also FREE!!
- SUNDAYS--OPEN MIKE PERFORMANCE/POETRY READING/RANTING AND RAVING--At ABC NO RIO, 156 Rivington St, between Clinton and Suffolk Streets, 6:30 sign up for 7:00PM-??? performance. Call 254-3697 for more info. Donations accepted. (Highly recommended by the SHADOW!!)

## SIMPLE AIDS CURE BLOCKED BY FDA?

By FRANCES ASHLAND

Is it possible that a simple, affordable treatment for AIDS has been found that the FDA will not approve?

Several dozens of AIDS patients are now back at work, completely free from the disease. The virus in their blood was easily destroyed by hyper-oxygenation. This simple high concentration of oxygen in the blood has already been found to successfully treat other diseases.

Two forms of hyper-oxygenation or bio-oxidative therapy are the infusion of ozone into the blood and the use of hydrogen peroxide at very low concentrations. Tests have shown that AIDS virus cannot tolerate high oxygen levels. Other diseases, such as cancer, also show that abnormal cells actually disappear when high levels of oxygen are introduced into the blood.

Herpes, hepatitis and other lipid envelope viruses are readily destroyed by this treatment. Physicians in other countries are aware of this phenomenon and a large number of doctors in Europe

have demonstrated the effectiveness of this method with AIDS patients. Dr. Horst Kief of West Germany is stating that a number of his patients who have received this treatment are considered to be completely cured.

The treatment is remarkably simple. A pint of blood is drawn from the patient and placed in an infusion bottle. The ozone is then forced into the bottle and mixed in by shaking gently, while the blood turns bright red. As the ozone molecules dissolve into the blood, all lipid-envelope viruses are destroyed, leaving the blood cells unharmed. The treated blood is then given back to the patient. The oxygenated blood dispurses its virucidal properties to the rest of the blood supply.

The FDA has postponed since April of 1987 the go-ahead on further testing so this treatment can be made available in the United States. Though FDA Commissioner Frank Young has proposed making experimental drugs available without full FDA approval, there seems to be actual resistance to promoting an actual cure that would hurt the profits of large corporations now providing drugs to "treat" these many now incurable diseases.

What is going on?

## Community Board 3 Watch

### COMMUNITY BOARD 3 MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER:

ETHICS COMMITTEE--Wednesday, Nov. 8, 5:30PM, Grand Street Settlement, 80 Pitt Street--Agenda is NYC Charter Revision

PARKS COMMITTEE--Thursday, Nov. 16, 6:30PM, University Settlement, 184 Eldridge Street--Agenda includes "Tompkins Square Park Complaints"--(Be there for this one!!)

GENERAL MEETING--Tuesday, Nov. 28, 6:30PM, Educational Alliance, 197 East Broadway--(Sign up early for Public Session, where members of the public get to speak for 3 minutes while the board ignores you--or tries to, anyway!!)

The calendar of committee meetings for November 1989 is available at the CB3 office at 59 East 4th Street, NYC, 10003. Their telephone number is 533-5300.

COMMUNITY BOARD WEEK--NOVEMBER 27-DECEMBER 3, 1989

## Village Green Recycling Team

The Village Green Recycling Team is a group of volunteers committed to recycling as a means of solving the problem of Earth's pollution by waste. They operate a public education project at the recycling center to actively publicize community-based recycling in lower Manhattan and they conduct educational programs for school children and participate in public efforts to increase recycling as a government function. Their budget is raised from the sale of donated materials and from fund-raising activities. Their expenses include running our trucks, insurance and supplies.

They are located at West 4th Street and Sixth Avenue--

HOURS: Saturday: 10:00-3:00PM  
Monday: 5:00-7:00PM  
Wednesday: 11:00-2:00PM  
Friday: 8:00-11:00AM

### ITEMS ACCEPTED FOR RECYCLING:

1. Clean glass bottles- caps and labels okay.
2. Clean aluminum foil and cans.
3. Newspapers tied tight in bundles.
4. Clean plastic jugs-(translucent-water, cider, milk)  
(colored-detergent, salad oil)

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE RECYCLABLES OUTSIDE OUR GATES WHEN WE ARE CLOSED

24 HOUR & 7 DAY PICK-UPS:

East 6th St. + Ave. B  
East 13th St. + Ave. B



IF YOU KNOW OF ANY EVENTS THAT WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS, OR IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT TO PROMOTE, PLEASE SEND US AS MANY DETAILS AS POSSIBLE ALONG WITH ANY POSTERS AND ARTWORK WE MAY WANT TO REPRINT. OUR DEADLINE IS AROUND THE END OF THE MONTH, SO THE SOONER YOU LET US KNOW, THE BETTER. SEND ALL INFORMATION TO:  
SHADOW PRESS, P.O. BOX 20298, NYC 10009.

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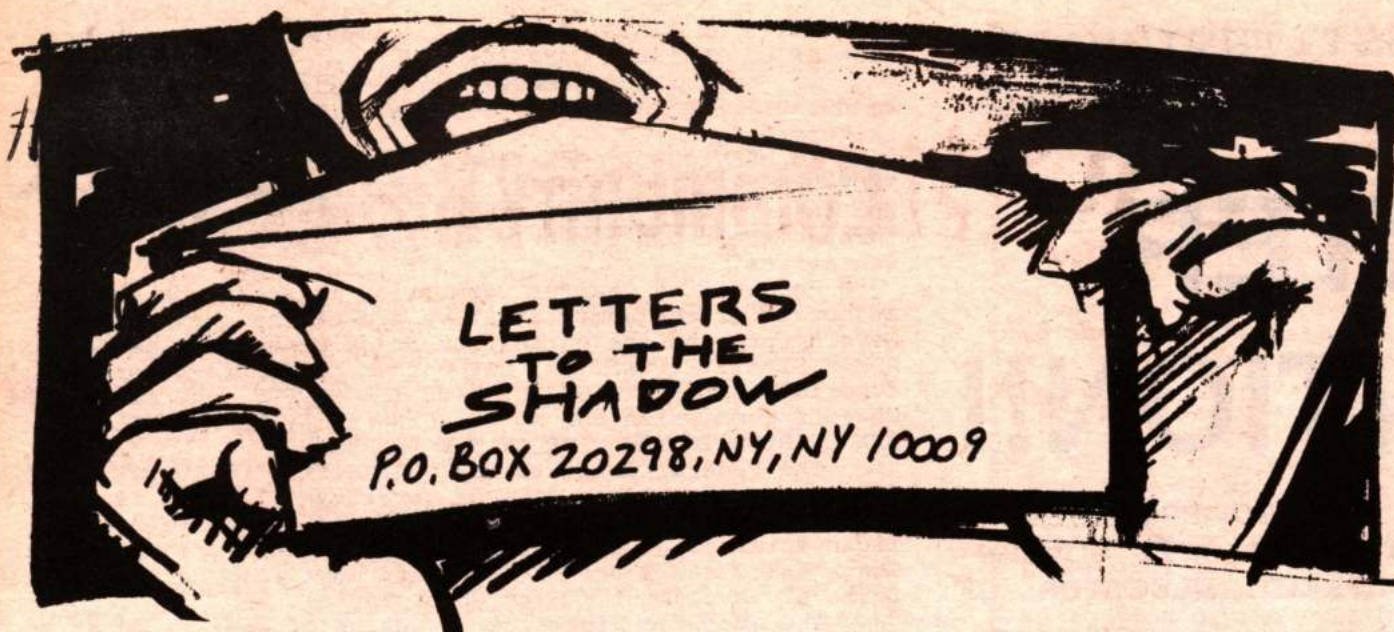


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## WANTED

Artist seeking apartment/share--preferably here in the Good Old Lower East Side, preferably something inexpensive: CHEAP! Long term if possible. I have a steady job. Leave message at the SHADOW for Cosmo: 714-2880. Will answer all calls.





Dear Friends,  
Many greetings from the gulag.  
The latest issue of the SHADOW recently arrived, but the pigs rejected it, saying it contained "plans for illegal activity", i.e. recipe for making marijuana applejack. Can you send me another copy of the SHADOW but just cut out the article in question so the pigs won't reject it?

Paul Wright #930783  
P.O. Box 520 8-C-14  
Walla Walla, WA 99362

Dear Editor,  
Thanks for the latest SHADOW. I've enclosed Brian Glick's "War At Home". (South End Press, 116 Saint Botolph St., Boston, MA 02115). I think of it as essential reading for anyone involved with the SHADOW, considering your position and your opposition. This book details how COINTELPRO destroyed much of the 60s opposition movements and their recent attacks against CISPES (Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador) and the Sanctuary movement (yes, these motherfuckers don't even leave fucking churches alone), and please note that Reagan and Meese made it all legal in 1983. In particular, be careful about references in your paper to any possible violations of law, because they will be exploited to the fullest extent. Also, if anyone may be contemplating an illegal act, that act should remain a personal matter. The recent FBI infiltration of Earth First! should stand as adequate warning on this.

Best Wishes,  
Anonymous

### "HOMELESS FOR PROFIT"

A critique on the Union of the Homeless, Housing Now, and other so-called social service networks:

Before I was a squatter, I lived in Grand Central Station and every shelter in the city, in every possible combination in between. Squatting is by far the most empowering.  
The experiences of the homeless situation and my contact with people involved on different levels has led me to a number of conclusions about this. One on level it seems, politics is at the root. The other seems to be economics. The Union of the Homeless is a great study in both.  
When I got kicked out of the shelter for organizing, by a stroke of luck I found out about a forming meeting of this group. At the event, I was introduced to officials of the national branch and I also met the president, vice-pres, and treasurer of the N.Y. branch. This was before the election branch and the N.Y. chapter. This didn't surprise me as much as being invited to the first meeting of the "Executive Board" at the McGraw-Hill building. I was then "appointed" to the board. The reasons are debatable. What a feeling of power to represent up to a million disenfranchised people!! Sound familiar?  
There were rumors early on that there were some connections--money and otherwise--with the Communist Party. It all seems to be true, but that's not my department. What I will say is that the person "pulling the strings" is the son of a very famous "pinko" lawyer. I have nothing against the Communist Party, as long as they stay away from me. As time went on, things got more complicated. The missing president of the N.Y. chapter who fought the leadership, botched up media events, and reports of large sums of money, which I never saw. Whenever I asked about funds, I was usually given the "token and sandwich" routine.  
The Union is one of many "Homeless for Profit" groups that I've checked out. They were not even that good. The best ones are individuals who get paid under the guise of self-righteousness. The homeless "industry" has created a new breed of entrepreneur. Only the concept is ancient.  
The best solution I can think of is to avoid any groups that claim to represent the needs of others and create your own. If you can't avoid them, then try hard to be in on the actual governing body. At least this way you'll eat too.  
My bitterness at the pimping of the Homeless is real. I have seen the best and worst of exploitation. I am sick of it. Having money isn't wrong, it's the way it's being used. Stop being fooled.

Duane (Squatter)

Dear SHADOW and comrades,  
Feel free to alter and use as you see fit.  
Peace and love,  
Buenissima  
P.S: Your September front page graphic was magnificent!  
Long live all of us!

#### THIS PARK IS YOUR PARK

(From Woody Guthrie's This Land is Your Land and to be sung to the same melody):

This park is your park, this park is my park  
From a gentrified Seventh Street, to the street of St. Mark  
From our bottles flying, to our eggs a'frying  
This park was made for you and me.

As I went walking that Tompkins parkway  
And saw beyond me, a yuppified starkway  
Then saw about me, warm faces smiling, I said  
"This park was made for you and me."

One Sunday morning, in the shadow of the steeple  
By the church soup kitchen, I saw my people  
As they stood homeless, I knew for certain  
This park was made for you and me.

Was a vicious cop there who tried to stop me  
A sign was painted, said "City Property"  
But on the back side, it didn't say nothing  
This park was made for you and me.

Cast out by vultures, we built our tents here  
In peace united, all races live near  
No pigs can stop us, we're cloaked in justice  
This park was made for you and me.

Since a people united can never be defeated  
Our past hard losses will never be repeated  
We're tough amigo, no hate can stop us  
This park was made for you and me.

#### To THE SHADOW

The Editor-  
Hooray for your enterprise!  
Forceful ideas!  
Good graphics!  
Intensity of concern!  
Read Me is very interested in ideas and wants contributions from your readers, well expressed and with vitality. Our readers-2000 of 'em, all across America and around the world are largely whitebread people. Can you send us items forcefully written on challenging topics to arouse, inform and interest them? Of course you are aware gutter slang is not necessarily forceful prose. A good writer can "sweat terribly" without either asterisks or spelling it out.  
In the northwest there are homeless, hungry and underemployed people aplenty. We have more drugs, crime and poverty than can be listed so doubtless you could send along plenty of challenging items to stir our readers. We need that.  
One question however. I am puzzled by your size? Are you backed or paid for by someone or a group that wants to use you to gain power to threaten, to dominate?  
I sincerely hope not!

Sincerely,  
D. Reams

#### RESPONSE:

We are funded partly by donations, but the SHADOW is running totally in the red - I think it's cost us about \$4500-\$5000 so far (not including this issue) since we started last March.  
We plan to have SHADOW benefit concerts once a month, so we can keep printing for free, and we're having fun, so fuck it - money or not, we'll keep printing.  
By the way, we are not run by, backed by, controlled or represented by any organized group, but we do live by principles of anarchy.  
We will happily exchange subscriptions with your publication, if you'd like to, so please keep in touch.

Peace,  
Chris Flash, Editor

Dear SHADOW,  
Thanks for giving expression to and acting upon our critically imperative cause.  
If I were a millionaire, I'd give HALF of my stash (at least!) to SHADOW and the Anti Eviction Squad.  
Always,  
Persephone

PS: LOVED Tanya's anti-sexist cartoon. Keep them coming, Tanya!



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# CHARTER CONVENTION!!

**THE ONLY CONSTITUTIONAL WAY TO ESTABLISH A  
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MENT, IS THROUGH THE DIRECT ELECTION OF  
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## CHARTER CONVENTION

If you think King Koch and his gorilla government are finished, think again. When's the last time you saw a giant bald-headed real estate monkey squatting on the dome of the City Hall? About a month ago? Just because the monkey's not on the roof don't mean he ain't in the basement rearranging the furniture?

### THE CITY CHARTER CRISIS AND HOW IT GOT STARTED

About eight years ago, a certain lawyer named EMERY decided to gain for himself fame, fortune and a free trip to Hawaii by taking the City to court, legally challenging the City's obviously corrupt form of government, the Board of Estimate system.

If you don't know what the Board of Estimate system was, picture this: Silly drunks in the backrooms of political clubhouses arguing among themselves as to who among them is the best thief, finally deciding to rig the elections in favor of the one drunk who promises to line the others' pockets with the most cash in the coming years. Several months later, lo and behold! The winner of the little popularity contest goes on to also win the election and become the next "Borough President".

Merrily twisting open the valves on the pipelines marked Cash Flow and Personal Influence, the former clubhouse drunk then takes his well-padded seat among the other Borough Presidents at The Table Where They Split Up The Loot where countless contracts, payoffs, and land-use gimmicks are negotiated, otherwise known as the BOARD OF ESTIMATE.

The Board of Estimate system "worked real good" until EMERY came along. EMERY discovered what he recognized as a minor but fatal flaw in this fantastic system. The populations of the Borough Presidents' kingdoms were quite unequal. Some of the former clubhouse drunks were frankly more equal than others! The others, having many more obsequious friends to keep happy, their influence was naturally diluted, so that the number of people needing favors from certain of the drunks was much greater than their ability to deliver these favors.

Actually, nobody really cared since they probably never thought about it until EMERY showed up.

To make a long story short, EMERY challenged the whole thing in court, finally convincing the US Supreme Court to ice the system on that elusive real estate called "constitutional grounds". And that brings us to the present.

The Supreme Court decision came down last April, but you can bet your tent and your tennis shoes that wheels were set in motion long before TO TRICK THE PUBLIC into voting in A BRAND NEW SYSTEM by which the aforesaid drunks plan to maintain their illustrious positions as keepers of the sacred flames and step-n-fetch-its for THE MOB.

Already in place last April to cook up the NEW SYSTEM was a certain "commission" miraculously empowered by the contemporary "Divine Right of Kings" to DREAM UP AN ENTIRELY NEW SYSTEM by which the eight million New York peasants squatting on the Royal Lands will now be manipulated. This body was known by the unassuming title of "The Charter Review Commission".

In case you blinked, the Charter Review Commission just redesigned your entire government last summer. Now you are supposed to vote for, or "ratify", this new scheme, which actually knocks some of the clubhouse drunks from their perches for not delivering the goods fast enough. Needless to say, the NEW PLAN is even worse than the old one, since the process by which money and common property is continuously stolen from the public has been considerably streamlined. More about this later.

It is the position of the author of this article that what has been done (the designing of the new government by the local clubhouse drunks and their directors) has been done in direct violation of the basic principles of democracy and the US Constitution.

The ESTABLISHMENT of Government is not a FUNCTION of Government. It is a function of the PEOPLE. Only the PEOPLE have the standing to establish a Government! Seeing that:

1) the writing of a Charter or Constitution is a SUPRA-GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTION, that it is neither legislative, administrative, nor judicial; rather, that it is the

FOUNDATION or BASIS of these functions, necessarily occurring PRIOR TO THEIR CREATION and

2) under the Federal Constitution, the AUTHORITY to ESTABLISH A GOVERNMENT belongs SOLELY TO THE PEOPLE, therefore:

NO PREVIOUSLY OPERATING APPENDAGE OF THE OLD GOVERNMENT HAS STANDING OR RIGHT TO INTERCEDE between the PEOPLE and their DIRECT ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT through their own directly elected, task-specific representatives.

Because the Charter Commission is acting on the authority of the administrative arm of the previous Government, and the establishment of Government is NOT AN ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION, but rather, a "supra-governmental" function that RESTS SOLELY WITH THE PEOPLE, therefore, the Charter Commission HAS NO STANDING TO WRITE A COMPLETELY NEW CHARTER IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE.

The Federal Constitution GUARANTEES "to every State... a republican form of government." This is mandatory. If the States are mandated to create "republican forms of government", all Governments created by the State below the level of the State must also be "republican forms of government" (City Governments).

The specific blueprint or design of what is meant by "a republican form of government" in the Federal Constitution is demonstrated in the opening words of the document "We the people ... do ordain and establish this Constitution."

Establish: "to set up, found, institute, introduce, initiate and cause to last."

Ordain: "to order, decree, or enact." (Funk and Wagnalls, Standard College Dictionary, 1963).

Every conceivable meaning of either of the two words, ordain or establish, can only be rightly understood in the active sense, i.e., "order, decree, introduce, initiate," etc. The two words, ordain and establish, can in no way be rightly understood in the passive sense, i.e., "accept, ratify, approve, confirm, etc."

The People: the meaning of the word, people, is clear. The active party is clearly the people. The document does not say "the States establish" or "the People ratify". It says, "We the people ... ordain and establish".

The Charter Commission's work is a usurpation of the authority of the PEOPLE to actively establish their own Government, and can only be remedied by the PEOPLE's direct election of representatives to write the new Charter.

In that case, the ratification of a Charter produced by the PEOPLE's elected representatives could only be considered an act of verification that the PEOPLE's active will would have been carried out. As a method of verification, ratification CANNOT by itself, by its very nature, SERVE AS THE SOLE MECHANISM USED TO MEET THE STANDARD OF "ESTABLISHMENT" as the term is used in the Federal Constitution. In the singular case of a COMPLETE REWRITING (in other words, an establishment) or a substantially complete rewriting of a City Charter or State Constitution, the direct election of the PEOPLE's representatives to a body thereby AUTHORIZED TO WRITE the Charter or Constitution is a primary, necessary, and essential part of the process of "ESTABLISHMENT".

The New York State law, the Municipal Home Rule Act, which apparently sanctions (in the present case) the writing of an entirely new Charter for New York City by an appointed Mayoral Commission, is therefore illegal under the Federal Constitution.

### WELCOME TO MY WORLD OF PLOYS

In Namibia, elections are to be held to determine WHO WILL WRITE the CONSTITUTION of the newly independent nation. SOUTH AFRICA, through TERRORISM and INTIMIDATION, is attempting to repress the forces of SWAPO and steal the election because EVERYONE KNOWS that the CONSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE of the GOVERNMENT DETERMINES WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WILL FACILITATE DEMOCRACY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OR, in the other case, WILL FACILITATE THE DOMINATION OF WEALTH AND POWER OVER THE MAJORITY INTERESTS OF THE CITIZENS OF NAMIBIA.

AT LEAST IN NAMIBIA ALL PARTIES CLEARLY UNDERSTAND, AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE, THAT THE MAJORITY MUST RIGHTLY ELECT REPRESENTATIVES TO WRITE THE CONSTITUTION BY WHICH THEIR GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE SANCTION TO OPERATE!

Contrast this situation with the situation in our own beloved City of New York. The population of our City is at





least as large as many of the Nations of Earth! The GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE of New York City is also being COMPLETELY REDESIGNED. But WHO is doing the REDESIGNING? A 15-MEMBER PART-TIME UNPAID "PANEL" WHICH HASN'T RECEIVED A SINGLE VOTE FROM ANYONE!

Have the PEOPLE of New York no idea that THEY, by the 400 year old tradition of THE ENLIGHTENMENT have both the RIGHT and DUTY to ESTABLISH their own GOVERNMENT for themselves and their children, to "insure tranquility", promote the General Welfare", etc.?

If the PEOPLE of New York have the idea that "rati-fying" whatever concocted plan is dropped on their plates by the current establishment IS GOING TO DO "JACK SHIT" or "DIDDLEY SQUAT" TO IMPROVE THE GENERAL ENVIRONMENT, they have only to look at the series of "unanimous ratifications" bestowed by the Russian people upon the various plans of the Soviet bureaucracy over the course of the past 70 years.

#### KOCH'S CHARTER REVIEW PANEL

Operating in an atmosphere not unlike the atmosphere which envelops the opening day of the BARNUM AND BAILEY TRAVELING CIRCUS, the "PANEL" has been completely dominated by its APPOINTED CHAIRMAN, a slick, snide, and smiling former Corporation Counsel and heir to a TOY COMPANY FORTUNE named F.A.O. SCHWARTZ.

What the PANEL has done is:

1) try to funnel the defining expression of the vital interests of 8 million New Yorkers into 10 or 15 public hearings at which most of the PANEL was either ABSENT or ASLEEP, physically or psychologically.

2) ultimately arrive at a plan which gives THE MAYOR majority control of the City Planning Commission, thereby turning over to one utterly compromised man the legal power TO SELL OFF WHAT'S LEFT OF THE PUBLICLY OWNED PROPERTY TO THE HIGHEST BIDDERS IN THE REAL ESTATE RACKET! SO LONG AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

Would you expect that a "Planning Commission" appointed by anyone who is sufficiently compromised to attract enough CAPITAL of THOSE WHO HAVE IT and enough ATTENTION of the already well-compromised MASS MEDIA to get himself elected MAYOR OF NEW YORK, would ACTUALLY PLAN TO BUILD HOUSING AFFORDABLE by the 80% of the PUBLIC who earn \$25,000 per year or less? FORGET IT!

DAVID DINKINS does not have a plan to build affordable housing and if he did and talked about it (strange as it may seem) he'd never be taken seriously as a CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR in a City whose COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA is controlled by Capital Cities, RCA, the NY Times, Gannett, and a few other charmed circles of self-interested, class-conscious six-figure executives who would never dream of setting foot in Tompkins Square!

3) the CHARTER COMMISSION has created LOOPHOLES in the "PROCUREMENT OF SERVICES" requirements big enough to drive through a SPAGHETTI TRUCK holding the ENTIRE YEARLY PASTA OUTPUT OF SICILY! Under "special circumstances" (in contracts under a million dollars) the particular CITY AGENCY in search of a service or product may resort to a "selective notification" of pre-qualified entities (companies which have already been chosen selectively) so that NO PUBLIC NOTIFICATION of the LETTING OF CITY CONTRACTS IS REQUIRED, and even within the already narrowed field of possible contractors (the so-called PRE-QUALIFIED ENTITIES) under "special circumstances" even these LUCKY STIFFS need not be notified that the

City is about to LET A CONTRACT because WRITTEN INTO THE CITY CHARTER is the LOOPHOLE of "SELECTIVE NOTIFICATION"; therefore, the owners of the FAVORED FIRM (Inner City Contracting, for instance), having made the proper amount of CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS, have only to sit comfortably in their well-padded arm chairs waiting for their telephone to emit a gentle ting-a-ling and the BIG BUCKS will soon start ROLLING IN!

4) The CHARTER COMMISSION has refused to consider establishing an INDEPENDENT CIVILIAN COMPLAINT REVIEW BOARD to investigate cases of POLICE BRUTALITY and POLICE MURDER of civilians (a total of three minutes was spent discussing the matter).

5) the CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION has failed to seriously revise the procedures governing the operations of their newly expanded City Council so that the bottlenecking and manipulation of the will of the Council (if they ever develop a will beyond naming and renaming the streets of the City) will be the ORDER of the DAY.

6) the Charter Commission has left in place the patronage appointed COMMUNITY BOARD system which does not represent the will of the COMMUNITY DISTRICTS, but is in fact, a system of ARTIFICIAL STRUCTURES diverting the attention of the PUBLIC, possessing NO LEGAL POWER at all, and are simply TRAINING GROUNDS for up and coming WHEELERS AND DEALERS eager to advance their "POLITICAL CAREERS" by their SERVILE AND SUBSERVIENT BEHAVIOR toward those above them who appointed them, hoping to be CHOSEN as the next generation of NEW PLASTIC CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE, without any real concern or connection with the PEOPLE whom they supposedly represent.

7) by far, the most serious failure of the CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION, which would of course be expected of them, is their failure to PLACE POLITICAL POWER IN THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE. The system of Government which they are perpetuating and actually strengthening, is one in which the election of A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL once every four years, is enough TO SANCTION THE MONOPOLY OF POWER over a vast conglomerate of CITY AGENCIES, CONTRACT PROCUREMENT, ZONING LAW, THE DISPOSITION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY, and scores of other ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSES which make up 90% of the REAL POLITICAL DECISIONS that are made on a day-to-day basis in New York City. The New York City Council, even if it were operating in DEMOCRATIC FASHION, still could never hope to provide the kind of "balance" necessary (as in the case of the U.S. Congress) to "CHECK" the MONOPOLY POWER of the ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT in the City of New York.

And because it is nearly IMPOSSIBLE for anyone to be elected MAJOR OF NEW YORK without the financial backing of the HIGH-INCOME STRATA of SOCIETY plus the political sanction of the MONOPOLY CONTROLLED MEDIA, it is about as likely as A VIRGIN BIRTH for New York City to find itself with a MAYOR who is obligated to the INTERESTS of the MAJORITY, rather than the INTERESTS of the ROYALTY, Donald Trump, Malcolm Forbes, WALL ST., REAL ESTATE, etc. Therefore: THIS structural variety of City Government WILL NOT WORK, NOTHING WILL IMPROVE, AND CONDITIONS WILL WORSEN.

HOWEVER! Despite MY BRASH OBJECTIONS, the concoctions of the PANEL will no doubt be RATIFIED by the sleepwalking PUBLIC, because "THE PANEL" is being provided with A MOUNTAIN OF DOUGH (a lot of money) to purchase the ways and means to ENDLESSLY REPEAT over radio and television the message that THEIR PLAN IS ABSOLUTELY THE BEST THING TO COME DOWN THE DIVINE TURNPIKE SINCE THE EMPEROR

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## THE PROPOSED NEW YORK CITY CHARTER

### Mayor

- Appoints most agency and department heads
- Proposes budget with borough presidents
- Appoints 7 of the 13 members of the City Planning Commission
- May veto Council's land use and budget decisions and then face override
- Appoints 3 members of the board that will set uniform rules for contracting
- Must sign off on contracts and leases of \$2 million or more
- Sits on new franchise and concession committee

### Comptroller

- Audits all city operations, programs and contracts
- Analyzes revenue estimates
- Appoints 2 members of the board that will set uniform rules for contracting
- Presents annual report on state of the city's fiscal health
- Sits on new franchise and concession committee

### City Council President

- Votes in the Council if there's a tie
- Succeeds mayor in case of death or disability
- Acts as public advocate for better city services
- Appoints one member of new City Planning Commission
- Chairs new Commission on Public Information
- Monitors charter compliance

### City Council

(Enlarged from 35 to 51 members)

- Makes city laws
- Has sole approval of budget
- May approve or disapprove land use matters
- Monitors city programs
- Approves appointment of commissioner of Department of Investigation

### Borough Presidents

- Propose borough budgets
- Shift some programs and personnel at borough level
- Appoint 5 of 13 members of new City Planning Commission
- Propose sites for city facilities and review all land use projects in their boroughs
- Can trigger Council review of land use projects in their boroughs
- Propose laws and zoning changes
- Monitor contracts at borough level
- Sit on new franchise and concession committee for borough projects

### City Planning Commission

(Enlarged from 7 to 13 members)

- Approves zoning changes, sites for city facilities and other land use matters; Council may review its decisions
- Reviews zoning regulations

### Community Boards

- Make local budget recommendations
- Monitor local services
- Review major land use plans
- Participate in designing environmental reviews of such projects

### Independent Budget Office

- Analyzes revenue estimates and proposed budget
- Estimates costs of proposed laws
- Provides independent budget information to City Council members, borough presidents, community boards and the public



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For more information, including a speaker for your organization, call the New York City Charter Revision Commission (212) 766-2200





# BERKELEY SMOKE-IN!! (Special from "Slingshot")

Berkeley, California.-- Over 2,000 students and community members filled the main thoroughfare of the UC Berkeley campus, Biko Plaza, on Friday Sept. 29 to participate in a marijuana smoke-in protesting the Pell Grant anti-drug oath and Bush's "War on Drugs." Sponsored by Defend Our Personal Ethics (DOPE), the smoke-in was the first in Berkeley since 1973 when a similar event helped pass a local initiative making marijuana related arrests the lowest priority of the Berkeley Police Department. This year's smoke-in sought to bring attention to more serious problems.

Even before the smoke-in began, 100s of people gathered in Biko Plaza boldly sparking up joints brought from home. Excitement spread as the university police department video camera was pointed out and several hundred pot smokers flipped off the cops shouting, "fuck off, pigs!" Besides the surveillance camera, police presence was minimal--the cops hands were tied by the huge crowd. Two young fascists from the Young Republicans held signs saying "Bennett for President" and "Just Say No." Big Deal. A pastor from a local church braved the crowd with a sign declaring that pot smokers would go to hell. Many welcomed his condemnations and blew pot smoke in his face.

The atmosphere was one of cooperation as people quieted down to hear two speakers discuss the Pell Grant issue and the "War on Drugs." The first speaker told the crowd how low-income students receiving Pell Grants are now required to sign a statement that they not "engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispersion, possession or use of controlled substances". "Fuck this bullshit attack on our privacy. This oppressive requirement will only serve to elitify universities all over the US possibly denying poor students the financial means to complete their education for simply smoking a joint."

Bush, Bennett, and the US government's new "War on Drugs" is a massive propaganda device deceiving the public of its real intentions," screamed the second speaker. "A vicious war on poor and minority communities carried out by a massively

equipped police force. Smash this fucking police state and expose the real drug dealers--George Bush and the CIA. The solution is awareness and action."

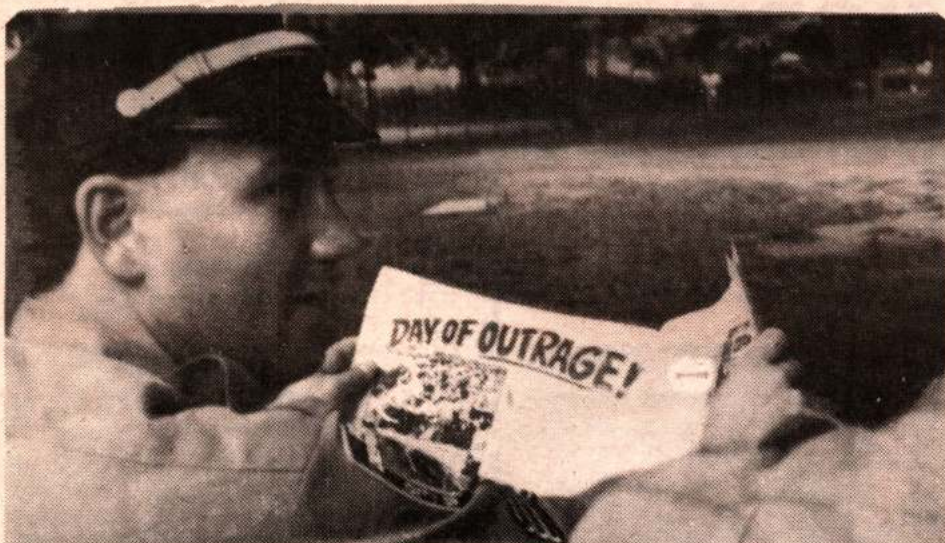
Suddenly, from the rear of the crowd, a 12 foot joint was carried to the steps at the front of Biko Plaza. It was set on fire and used to torch a banner with the Pell Grant oath on it as the crowd cheered and began happily receiving the approximately 500 free joints passed out. The rest of the smoke-in was a celebration as people smoked, danced, played drums and chanted "don't pee for UC," "Just Say Yes," and "What do we want to do? Smoke Dope!" As the smoke-in came to a close, a pledge was made to return if anyone was harassed or arrested for participating.

Of course, the press was all over the place pointing their cameras and mikes at the crowd. Locally, the smoke-in found itself covered on the front page of the newspapers and TV. However, much of the coverage attempted to de-politify the event and police propaganda and lies were subtly included. One paper quoted the police saying they believed many of the joints were actually tobacco--BULLSHIT! The police also claim they will make arrests after analyzing the videotape but these charges would never hold up in court and are a petty attempt to save face.

Nationally, the Berkeley smoke-in received minimal or no coverage. The reason: the media succumbs once again to reactionary, mainstream pressures that radical events and news is unworthy of national attention. Smash the vicious attack on our personal freedom and radical voice of the people. Spread the word and organize smoke-ins on your own campuses and communities. Think of the possibility of coordinating a national day of smoke-ins and remember George Washington, "our founding father" who himself was a habitual marijuana user and grower. Smoke on.

Budd Green, DOPE

(To contact DOPE about the possibility of a national, co-ordinated Smoke-In, write them in care of SLINGSHOT Newspaper, 700 Eshleman Hall, Berkeley, CA 94720)



## Drug Arrests After Son Tells

Depew, N.Y. (AP) — An 8-year-old boy turned in his mother for allegedly smoking marijuana two days after he listened to President George Bush's speech urging children to help people with drug problems, police said.

The boy, whose name police refused to reveal, approached Lt. Vance Scioli and asked for help, Scioli said Friday. "The boy was crying. He felt badly about it," Scioli said. "But he took a stand against drugs. He was worried about his mom."

Acting on his tip, police arrested Darlene O'Hara, 27, and Boyd Weber, 31, on Thursday in their apartment in the Buffalo suburb of Depew. They were charged with possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and endangering the welfare of a child, Scioli said.

The boy was turned over to his father, who is divorced from O'Hara. Her other child, 6 months old, was turned over to child welfare authorities.

The boy's father told police his son had listened to Bush's talk on drugs, Scioli said. In that speech, which was broadcast Tuesday and monitored in classrooms across the nation, the president urged children to get help if they knew anyone who was using drugs.

Police watched the boy's apartment overnight and raided it the next day. Scioli said O'Hara was smoking a marijuana cigarette when officers entered.

Police found small amounts of marijuana, cocaine, drug paraphernalia and \$600 in cash. While making the search, a man arrived at the apartment trying to buy drugs, Scioli said.

The man, identified as Mark Spaick, 32, of Depew, was charged with possession of marijuana, obstruction and resisting arrest.

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FREE THE WEED!  
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FIGHT THE POWERS THAT BE!!!

# Why Was Yulanda Ward ASSASSINATED?

On Saturday, Nov. 1, 1980, Yulanda Ward participated in a meeting hosted by Howard University Students Assn. about the development of a Student League of the newly-formed National Black United

The students were invited to attend the Halloween party to be held that night in the SE section of Washington called Buena Vista. Yulanda drove with three male students from New Jersey to the party. One of the students thought they were being followed.

When they arrived at the party about 2 a.m., they were refused entry for some reason. As Yulanda and her 3 friends walked away, they were confronted by 4 young men with weapons, including two .357 magnums, which cost about \$500 each.

The gunmen kept the 4 separated. They searched the 3 men. Yulanda was not searched, nor sexually molested or harrassed.

No resistance was offered. The victims were silent throughout. No panic, no scuffle. Just tense silence.

One gunman spoke: "Don't move. Move this way. Put your head down or I'll blow your brains out."

Then a loud shot rang out. Then silence again. The other attackers continued to methodically search and rob the three students, even after the shot had been fired. After they finished, one man said, "Let's go." They turned and walked across the street, disappearing between some apartment buildings.

A few seconds later, the student nearest Yulanda asked if she was all right. She did not move. Then he saw the bullet wounds and blood. He called that Yulanda had been shot. Two of the students went for help. Shortly afterwards, a police car arrived. Later an ambulance came, but Yulanda survived for no more than 10 minutes.

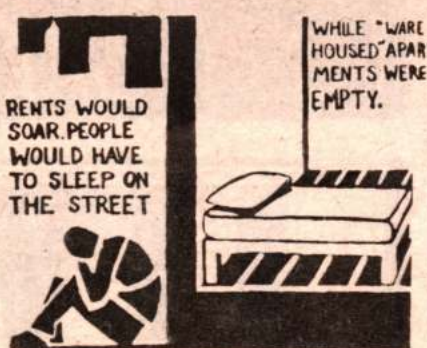
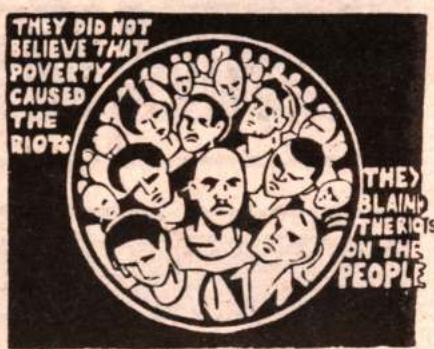
She was Co-chairperson of the City-Wide Housing Coalition (Wash.DC) and worked closely with tenants' organizations involved in the struggle against spatial deconcentration. She met with tenants in other cities who were fighting the same resettlement strategy, and helped organize the first Grass Roots Unity Conference. She and other members of the Conference were responsible for liberating various documents from HUD offices in

Yulanda  
Ward  
1958-1980



various parts of the country. These documents detailed a plan known as spatial deconcentration, a military strategy aimed at the depopulation of urban centers of potentially revolutionary sectors of the poor, particularly Black and Latino poor. Yulanda vigorously exposed and opposed this plan. For having done so, she was killed.

## SPATIAL DECONCENTRATION:





# THE STRANGE CASE OF DANIEL RAKOWITZ

BY NASHUA

Stephen Ielpi, lead singer and songwriter for the political rock band False Prophets lives at 700 East 9th street. In late July he saw Rakowitz in the building hallway. Ielpi says he was shocked to see Rakowitz, who the singer regarded negatively as a hopeless burnout and drug dealer. The first words out of Ielpi's mouth were "what are you doing here?" Rakowitz replied, "You know man, I'm living here now. Its been a week and I'm in number seven."

Ielpi says he stared incredulously at Rakowitz who snapped back with "Are you some kind of Yuppie who would deny a guy a roof over his head." Ielpi then told Rakowitz he suspected him of drug dealing and didn't appreciate that kind of business in the building.

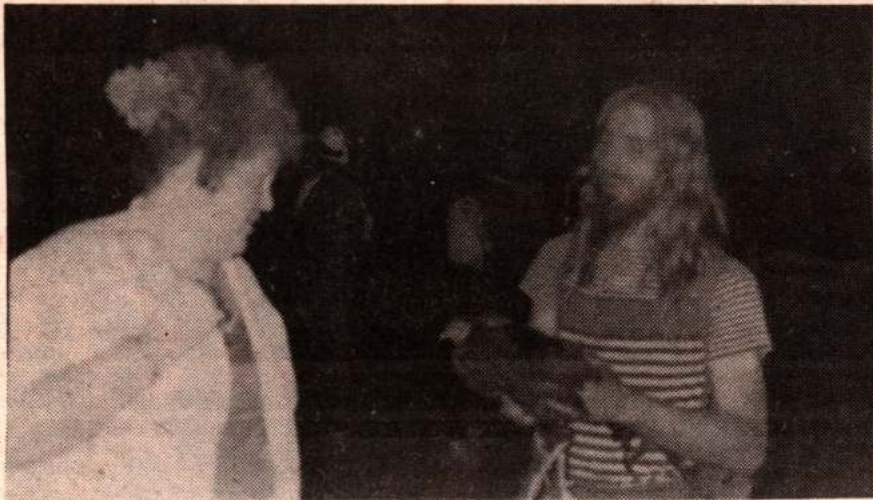
At that point Ielpi says that Rakowitz insisted he had a lease adding "I forced the bitch to pay the back rent, twenty two hundred dollars." Taken back by Rakowitz's statement Ielpi answered "you mean woman."

Later, after he had heard rumors of the killing Ielpi says he entered the unlocked apartment. He carefully avoided disturbing any potential evidence as he crossed the apartment to the half opened bathroom door. Not knowing what to expect Ielpi slowly pushed the bathroom door open. "Psycho music was going through my head. I saw an overturned milk crate in the bathtub in rusty water about a foot deep." He adds, "I don't get rusty water. It looked like blood."

Michael Julian, 9th precinct commander emphasizes that police found no evidence of foul play in searches of the apartment.

Julian adds that after repeated searches of Rakowitz's apartment and three interrogation sessions detectives had failed to turn up the remains of Monika Beerle. After at least a week they decided to pick up the 27 year old drifter without having found the body. Julian said that Rakowitz repeatedly denied that he had killed the woman until the final five hour interrogation session.

Detectives told Rakowitz that Beerle's parents in Switzerland were distraught and wanted to bury her remains. Rakowitz then shocked the detectives by agreeing to lead them to a Port Authority locker where he had stored the skull and bones. The detectives didn't believe Rakowitz at first but they decided to go along anyway. Rakowitz now sits in a city jail under indictment for one of the most gruesome murders of the decade.



COMMUNITY BOARD 3 CHAIRPERSON ANNE JOHNSON HANGS OUT WITH DAN RAKOWITZ

The tortured history of Daniel Rakowitz as reported in the city papers reveals a person who was well known to authorities as violent and unstable. Rakowitz' obsession with police seems to have begun during his childhood along the gulf coast of Texas after he was turned in to authorities by his deputy sheriff father for possession of marijuana. Even as a teenager Rakowitz was known to torture and kill his pets and took to carrying around live chickens. A stint in the army was followed by an unexplained general discharge. Army officials have admitted they have a file on Rakowitz which contains far more than his pet prejudices.

Interestingly enough Rakowitz took 14 weeks of military police training while he was in the army. After his discharge he returned to Texas and tried to enlist with the police in his hometown. Reportedly he was turned down and soon afterward Rakowitz appeared in different parts of the country. In 1977 Rakowitz was picked up, questioned and released by FBI agents in Maryland investigating a kidnapping. In 1983 he appeared on the Lower East Side where he took a room in a city-run rat-trap called the Palace Hotel on the Bowery.

He was recognized as deranged within minutes by most people who bothered to speak with him. If

allowed, Rakowitz would go off endlessly explaining how he was worse than the anti-christ because the numbers of his birthdate represented the numbers 966 which are worse than Satan. However, because most people didn't take him seriously Rakowitz managed to find a niche in a neighborhood known for its toleration of people who fall outside the mainstream of Amerikkkan society.

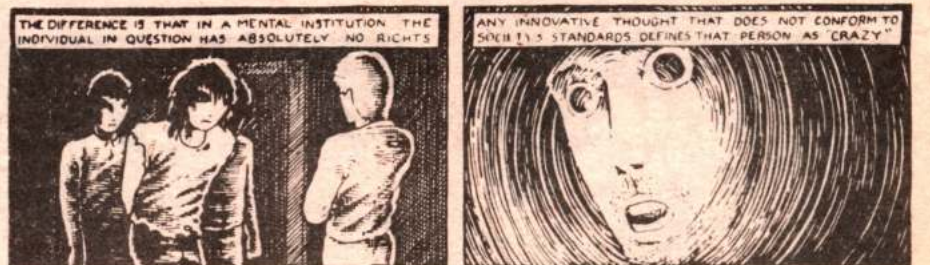
After Rakowitz was arrested for the murder, 9th precinct commander Michael Julian agreed that an obviously unstable and troubled drifter like Rakowitz would never have sunk roots in a neighborhood like Bensonhurst, as he was able to do here. Yet the murderers of Bensonhurst could blend into their communities better than Rakowitz ever could into his. Joey Fama, the alleged triggerman in the racial killing of Yusuf Hawkins was also well known as a troubled youth on his way to a confrontation like the one last summer that took the 16-year old black youths' life. Many of Fama's neighbors still defend his brutal actions.

Police say they were aware of Rakowitz' twisted behavior six months before the Tompkins Square park riot, of 1988. Julian said Rakowitz had come to the precinct headquarters on East 5th street looking for a "police job" while former commander Gerald McNamara was in charge. Julian said Rakowitz was not hired and later threatened to "cut my heart out." Julian said he never took it seriously.

Apparently the authorities are now taking Daniel Rakowitz seriously. Julian said the detectives don't believe Rakowitz could have "done the job" of dismembering Beerle "unless he had experience." Julian said detectives and Emergency Service officers went into the apartment three times looking for evidence and found nothing. According to Julian because the crime was so well concealed the detectives believe Rakowitz has done this kind of thing before. Julian added that the FBI is already in on the case trying to link Rakowitz to other murders.

Julian also said police are on the lookout for other "fringe elements" he said are "like Daniel", attracted to the neighborhood by the publicity surrounding Tompkins Square Park.

## THE WILD BOYS FROM THE INSIDE OUT





# RIOT COPS BEAT RAP

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The prosecution vainly tried to establish that no orders were given for the police to clear the streets and that they were acting on their own when they charged up Avenue A and then attacked Garrin and McBride on top of the van. Stokinger's attempt to show this was buried in her unimportant questioning of the officers that made her points unclear.

After Klappenmeyer's testimony, the defense moved to dismiss, claiming the prosecution failed to establish a prima facie case (a case with merit). Judge Mogel denied the motion.

As with all of the previous witnesses, the ADA and defense attorney seemed only to be going through the motions of a trial, neither side trying very hard to prove or disprove the charges. (Nothing focusing on actions by defendants and nothing witnessed by the testifying cops).

At this point, the defense part began. The first defense witness called was Officer Skryzpek, (Badge #6333, on the force since January 1, 1985, now with the Warrant Division). He said he noticed a few people on top of the van and saw "something come from the top of the van". He said that a sergeant nearby yelled for him to clear the van and he shouted for the people to get down, using his nightstick "in case debris continued to be thrown". He then added that someone spit at him, jumped off the van, and then ran away down Avenue A, but he still couldn't catch him. Finally, he said that he didn't remember Garrin asking for a chance to get off the van, even though on Garrin's video, Garrin can be heard screaming loudly, "I'm coming down, give me a chance" as Skryzpek swings his club at him. (His club can be heard on the video hitting the legs of people on the van and the van itself). On cross-examination, Skryzpek said that from 1:15 to 6:30 a.m., there were only 6 incidents of bottles and debris thrown. He added "everybody looked the same to me that night. He said there were '6 or so' people on top of the van, and 'it looked like people drinking on top of the van', 'I don't know, I saw objects in their hands (cameras)'. Then he said that a bottle was tossed from the van. (First it was debris, now it became a bottle). Then, he contradicted Captain Klappenmeyer by saying that no arrest orders had been given, and that there were no orders given by any commanding officers on the scene. He then contradicted himself by saying there had been a general order to clear the block, that a supervisor gave a hand signal to clear it, but he couldn't recall what the supervisor looked like.

The second defense witness called to the stand was Officer Vecchi (Badge #26398, on the force since July 28, 1987, now with Property Court Division). On the night of the riot, he was assigned to the 9th Precinct, Tompkins Square Park Detail. He said he was told to guard the 7th Street and Avenue A entrance to the Park from 6:00 p.m. until the curfew was to be imposed at 12:00 (guarding the entrance 6 hours before the curfew? Who was he guarding it from?) When he was repositioned at the police line across Avenue A at 6th Street, he said, a sergeant told them to clear the streets, and he saw a demonstrator on top of the van who did not want to come down (Garrin). He said Garrin tried "to get away", that he held onto him, turned him over to Task Force cops, but "somehow" never made physical contact with him!! He ended by saying that he had no training on handling demonstrators, but that he has received training since then.

On cross-examination, Vecchi said he used a "necessary amount of force" for arrest. He said he was told to clear the street, not the van. He said he saw nothing on top of the van, but "helped" cops at the van when he saw a commotion there. He then contradicted himself by saying that he didn't hear Garrin say anything as he got off the van, and that Garrin was on the van "a long time ... a good 6 seconds". (How did he see Garrin get off the van if he saw "nothing" on the van in the first place?)

Then he told the court that Garrin tried to get away from him "by waving his hands", and he tried to get a hold of Garrin on the ground "as he tried to run away". He also said that Garrin fell to the ground because "he probably tripped". He was then shown People's Exhibit #6 which is LeVasseur's photo showing him with his club raised, just as he is about to hit Garrin -- and his badge is covered!! When asked about his covered badge, Vecchi looked at the photo and nervously said: "I can't tell -- there appears to be something -- yes". When pressed by ADA Stokinger, he admitted that his mourning band was supposed to be worn on the top of a police badge, but that his "appears to be on the bottom of the shield ... I have an old mourning band -- it could have slipped down."

After an adjournment, summations took place at 2:15 p.m. During summations, the defense attorney tried to discredit Garrin and McBride's testimony by telling of their pending lawsuits against the City (as a result of Vecchi's and Skryzpek's actions). Incredibly, he said that Garrin had "put himself in a position to be hit" by Skryzpek's nightstick!! He said that Vecchi and Skryzpek were

inexperienced and had no training in crowd control and ended by saying that both officers "acted with remarkable restraint".

The prosecution summed up by showing there were two videos made by two people from two different angles, that there was a photograph catching Vecchi in the act, that there were long periods of quiet, and that according to Skryzpek, there were only 6 incidents in 5 hours. The prosecution then pointed out what had been seen on both video tapes, saying that Garrin and McBride's testimonies are borne out by the video tapes -- "they are photographing, not demonstrating" she told the judge. She also pointed out that Patterson's tape shows Vecchi hitting Garrin twice with his club and said that the officers' "actions speak louder than words", that they gave no opportunity to comply with their orders, and that when Garrin's hand is seen raised on the video, it is in self-defense.

After the summations, Judge Mogel, without deliberating, wasted no time in coming up with his verdict:

"Count #1, Officer Skryzpek, Official Misconduct - NOT GUILTY"  
"Count #2, Officer Skryzpek, Attempted Assault - NOT GUILTY"  
"Count #3, Officer Vecchi, Attempted Assault - NOT GUILTY"  
"Count #4, Officer Vecchi, Official Misconduct - NOT GUILTY"  
"Count #5, Officer Vecchi, Assault - NOT GUILTY"

Judge Mogel then ordered all records of the case sealed, pursuant to Section 160.50 of the Penal Law, and ordered court officers to clear the courtroom. They escorted the pigs and their family members down the elevator after a few people expressed their outrage over the verdicts. They had been subjected to police violence in the riot of August 1988.

This case was significant since it is the only time a victim of police brutality was able to videotape his own beating. In spite of several death threats left on his answering machine, an openly hostile judge, and a threatening presence by plainclothes cops assigned to his neighborhood, Garrin bravely gave his testimony and evidence in an effort to see justice done. There were only 3 people present from the Tompkins Square to show their support and monitor the proceedings. There was no media coverage either, even though all major media had been notified days before, except for the SHADOW and one freelance reporter. This scene made it easier for "Judge" Mogel to let Vecchi and Skryzpek off the hook, having made up his mind long before the "trial" even started!! He didn't even have to pretend he was impartial!!

It is one thing to find those pigs not guilty, which was not too surprising, but it is another thing to try to intimidate a witness and to treat the victim of a crime as if he was the criminal, as "Judge" Mogel did. This will cause other people to think twice before risking their personal safety by testifying against violent cops, allowing those pigs to continue as before, smug with the knowledge that they can get away with it again!!

The last case involving the last of the Tompkins Square Riot Cops to be charged with anything will be heard on October 30 at 111 Centre Street, in Judge Hornblass' court on the 10th floor. Standing trial will be P.O. Gatto and P.O. Giglia for charges resulting from their bloody beating of a Mr. Arihood.

The evidence against them may not be as substantial as in the case of Vecchi and Skryzpek, but after this trial, there will be no more cops made to pay for their crimes committed in their pig riot in Tompkins Square. If you have missed previous "trials", or haven't heard about them, you should attend this one and let Judge Hornblass know how our community feels about pig violence. If you don't, then it will be even easier for the judge to let these pigs off the hook!!

## RIOT PIG ATTACK (CONTINUED)

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When all is said and done, the one question that remains unanswered is: Why didn't cops ever respond to the hundreds of complaints by neighbors over the years about the junkies and heroin dealers that infested the old school building? They claim they don't have the man power, yet when they are called by HPD to clear the building of squatters and homeless people, they are able to respond with hundreds of bloody thirsty pigs--it is fairly obvious where their priorities are and who they really work for!!



INSPECTOR GELFAND DEMONSTRATES HIS NEW METHOD OF "SENSITIVITY TRAINING"-9/11/89



# CB3 vs TSP:

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remained in the hallway and outside the building. At that point, Jack Linn was seen leaning against the wall and identified. Johnson tried to blame the disruption of the meeting on the woman who tried to speak earlier, but everyone shouted Johnson down, knowing full well that she had broken the mike cable. She said "I wasn't trying to stop her from speaking--I was just trying to take back the mike." A WBAI reporter produced his microphone in order to allow the meeting to continue, but people warned him to keep it away from Johnson, who had destroyed the other mike cord moments earlier. The public session speeches continued with Paul of the RCYB who said that the purpose of CB3 is to hear from the community, "but they only give their stamp of approval on attacks against people." Joel Meyers then spoke, detailing the Parks Committee meeting of October 19th that he attended. He wondered why the Community Board members who want the park back are willing to accept Jack Linn's plan to close the park indefinitely for "renovations". A man named David said "no one was prepared for the riot last year, but this year we are prepared." Ruth, who lives across from the park, asked: "If you close the park, will you get rid of the homeless?" She said housing is the answer, pointing to the empty city-owned buildings near the park that can be rehabilitated.

On the other side of the issue, a woman named Margot Core said that a Tent City in the middle of the city is no solution, that Tompkins Square Park is not about homeless, "but an absurd form of anarchy--a fashion of some kind." Her friend Susan Ashley agreed with her, saying that people shouldn't live in the park. As people spoke, the word came back that the ABC Community Center was safe--for now. During the Executive Session, CB3 member Charlie Dworkis made a motion that the Parks Committee Report be heard first on the agenda, and it was passed. Charles Crespo, Chairman of the Parks Committee, then gave his report: "There was no quorum (majority), only 2 out of 5 committee members were present, so there was no vote, 150 community members were there wanting the curfew and parks regulations enforced, the committee took no vote, took no position, or made any recommendations."

CB3 member Francis Goldin then made a motion to reject the sentiment expressed at the Parks Committee meeting requesting a curfew in Tompkins Square Park. This was met with loud cheers. This was seconded by Rick Carman, and then discussions began. Right-wing gay CB3 member Howard Hemsley objected to the motion, but didn't address it. (He and his allies wore green tags that said: "Bring Back the Park".) Instead, he attacked the demonstrators, saying "you give homelessness a bad name". People responded with chants of "Die, Yuppie Scum!!" Rick Carman reminded the board that the park has never been closed, urging members to vote against it. Julia Saunders said she wants the curfew re-instated, but refused to discuss the matter, saying this was a "shouting match". Charlie Dworkis said that an HRA shelter is not a realistic alternative, but "repudiated" tactics of people supporting the homeless, saying "they have done nothing for realistic alternatives for affordable housing". (What about squatting?) Even so, he added: "We have to accept the reality that Tompkins Square Park is a safer place to live than shelters", and he supported the motion against the park curfew.

Before the voting of board members, Johnson said that the motion being voted on was "to reject the sentiment of the Parks Committee meeting and curfew of Tompkins Square Park", fully ignoring the second part of the parks committee's resolution, which is full enforcement of the newly enacted parks regulations. This was conveniently left out of the vote!! A

vote was taken, with 29 board members present, and the motion was passed with loud cheering and celebrating. CB3 members who voted against the motion were: Roberto Cavaliero, Mort Edelson, Howard Hemsley, Jerry Kirwicky, Phil LaLumia, Krystyna PiorKOWska, Julia Saunders, and Phil Wachtel. CB3 members abstaining were: Charles Crespo, Marion Fox, Anne Johnson, and William Sicklick.

By 8:35, the Tompkins Square people were requested to leave so that the Community Board could continue their meeting. Many protestors headed toward the ABC Community Center on East 4th Street to see if they could be of any help. One board member man said "the rabble-rousing lost 6 votes--they were for you 100%". As people exited the meeting, riot cops were present in the hallway with Captain Seta and Inspector Gilmartin of the 7th Precinct and other officers, as people spoke together. Also in the hall was Jack Linn who explained that his plan to renovate the park would take up to 18 months to finish and cost up to \$6 million dollars!! (Imagine how much housing can be built with that much money!!)

Meanwhile, at the ABC Center on 4th Street, 2 unmarked cop cars were parked across the street, but only one had cops inside, and they didn't seem likely to raid the center. (Both cars were Plymouth Gran Furies - their license plate numbers are GNY-952 and OLW-787.)

Tompkins Square Park homeless and protestors went home feeling victorious, but they must remember that the resolution to have the Parks Department enforce all of the new rules and regulations can still be passed by the Community Board. Ultimately, the Parks Department can operate in our area independently of the Community Board's recommendations either for or against anything--that includes a curfew!!

On top of that, if the Parks Department doesn't impose a curfew on the park due to the vote by the Community Board, they can do it in a creative way--under the guise of "renovating" the park or by getting a new vote taken on the board at a later date. People living in and near the park should remember that this is not as much of a victory as it seems--but the Mayor's office and Parks Department and right-wing Community Board members should remember that residents of this neighborhood will be watching their every move and will respond accordingly!!

## Tompkins Square Park Curfew Loses After Eggs and Words Fly

In a chaotic meeting punctuated by egg-throwing, Community Board 3 last night rejected a proposal to impose a midnight curfew at Tompkins Square Park.

A group of about 70 homeless people and their supporters applauded and cheered wildly after board chairman Anne Johnson announced the 15-7 vote against the curfew.

"The homeless people have nothing, the park is the only thing we have right now," said Sandra Ferrara, a homeless person who said she lived in Tompkins Square Park.

Last week, 150 Lower East Side residents asked the board's parks committee to impose the curfew. The park has been the site of several clashes in the

past year or so.

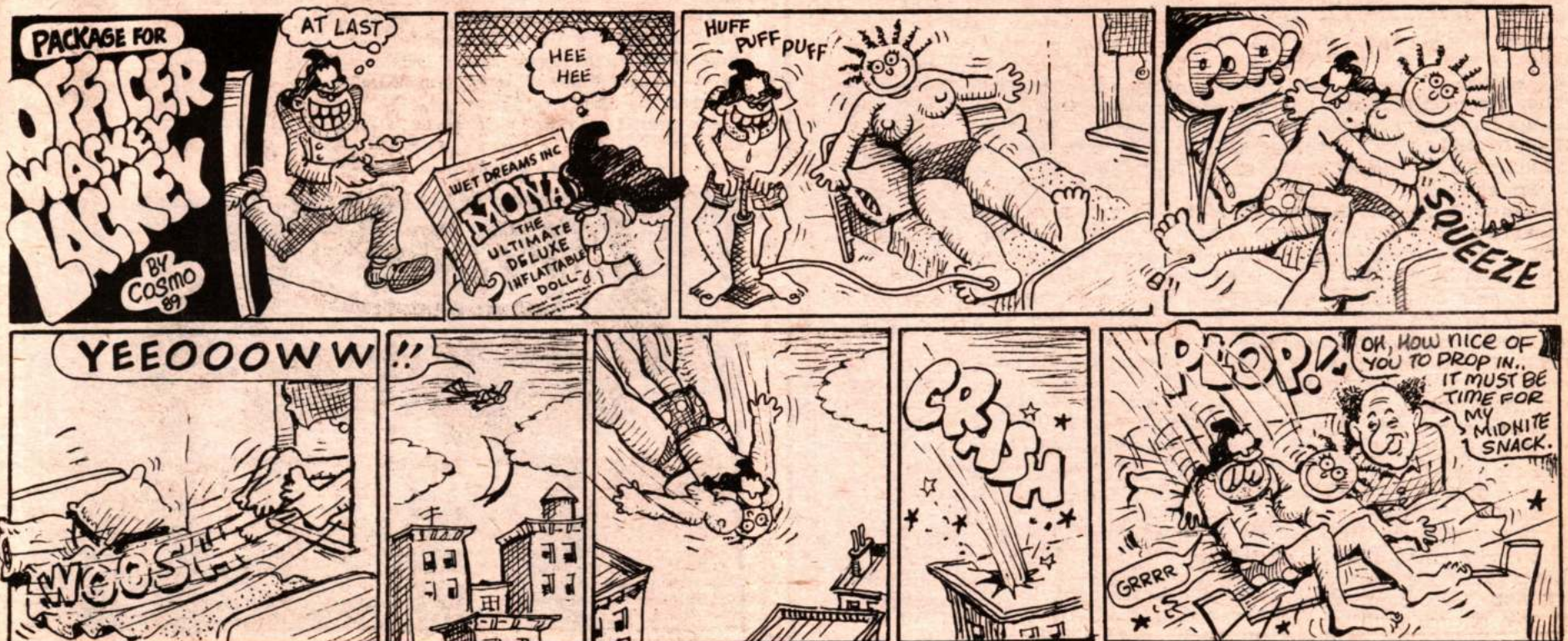
"A pup-tent is not a home, homeless people do not belong at the park. We have a right to use of the park also," said Margo Core, who has lived on East 10th Street for 10 years and got hit in the head with an egg at last night's meeting.

The meeting turned into a shouting match between the homeless and supporters of the curfew. At one point, about a dozen police officers in riot gear came into the community recreation center at 80 Catherine St. and formed a barricade in front of the board members.

The screaming and yelling died down after a while and police left but remained outside the building. There were no arrests or injuries.

— Jessie Mangaliman

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RAJNEESH DROVE THE GOLD CADILLAC.

While "Joe SIXPACK" goes on curiously contemplating within the parameters of his bellybutton, such fascinating issues as FLAG BURNING, ABORTION, and the level of funding of the future POLICE STATE, HIS ENTIRE GOVERNMENT IS BEING HI-JACKED FROM UNDER HIM BY 14 bored people from GOD KNOWS WHERE, their "CHAIRMAN SCHWARTZ", an aspiring Machiavelli sharpening his already brilliant "GROUP MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES", and a battery of 20 to 30 house-trained junior lawyers and assistants WHO KNOW EXACTLY "ON WHICH SIDE" TO ROLL OVER! Now we know how THE WARREN COMMISSION got away with it!

How much differently the PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT would be structured if the PEOPLE DEMANDED THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO ACTIVELY ESTABLISH their own Government.

**CHARTER CONVENTION!**

There are 59 Community Districts in the City of New York. The only method by which THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE CAN BE HEARD clearly and coherently in regard to THE STRUCTURE OF THEIR OWN GOVERNMENT, is through SIX MONTHS of public hearings IN EACH DISTRICT. In this context, the citizens do not have to wait in endless lines or scruff and scrape to "give testimony" (of 5 minutes length) to an elevated podium adorned with bored and condescending "Commissioners" who are practically BRAIN-DEAD from listening to hour-after-hour of similar "PLEADINGS".

Public hearings held in each district would be of an entirely different character. The hearings would actually be public meetings held twice a week simultaneously in each district. All participants would meet on an equal footing. The meetings would be managed by a neutral CHAIRMAN according to ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER. They would be held in the evenings to facilitate attendance. This would be DEMOCRACY, not that cynical puppet-show spectacle we have witnessed in the past several months.

The Charter meetings are the best way to actively involve the GENERAL PUBLIC in the FOUNDING OR ESTABLISHMENT of their own Government. The meetings would be structured so there would be enough time to discuss thoroughly EACH ASPECT of the CITY CHARTER, more time being allotted for the more BASIC or SIGNIFICANT aspects. Complete minutes would be taken. The VITAL INTERESTS of the CITIZENS of the DISTRICT can be MADE CLEAR through this process and RECORDED through the passage of RESOLUTIONS denoting the SENSE OF THE MEETING.

During the process of the Charter Meetings, it is quite possible that Human Beings from the DISTRICT will rise in prominence because of their INSIGHT or DEDICATION to the PUBLIC SERVICE. At the end of the six-month period, when every aspect of the CHARTER has been discussed by those CITIZENS OF THE DISTRICT who showed enough interest to participate in the CHARTER MEETINGS PROCESS, a TWO MONTH CAMPAIGN would be held in which figures who became prominent through the CHARTER MEETINGS PROCESS (if they chose to) would compete against each other or against OTHER PERSONALITIES who did not attend the meetings, in a SPECIAL ELECTION to choose the DISTRICT'S REPRESENTATIVE to the coming CHARTER CONVENTION.

When the CHARTER CONVENTION convenes, further hearings would be held on a CITY-WIDE LEVEL to assure the receipt of information necessary to the DELEGATES' understanding of the array of POLITICAL INTERESTS that would, at this point, ALIGN against them, demanding to be heard.

At this point, a REAL THREAT to ENTRENCHED and MONIED INTERESTS could possibly arise. Having the option of structuring the CITY GOVERNMENT so that REAL ESTATE INTERESTS could no longer control access to the waterfront, that the PBA (Police Union) could no longer control POLICE POLICY in the DISTRICTS, MAJOR DEVELOPERS could no longer buy up vast acreage of public property for LUXURY HOUSING, that COMMUNITY DISTRICTS could block inappropriate or overly large PRIVATE DEVELOPMENTS, the DELEGATES to the CHARTER CONVENTION would need to consider and debate these and other issues in a REAL FORUM where they could make these INHERENTLY POLITICAL CHOICES in an atmosphere of REALITY based on the fact that they would actually have the STANDING to make these decisions!

The FIRST DRAFT of the CHARTER would be disseminated, another round of hearings would be held, and the FINAL DRAFT would be submitted for RATIFICATION by the voters at the next election cycle. The entire process would take approximately 14 months. This would be the kind of "ESTABLISHMENT" of a "REPUBLICAN FORM OF GOVERNMENT" that is MANDATED by the FEDERAL CONSTITUTION.

So the choice is up to YOU! In the event that we are unsuccessful in BLOCKING THE FALSE CHARTER REVISION from the ballot through the U.S. JUSTICE DEPT. or the FEDERAL COURTS, it is going to become necessary TO DEFEAT the FALSE CHARTER REVISION by informing the PUBLIC on street corners and in public assemblies that THE TROJAN HORSE of "empowering minorities through an expanded City Council" (familiar propaganda: completely false) is actually HIDING WITHIN an army of REAL ESTATE TYCOONS, ambitious, amoral POLITICIANS, POVERTY PIMPS, CORRUPT PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND CONTRACTORS, and the whole menagerie of familiar parasites that are eating this city alive.

Unless this FALSE REFERENDUM is DEFEATED on the November ballot by people like YOU, New York City will lose its ONE BEST CHANCE TO LEGALLY ESTABLISH ITS OWN GOVERNMENT ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY ENUNCIATED BY THE U.S. CONSTITUTION. It will be many a year before this chance comes again. If you really want to help your fellow man out of the economic and political QUICKSAND he's been pushed into and is struggling against, JUST SAY NO TO KOCH'S PHONY CHARTER REFERENDUM!

BY ISSAR

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**Crimping progress by banning hemp**

By Alan W. Bock

I've just finished watching a film made in 1942 for the US Dept. of Agriculture. "Hemp for Victory" was made to encourage US farmers to grow hemp and showed in detail how to grow, harvest, and process it. According to the film, "patriotic farmers, at the government's request, planted 36,000 acres of seed hemp" in 1942, and the goal was 50,000 acres in 1943. The government also exulted over 14,000 acres of fiber hemp in 1942 and urged farmers to go for 300,000 acres in 1943.

Did you read about any of this in your government school history books?

Hemp, of course, is marijuana. The federal campaign to stamp out marijuana began in 1937. Why the 1942 glamorization of this plant which, as the film put it "was already old in the service of mankind" thousands of years ago?

The reason, of course, was World War II. The Japanese held the Philippines (source of Manila hemp, made from a different plant) and much of eastern Asia (source of hemp and other fibers). The Navy needed rope and the Army needed thread for shoes and boots. Hemp was also used for fire hoses, parachute webbing, tents, and backpacks. Chances are when George Bush bailed out over the South Pacific, he relied on a parachute webbing made from a marijuana plant.

It turns out that hemp is one of the most useful and versatile plants around, and people have known this for thousands of years. For centuries all the ships that sailed the Western seas were rigged with hempen rope and sails. (The very word "canvas" is derived from the Greek and Latin words for hemp, "cannabis." Check any decent dictionary.) Most of the linen made before 1937 was made from hemp, rather than flax. The prairie schooners that opened the West were covered with hempen canvas; the Bibles the pioneers carried were probably printed on hemp paper. The first two drafts of the Declaration of Independence were written on hemp paper; the final version went onto parchment.

Thomas Jefferson and George Washington were inquired by law to grow hemp, because every part of the plant is useful. The seeds are al-

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Since 1937, about half the forests in the world have been cut down to make paper. If hemp had not been outlawed, most would still be standing, oxygenating the planet.

most as good a source of protein as soybeans and are much cheaper; oil from the seeds was widely used for paints and varnishes.

All this is not too hard to discover. The Encyclopaedia Britannica has most of it if you check cross-references for a couple of hours. But hardly any American knows any of it, and most Americans will find it incredible. The history and useful aspects of hemp have been shoved down the American memory hole almost as effectively as knowledge was suppressed in the Dark Ages or erased in Orwell's 1984.

Most history books, if they discuss useful fibers in our early history, will refer to cotton, wool, flax, jute, sisal, manila, and "other fibers." "Other fibers" means hemp, which was, in fact, the dominant fiber crop in the US until about 1840. It began to be displaced by cotton after the invention of the cotton gin, which enormously reduced the cost of removing the seeds from the usable fiber. Hemp fiber had to be beaten out of the stalks by hand, a physically wearing and labor-intensive job.

As US farmers became more affluent and farming more mechanized, hemp cultivation gradually died out here, surviving in countries with very large, poorly paid peasant work forces.

In 1916, the US Dept. of Agriculture (Bulletin No. 404) announced a new method for making paper from hemp "burds" or pulp, and predicted that if a machine for stripping hemp were developed, it would be unnecessary to cut down forests to make paper. By the mid-1930s, state-of-the-art stripping and pulp-saving machinery was available. According to an article in the February 1938 *Popular Mechanics* magazine, this new technology should have opened up a hugely profitable new crop that didn't compete with domestic crops but displaced imports.

"Fish nets, bow strings, canvas,

strong rope, overalls, damask tablecloths, fine linen garments, towels, bed linen, and thousands of other everyday items can be grown on American farms," said *Popular Mechanics*. "The paper industry offers even greater possibilities. As an industry it amounts to over \$1 billion a year, and of that 80 percent is imported. But hemp will produce every grade of paper, and government figures estimate that 10,000 acres devoted to hemp will produce as much paper as 40,000 acres of average pulp land."

The magazine knew about federal regulation of hemp as a drug, but hoped that "if federal regulations can be drawn to protect the public without preventing the legitimate culture of hemp, this new crop can add immeasurably to American agriculture and industry."

That hope turned out to be empty. Not only did Harry Anslinger of the post-prohibition Bureau of Narcotics bully Congress into outlawing hemp with his campaign of lies and hardly veiled bigotry, almost all knowledge of the unequivocally useful aspects of the plant was suppressed. The government still knew about them in 1942, and may still know. It doesn't want you to know.

Since 1937, about half the forests in the world have been cut down to make paper. If hemp had not been outlawed, most would still be standing, oxygenating the planet. Hemp pulp could be used for methanol at competitive prices; hempseed oil would be used instead of petrochemicals for hundreds of uses, meaning less pollution. We might not be facing the Greenhouse Effect.

If all this still sounds incredible to you, send \$12 to the California Marijuana Initiative (5632 Van Nuys Blvd., #324, Van Nuys, CA 91401). They'll send you a videotape of the "Hemp for Victory" film and a booklet documenting even more beneficial uses of hemp, all meticulously researched and referenced.

Outlawing hemp has been an agricultural, industrial, and environmental disaster. What punishment fits this crime against humanity? I would recommend clemency myself, but it would be unmitigated folly to continue this misguided effort at prohibition.


Bock is the Register's senior columnist.

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Burrito	2.00
Taco Loco	2.50

### GUACAMOLE

Taco (includes beans)	2.40
Soft Shell (includes beans)	3.60
Burrito (includes beans)	3.60

### DESSERT

Apple Loco (Apple and Cheese on cinnamon tortilla)	2.50
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### CHICKEN

Taco	2.40
Soft Shell	3.50
Burrito	3.75
Burger	3.25
Enchilada	4.50
(with rice and lettuce)	

### SIDE ORDERS

Sour Cream	.50
Salad	2.00
Refried Beans	1.25
Rice	1.25
Guacamole (with chips)	3.25
Nachos	2.95
(with sauce, cheese and beans)	
Extra Cheese	.50
Extra Meat	.50
Chips	.50

### BEVERAGES

Soda	.90
Coffee or Tea	.70
Iced Coffee or Tea	.90
Milk	.90
Apple Juice	.90
Budweiser	1.50
Lone Star	1.50
Chihuahua	1.75
Carta Blanca	1.75
Dos Equis	1.75
Corona	2.50