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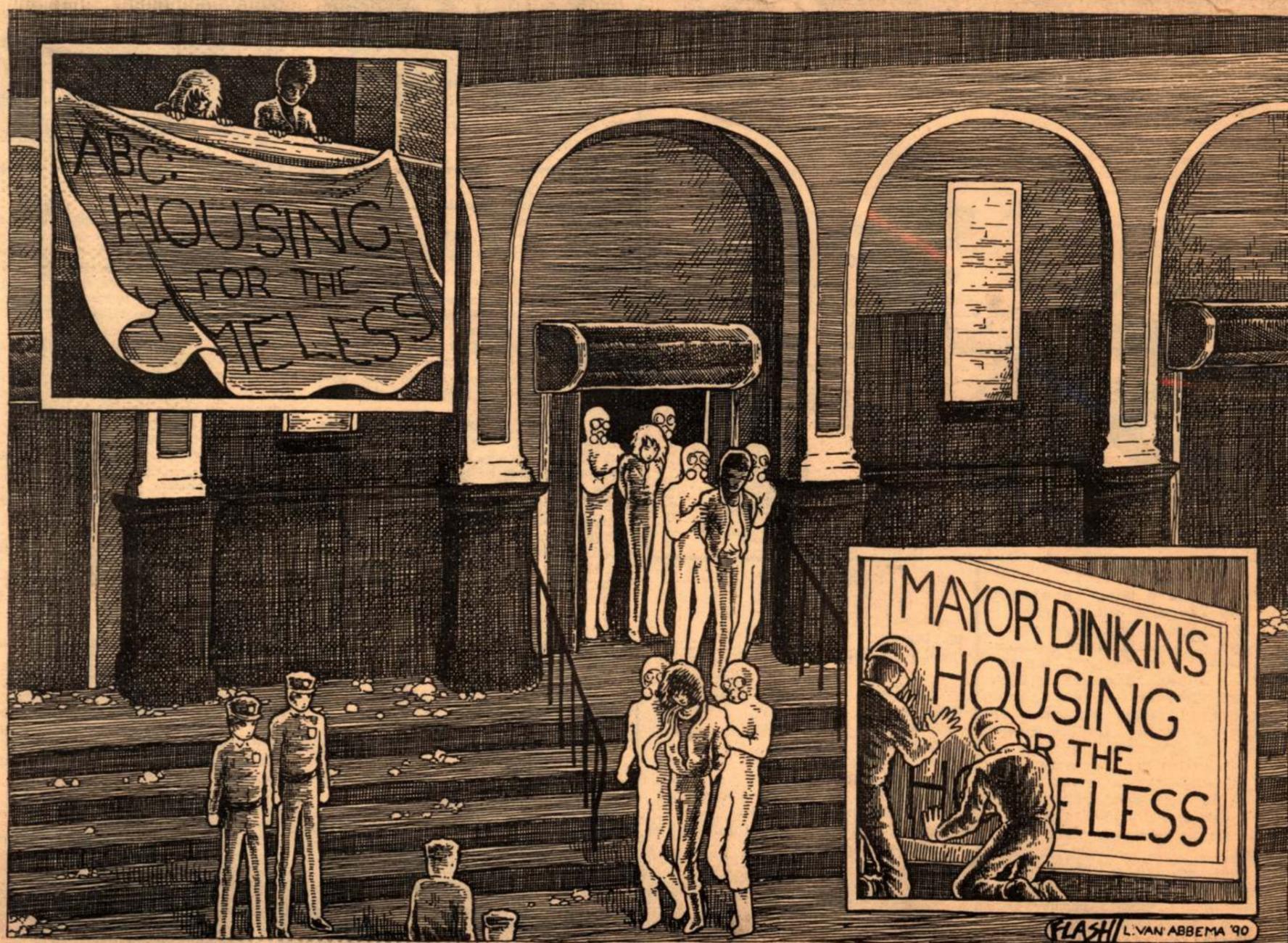
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the Shadow EDITORIAL

REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY EXPOSED!!

We have been getting a lot of feedback regarding articles in our last issue (SHADOW#8) about the RCP (Revolutionary Communist Party) and their sub-groups, the RCYB (Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade) and the RHO (Revolutionary Homeless Organization). Most everyone who has read the articles, including former RCP/RCYB/RHO members, has said they are happy that those groups are finally getting exposed, and the former members all agreed that the articles are accurate.

Not surprisingly, most of the negative reaction has come from RCP/RCYB members. Some of them claim the articles contain "murder threats", but they can't point them out when challenged. They also say the articles are "divisive", comparing them to the FBI's COINTELPRO methods of creating division between politically allied groups.

First of all, there can be no "division" where there is no alliance in the first place!! The RCP is well known for their methods of creating division among members of politically active groups. These are best described as follows: INFILTRATE, MANIPULATE, and DISORGANIZE. This has been substantiated by every former RCP member the SHADOW has met with. Their motto, "Create public opinion and seize power", should tell you exactly where the RCP is coming from.

Besides, COINTELPRO's favorite trick was setting up phony front groups to confuse issues and discredit other groups through disinformation, infighting, false rumors, etc, as they would recruit new members that they and the government would keep tabs on, and ultimately keep all their members under control while scattering other groups. The RCP is well known for their many off-shoot groups that act as their fronts, without identifying their ties to the RCP. The RHO was a perfect example of this.

The way we see it, the SHADOW will always expose the doings of any person or group that works against the people of the Lower East Side, whether it be the RCP or Community Board 3!! To us, there is no difference, no sacred cows, and no one is above criticism, including us!! If they freak out over such minor exposure, then they obviously have a lot to hide. Now that the RCP has reacted this way and have tried to tie us to COINTELPRO, I'm sure there will be more reports to come!!

(For a 3-page xerox copy of "The Strange History of the Revolutionary Communist Party" by Jack Straw, please send \$1.00 to SHADOW Press)

PIGS THREATEN FREEDOM OF THE PRESS!

"More people have died from pot and LSD than have died from cigarettes and alcohol"---P.O.Moore

On January 19, we received our first death threat in the mail. The envelope contained a note that said: "Thanks for jeopardizing our lives. We'll try to return the favor, scumbag." Along with the note was three Polaroids--two of someone pointing a .38 special at the camera, and one of the same gun pointing at a camera on a desk. Obviously sent by the pigs, the message was clear. If they feel threatened by exposure, then it must be that they are doing something wrong!! Several sources from within the police department have told us that the pigs have been maintaining a photo file and (s)hit list of Lower East Side political activists, so what is wrong with us keeping tabs on them?

They are sworn to uphold the law, yet they break the law with impunity while enforcing ridiculous laws on us--some big time offenses such as "Disorderly Conduct", "Aggravated Harrassment", "Obstructing Governmental Administration", and of course, "Resisting Arrest". Meanwhile, real crimes go on unhindered!!

They mistakenly think that once again, intimidation will work, but once again, they forget the lessons of the Tompkins Sq. Pig Riot of August, 1988--they only made us more determined to continue the struggle against pig violence and state repression!! (Your fucking violence doesn't work, SCUMBAG!!)



PHOTOS RECEIVED FROM PIGS



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DOUBLE-CROSS SUBSIDY

DOUBLE-CROSSES LOWER EAST SIDE

BY NASHUA

"DOUBLE-CROSS SUBSIDY DOUBLE-CROSSES LOWER EAST SIDE--By Nashua

Since 1987, the Joint Planning Council (JPC), an umbrella organization of local housing groups, and Community Board 3 (CB3), trying to confront growing anger homeless people forced to live in parks and slumlord harassment, are promoting an idea for the use of abandoned city-owned buildings and vacant lots, called the "Cross-Subsidy Plan". Better known as the "Double-Cross-Subsidy", the plan would theoretically pay for the construction of 1,000 units of low-income housing, funded by the sale of city-owned property to luxury real estate developers.

This so-called "50-50 Plan" is opposed by neighborhood activists and squatters who call for a "100% Plan" to provide housing through the squatting and homesteading of abandoned buildings without substantial government subsidies.

The "50-50 Plan" supporters call the squatters' demand for autonomy and self-reliance unrealistic because the cost of developing units is often quoted at about \$70,000-\$90,000 each. However, the squatters ridicule these estimates, maintaining that adequate rehabs can be done for only hundreds of dollars per unit.

Meanwhile, the City has been stonewalling the plan since HPD (Dept. of Housing, Preservation and Development) Commissioner Paul Crotty was replaced first by Anthony Gleidman, who resigned to work for Donald Trump's organization, and then Abraham Biderman. The City has repeatedly transferred properties to luxury developers while thumbing its nose at JPC as speculators laugh all the way to the bank over City Councilwoman Miriam Friedlander's latest assurance that the "50-50 Plan" is still on track.

The number of double-crosses associated with the "Cross-Subsidy" is growing as investigators take a closer look at what has been going on in the Lower East Side over the past decade. The following is a list of only some of the failures so far uncovered:

HOW THE 50-50- PLAN HAS FAILED

1. Last fall, the 12th Street Block Association thought they had finally convinced the City to reinforce and secure a building at 194 Avenue B, next to Sauer Park. The building was slated for rehabilitation in "Phase One" of the "50-50 Plan", but for years the City allowed the roofless building to deteriorate while being taken over by junkies. The City finally sent a contractor to begin to at least shore up the building, but the blessing turned into a nightmare when, moments after the contractor went in to "inspect" it, the building collapsed.

As neighborhood residents gathered around the building, waiting for the City to tear it down, Deputy Inspector Michael Julian of the ninth precinct said that the situation was out of his control, as he nervously anticipated another mass protest. But Liberals from the 12th Street Block Association and JPC didn't have it together. Friedlander arrived at the site, and shedding crocodile tears, told the community "nothing can be done". That night, the building fell.

2. Luxury developers giving 50% of the Lower East Side to low income people? What a joke. In one building alone, at 72-74 East 3rd Street, a 20 unit condominium was developed out of three properties sold to developer and right-wing pro-death (Right to Life) candidate for mayor Henry Hewes for a total of \$10.00--(yes, TEN DOLLARS!!)

In return, Hewes and company agreed to rehab 20 one bedroom apartments and sell them for \$50,000 and \$60,000 a piece--an absolute steal in this neighborhood. Within two years, most of the original tenants, many who seemed to have gotten in on the deal through relations with the project manager Donald Capoccia, had sold their apartments for an average mark-up of \$90,000 before moving on to other cribs.

One of the insiders who profitted from the 72-74 East 3rd Street deal is well known to activists fighting to defend the rights of homeless people to live in and have fire and shelter in Tompkins Square Park. His name is Samuel Turvey, and he presently lives in a co-op apartment at 131 Avenue B, which was once a low-income apartment house.

Turvey is a member and co-spokesperson, along with right-wing CB3 member and D'Amato/HUD Scandal flunkie Antonio Pagan (see SHADOW #8) of the so-called "Tompkins Square Neighborhood Coalition", which seeks to remove all homeless people from the Lower East Side, especially in the park.

According to people who know him, Turvey took the approximately \$100,000 he made from selling his apartment at 72-74 East 3rd Street and soon bought into the 131 Avenue B co-op. When asked about his role in this, Turvey said he sold the 3rd Street condo because he got married and needed more room. Turvey says it was people "who knew Don (Capoccia)" that got the condos.

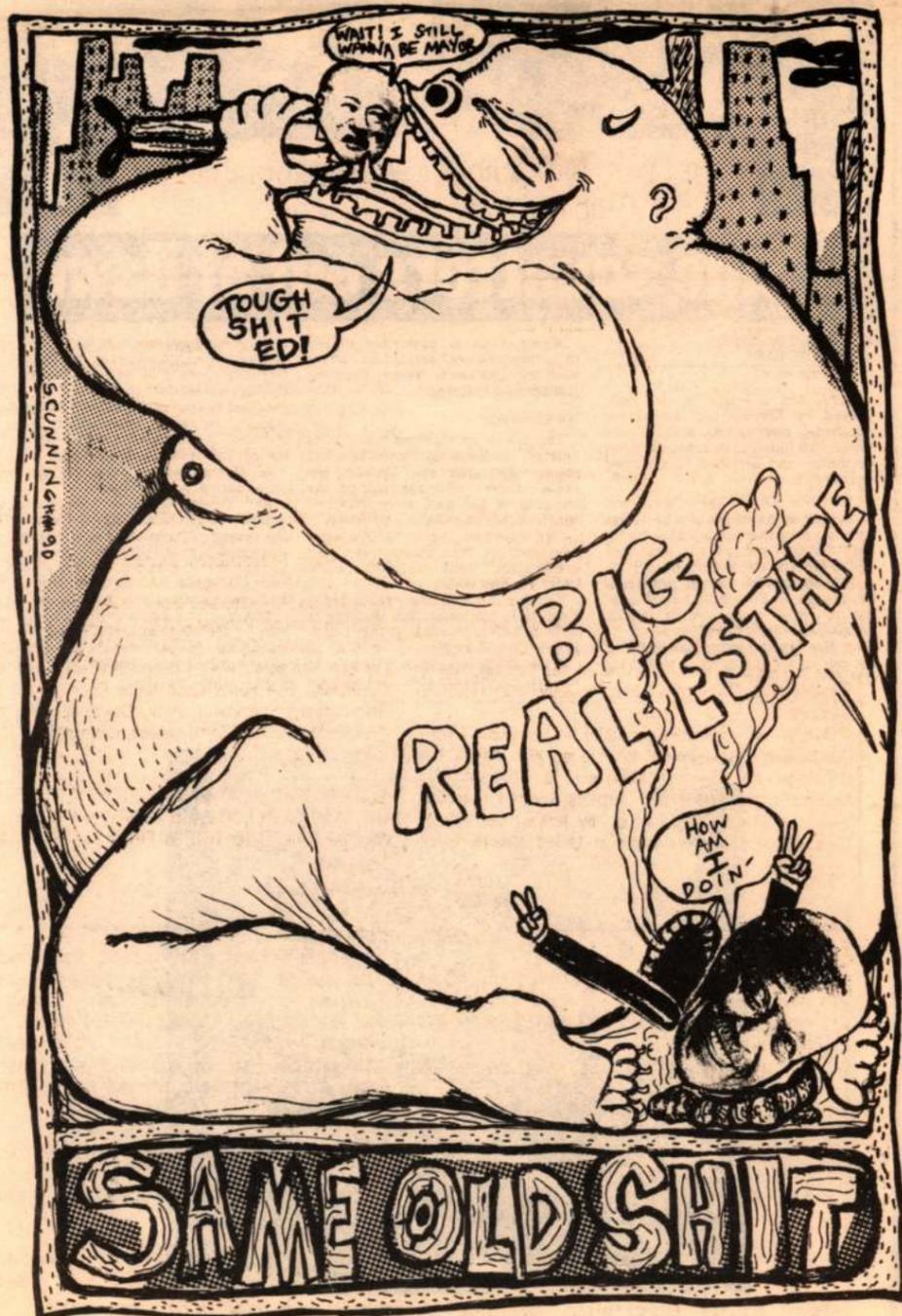
Henry Hewes, who says, "my role is small...I conceive projects and make the city applications and arrange bank loans", has yet another project in the works on East 2nd Street. He says that the lack of restrictions on the purchase and sale of condos in the 72-74 East 3rd Street deal was a result of the city not realizing the "implications" of the so-called "Dollar-A-Building" program.

3. 131 Avenue B, the co-op that Sam Turvey bought into after milking the 72-74 East 3rd Street condo scam itself is an example of the wholesale rape of the Lower East Side by real estate interests. In 1981, Wayne Barret in the Village Voice, wrote a scathing expose on the former low-income adult home opposite Tompkins Square Park.

The Community Service Society (CSS), a wealthy private social service agency, owned the building for years until it fell vacant. In 1977, it was sold in a "straight business transaction" to a supposed non-profit group "Everything For Everybody", run by John ("Jack") Scully, the publisher of the now defunct "East Villager" newspaper, who promised to use the building to house the homeless and low-income people. CSS got no commitment from Scully, who paid only \$50,000 for the building, which at the time housed 30 families.

For two and a half years, Scully ran the building as an SRO (Single Room Occupancy) that was supposed to be operated by the tenants collectively. In actuality, it was run as a dictatorship with militant enforcers of Scully's rules who

terrorized residents as the building's condition deteriorated, while Scully continued to raise rents. When the residents finally organized against Scully and his henchmen, Scully quickly sold the building to a group of real estate speculators led by vicious slumlord Howard Buck for \$150,000, realizing a cool \$100,000 profit.

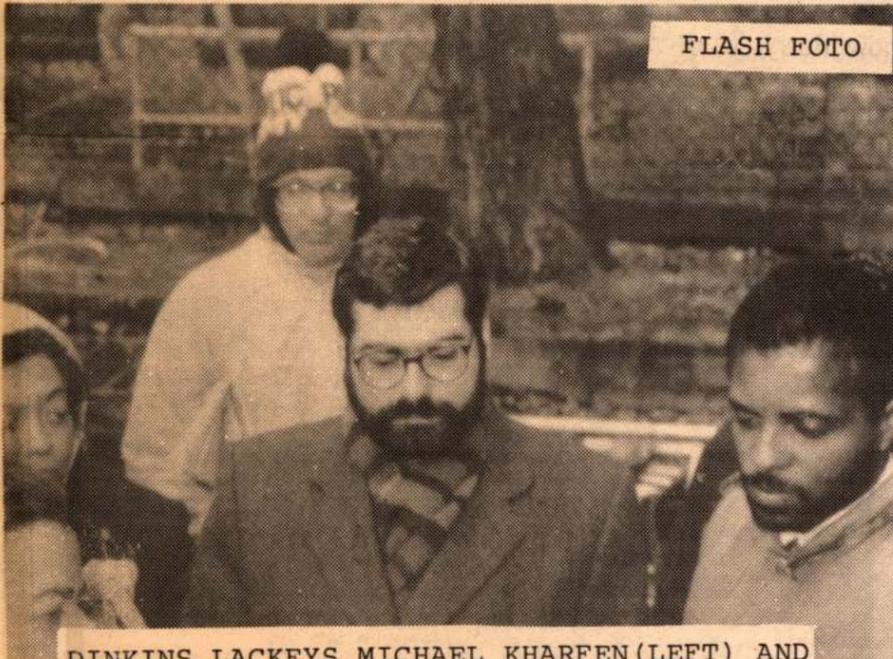


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ABC COMMUNITY CENTER ATTACKED IN EARLY MORNING RAID!!

BY CHRIS FLASH

In the weeks following two successful "open house" parties at ABC, Mayor Dinkins' office tried to get the people inside removed in several ways. Beside stationing cops outside the front door to prevent people from coming and going freely or attending the free classes inside, Dinkins also sent his main two flunkies Michael Kharfen (aide to Deputy Mayor Bill Lynch) and Phillip Thompson to ABC Tent City to speak with residents and supporters of ABC in mid-January. Kharfen said they were there to "continue talking about this", "we're willing to continue dialogue...to hear concerns" but added that he had "nothing to offer". Thompson tried to scare people by warning of asbestos in the building, which anyone who was inside ABC knew wasn't true. Thompson also said he and Kharfen were "not here to negotiate", but asked people to "work with us, talk to us on ideas". A few days later, on January 22, these same two sleazoids appeared at a meeting of Local 1199 (the politically powerful Hospital Workers Union), chaired by Dinkins point man Bill Batson and Steve Riley of the UHO (United Homeless Organization), attended by various homeless groups and a delegation from ABC who discovered they were the main item on the agenda. Kharfen and Thompson tried to divide and conquer by offering a 500 square foot city-owned store front for all 50 homeless groups to use if the people inside ABC would leave voluntarily. Then Thompson told Riley that in order for Dinkins to deal with the homeless groups present, "you'll have to disassociate yourself from them(ABC)". When that didn't work, (the other groups spoke in support of ABC instead), Dinkins' flunkies threatened, "We'll bring in the Gestapo", with Thompson adding, "once the police are inside, we can't control what they're gonna do to you in there". (As reported in SHADOW #8, police refused to evict the residents of ABC until HPD could come up with a plan to keep the building sealed. By January 24, the plan was ready to go into effect.)



FLASH FOTO

DINKINS LACKEYS MICHAEL KHARFEN (LEFT) AND PHILLIP THOMPSON (RIGHT) AT ABC TENT CITY

At 6:45AM on January 24, ABC was hit by over 100 cops, some wearing special protective suits, who simultaneously broke through the roof, the rear, and the front of ABC using blow torches, "cherry pickers", and other devices in a surprise attack. At the same time, homeless residents of ABC Tent City across the street were awakened by pigs poking them with nightsticks. They were forced to the corner without any of their belongings as the blocks around ABC were sealed off. Soon, the "phone tree" was activated and many people converged on the scene. Within an hour or so, pigs using dogs found and arrested 10 people inside ABC and charged them with "criminal trespass". Two others were arrested outside and charged with "disorderly conduct". Even though the cops in charge said those arrested inside would get DATs (Desk Appearance Tickets), they were put through the system.

After some homeless people removed some of their belongings from the building and the lot, which they piled neatly at the corner of Avenue B and Fourth Street, the Tent City lot was evicted and cleared by HPD workers, even though the vacant lot does not belong to the city. Deputy Inspector Julian told the residents they could move to a different lot after telling them that HPD's workers feared harassment from people in the lot while they work on ABC. Within a few hours of removing the homeless from the building, city workers were seen attaching a new sign to the front of ABC that perversely read: "Capital Budget Housing Program Supported Housing for the Homeless!!"

After the raid, Julian claimed that the Fifth Street Tenants Association complained about ABC residents using their hallways and yards to gain access to ABC from the rear. In fact, residents left their hallway doors unlocked so that ABC people could use them. They have been ABC's biggest supporters, having gotten no help from police when they complained about the junkies in their yard before ABC was set up. Later that night, many people gathered to protest this latest police action, but there was no repeat of the pig violence that took place on October 26 at the same intersection. Over the next week, many police vehicles remained on blocked off Fourth Street, including the huge THV (Temporary Headquarters Vehicle), while city workers sealed ABC from the inside and outside. One day, all of the homeless people's belongings on the corner were thrown away by pigs, including blankets and sleeping bags. Meanwhile, teams of plainclothes cops maintained their position at Fourth and Avenue B while others patrolled with their undercover cabs day and night.

Since then, the police have been maintaining a watch outside ABC with two cop cars containing four cops, some of whom can be seen sleeping inside their cars while on duty each night. Obviously, squatters and homeless opening a community center are considered more of a threat to the pigs than the death-drug dealers and junkies!!



HOMELESS MAN FROM ABC SURROUNDED BY RIOT PIGS-1/24/90

E. Side squatters out at dawn

By THOMAS RAFTERY and DANIEL HAYS
Daily News Staff Writers

More than 130 cops in riot gear, backed by firemen and ambulance personnel, surrounded an abandoned lower East Side public school at dawn yesterday and arrested 10 unarmed squatters inside.

The raid netted seven men and three women members of a homeless activist group that occupied the building for 46 days and operated what they called the ABC Community Center.

Officials said the city will begin renovating the E. Fourth St. building today to create a \$4 million facility housing 85 elderly homeless people.

On Monday, the group had rejected the city's offer of space in a storefront if they would evacuate.

Mayor Dinkins yesterday called them "trespassers," saying "we cannot have circumstances where someone just seizes a building."

No violence

There was no violence when cops entered the building. Police said the massive manpower was justified because officers who approached the building in the past were attacked with bags of cement and excrement.

"We expected the worst. We were prepared for fire, booby traps, any eventuality," said Assistant Police Chief Thomas Walsh.

To take the building, Walsh led a commando-like operation that began with a tactics briefing at the police academy on E. 21 St.

A 30-vehicle convoy carried cops to the school. Officers took up positions

on surrounding rooftops and a 25-member assault team, clad in protective garb to ward off asbestos, sawed through a steel door to enter.

As she was put in the police van, one woman, raising a handcuffed fist, shouted, "tell the people we still stand strong. This is but the beginning."

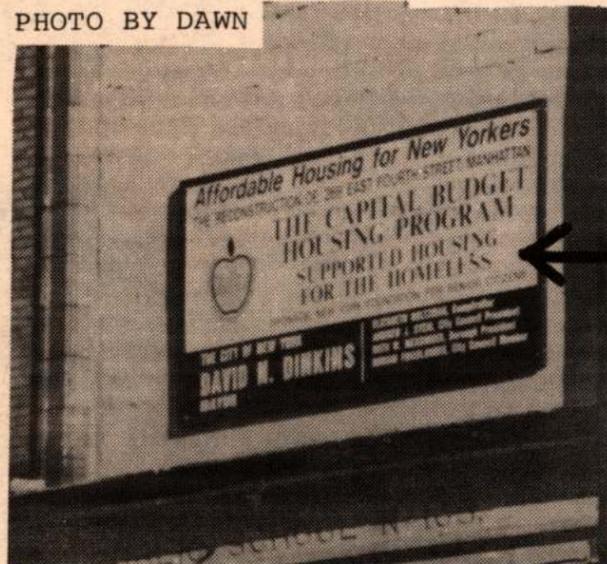
All 10 were held on criminal trespass charges, a misdemeanor.

Rev. George Kuhn of nearby St. Bridget's Church, who has supported the occupying group whose activities prompted film and theater celebrities to visit the site, called the city's actions inhumane. He said the squatters had driven drug addicts from the area.

The group did not have the full support of the neighborhood. Residents living behind the school said that squatters had flung bottles and garbage from the windows.

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PHOTO BY DAWN



NEW SIGN ERECTED BY CITY WORKERS ON ABC CENTER

TOMPKINS SQUARE NOTEBOOK

ANALYSIS OF ABC OCCUPATION BY FREE-I

"Homeless not Helpless," were the buttons they wore when they left their tents in Tompkins Square Park and marched to DC for the October 6th "Housing Now" march. They came back to town fed up with liberal lobby tactics and sold-out by the *homeless advocacy corporations* who had left them without the food, rain gear and medical care they were promised when they left New York. They knew they could do better by pursuing their own solutions. That's when AlphaBet City Community Center (ABC) was born.

The first occupation of ABC was as deeply felt a direct action as I have ever participated in. Everyone was excited about it. We knew how important a community center run by and for homeless people would be, and what its success would mean for homeless people all over the country. It began to make a difference in people's lives in its first few days. It was something you could put hard work into and see it pay off for everybody. Meetings to organize events and develop plans for ABC ran effortlessly and were extremely productive. There was no room for political maneuvering or personal opportunism. The fight to establish ABC was crucial to our neighborhood. It would offer vitally needed services to a community that has been targeted for extinction by the developers and the city administration.

The deterioration of P.S. 105 on East Fourth Street revealed the developers sleazy intentions: let the neighborhood run down; arrange it so that drugs are prevalent and dealing can continue uninhibited by the police; drive people out of their apartments by raising their rents; force them into the streets, the shelters or overcrowded low-income projects; keep people fighting among themselves and eventually those who had once cared about this community would run for their lives while they still had them. The old school, left abandoned for 10 years, had become a notorious shooting gallery and drug supermarket. Despite daily phone calls to the local precinct by people who lived on the block, the cops stuck to the story that there was nothing they could do to evict the junkies. Then, on September 24th, the first group of homeless people and squatters moved in and took occupation of the building, and within 24 hours they had managed to accomplish what the police and the city had been: either unable or unwilling to do, namely turn a building which had been polluting our neighborhood into a positive vehicle for change. The community applauded and thanked us.

Drawing on the richest resource - the talents and skills of the people of this community, ABC soon established a referral network for homeless people, providing medical care, drug counseling and classes in job skills, language, political education, the arts and preparation to receive a the high school equivalency diploma. Free clothes and a free meal were available to anyone who walked through its open doors. More than just food and classes, ABC was a direct response to the violence and alienation of living on the streets. It wasn't just a symbol; it was the real deal to many people.

The pigs swooped down on October 26th. Self-determination by the poor had to be snuffed out without delay before it spread. The people fought off the cops in the streets and in the building for 14 hours, lighting fires in the avenue, igniting police barricades and hurling sacks of concrete and buckets of piss at the rent-a-thugs below. People on the block were grabbed, cuffed and thrown into the paddy wagon as they were walking out of their apartments. In the end 43 of us were busted, and several cops and a reporter were injured.

One of the women who worked hardest on ABC was Sandy. She moved from the park into the school and spent hours doing outreach and tabling. Her warm personality and smile made her one of the best people we had for getting names for our ABC support list. On the day the cops came for ABC, their first blow was against Sandy. They yanked her table from her and threw it against her abdomen. A week later she miscarried and lost her baby. Those of us who knew Sandy dragged the table into the middle of Avenue B and burned it. The cops tried to stop us, but we insisted and won. I was one of those who set the fire, and I was busted for preventing the cops from putting it out. I stand by our right to burn that table.

It was not long after we lost the school that life, and the cruel realities of being homeless struck. The group of people that first dared dream of ABC were scattered. Our concerns shifted back to Tompkins Square Park. Parks Department personnel and local politicians announced that all the homeless people who had moved into the park and set up make shift tents to live in would be swept from the park by the second week of December. A two day festival of music and speakers was planned to mobilize the community to defend the park against the imminent police invasion.

Saturday was uplifting. Despite the bitter cold wind and occasional snow flurry, people huddled around fire barrels passing many a beer, many a spliff and discussed how to confront this latest threat. The party continued long into the night when some Anarchists brought out hot miso soup, hard boiled eggs and sandwiches for everyone. Sunday was supposed to set it off. The cops skirted around the periphery hissing, "Enjoy it while it lasts. We're coming in this week." We returned their threats with our own forms of indignation. A crowd gathered; then

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Friday, January 19, 1990 DAILY NEWS

Squatter ABC's Learn for free in abandoned school

By JOYCE YOUNG
Daily News Staff Writer

A group of squatters who took over an abandoned school building in the East Village said yesterday that they are offering free classes and that the city should abandon plans to house homeless senior citizens on the site.

The squatters began occupying the old Public School 105 building on E. Fourth St. last month after 90 homeless people were evicted from Tompkins Square Park.

Since then, police have kept barricades around the building and have made sporadic arrests in an effort to vacate the site, which is slated for conversion into 85 units of housing for the homeless elderly by the New York Foundation for Senior Citizens.

Cleaning effort

Meanwhile, the squatters have renamed the building the AlphaBet City (ABC) Community Center and, according to Mary Shero, who spoke for the group yesterday, they have cleaned up parts of the building so that they can hold free classes for homeless people.

"This is a much better use of the building," Shero said. "The dance class, the drawing class and the karate class we're offering are all extremely successful."

Yesterday, the squatters

held a small rally. Shero said that the squatters were planning an open house in the barricaded building on Saturday to tell other groups about their activities.

According to a schedule distributed by the squatters,

earlier this month and had offered an alternative site in the community to hold classes.

"They turned us down," Davis said. "We want to continue discussions, but we do not want to negotiate with

'We need a place like this, This building offers a solution for the homeless, by the homeless.'

-Mary Shero

classes to be offered include GED preparation, exercise, art, creative writing, political education and special sessions for senior citizens.

"We need a place like this," Shero said. "This building offers a solution for the homeless, by the homeless."

The Dinkins administration, however, is not convinced. Spokesman Stanley Davis said yesterday that the city wanted the building vacated so that it could be checked for asbestos.

"The place is a health hazard," Davis said, adding that the squatters had already been warned of the danger.

Davis said that representatives from the mayor's office had met with the squatters

them while they hold the building hostage. We want them to leave, and we'll discuss further what can be done."

Catie Marshall, spokeswoman for the New York Foundation for Senior Citizens, said that a \$4 million renovation of the property is scheduled to start in April. "But we need to get in now to have our contractor remove asbestos so that interior demolition of the building can begin," she said.

Marshall said that the foundation was awarded lease of the site two years ago. The renovated facility will offer temporary housing, social and medical services to seniors referred for the city shelter system



PHOTO BY "Q"

ABC TENT CITY SOUP KITCHEN IN FULL SWING

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BIKE MESSENGERS DEMONSTRATE AGAINST POLICE HARASSMENT!!

BY DAN CONVISSOR

Since the summer of 1987, the New York City Police Department has issued a high volume of summonses to bicyclists. We do not deny that some bicyclists are a menace to pedestrians, but this behavior has been declining due to efforts within the biking community to educate ourselves.

Despite their claims, the decline in biker-related accidents is not due to the Police Department's intense summoning. The same number of cyclists are still breaking the laws on the books, which are the ones the police enforce. However, courtesies by cyclists is on the rise, resulting in less accidents. (Since a peak in 1985, there has been a 52% decrease in bicycle/pedestrian accidents).

Why is the summoning continuing? To make money? According to a news release from Councilwoman Carol Greitzer's office, only 11% of all summonses are returned in court, so that's not working. Is it to harass cyclists? We guess so, but it makes no sense. Bicycling's efficiency is good for cities, and we don't pollute, make noise or take up a lot of space. Our frustration has caused us, the Independent Courier Association, to lead a campaign to end the discrimination cyclists get from the public and the police. The ICA has written articles to teach bikers how to ride courteously, and we have worked on demonstrations against the recently attempted bike ban and the summoning. We decided another protest was in order for the new mayoral administration, so at 4:00 on Wednesday, January 24, 1990, we met at 1 Police Plaza.

When we arrived, there was a squad of 5 officers on motor scooters waiting for us, to make sure we didn't get too rowdy--(look out for those killer bikers). We brought three summonses for the police department:

- 1). For the charge of "lack of respect", which violates "societal norms/common courtesy".
- 2). For the charge of "wasteful, ineffective deployment of officers", violating the principles of the city budget, an offense which is the responsibility of the City Comptroller--the financial watchdog.
- 3). For the charge of denying "equal protection under the law", a violation of the 14th Amendment of the Constitution, which can be addressed to the Southern District Court--a part of the Federal Court System.

The first two "tickets" were 2'x1', and the third was 6'x3'. We made copies of the summonses to bring to the appropriate governmental agencies. On the back were personalized memos explaining the situation to them. After an attempted delivery to police headquarters was stopped by cops in front, we proceeded to the Comptroller's office in the Municipal Building with a crew of seven messengers. When we arrived at Liz Holtzman's office, they were shocked and worried about what we were going to do. We only gave them the summonses and a copy of the demo leaflet. Next stop was the District Court. The doorman there said it was unusual for such a large group to want entry, so he said he would forward the summons to the Chief Judge. Then we proceeded to City Hall where some of the cops were waiting for us again. We rode in a picket line for about 15 minutes, and then split for the day. The next day, we received a call from the Chief Judge's office. They said they would send the appropriate forms to file charges--the first step in a lawsuit. Even with our small numbers, it looks like we were successful.

SHELTER WATCHER

HOMELESS ("ESTABLISHMENT") FORUM--By "SHELTER WATCHER" (The SHADOW's man in the Shelter System)--

On January 27th, the Partnership for the Homeless held its "Action Day 90" program, attended by the now typical audience consisting largely of Mid-to-Upper Level Media Staffers from HRA/The Mayor's Office, etc, scrubbed Junior League types distributing glossy handouts with directions to the Bowery Mission, (was it manicured?), "Homesteaders", and the ever increasing crowd of Homeless "Experts" eagerly seeking information on grants. (Thankfully, there was also a number of real homeless people present!!)

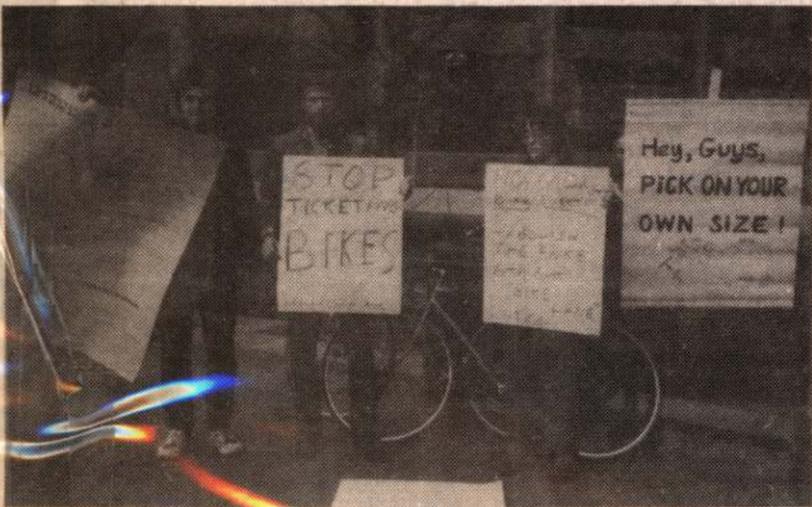
After the politicians, (local and Federal), had gotten their awards and given their speeches, (incidentally, they made one good point--that State grants be made available for SRO construction), imagine our surprise when who should appear on the podium but Community Board 3's Charlie Crespo! His title with the Partnership is co-ordinator of the "Adopt A Family" program, one of the elements which, (co-ordinated with HRA--the Human Resources Administration, which runs the city's shelter system) is giving landlords cash grants of upwards of \$10,000 per apartment for renting to each "rigorously pre-screened" family. This part of his work appeared to give Mr. Crespo much "job satisfaction". ("If there are any landlords here, see me", he said). Just imagine how much help those funds could be to Tompkins Square Park homeless and others.

Next, we had what turned out to be the highlight of the program: A verbal slugfest between city councilwoman Miriam Friedlander (better known as "Miriam of the 1,000 baloney sandwiches") and St. Brigid Church's Father George Kuhn, with Father George the winner by a wide margin in his expert debunking of Friedlander's fantasies. (She has claimed that thousands of homeless people have been "helped" by the "Help Center" she set up in Tompkins Square Park last November, even though her "help" often consists of nothing more than cold baloney sandwiches!!)

A permanent feature of this "circus" now appears to be an "Amen Corner" segment, where "rehabilitated" homeless (as in "rehabilitated alcoholic", etc,) get up on cue to give their "testimony of salvation", the "Savior" in this case being the Partnership/HRA.

All in all, for the genuine Homeless Advocates, this was a frustrating time, as this was a "Fair" for the "Pros" for the purposes of mutual congratulation and an exercise in smugness ("just look what we do for the poor wretches"), with little or no provision for genuine Homeless input. (Disregard the claptrap of the "establishment" stooges!!)

What is needed is a "Feet on the Table" convention of presently/formerly/occasional Homeless (and their supporters) with an agenda as "open" as practicable and most definitely not under the auspices or domination of the "establishment".
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'ANONYMOUS' AIDS TESTING TOTAL SHAM! NEW FORMS TRIANGULATE BIRTH PLACE, BIRTHDATE, AND ZIPCODE

BY ISSAR

From the beginnings of the AIDS crisis in the early 1980's, it has been widely recognized that any attempt to blacklist HIV carriers would make it impossible to draw the millions of infected persons into the necessary program of treatment, education, and counseling.

The concept of ANONYMOUS TESTING was therefore instituted nationwide in order to reassure those suspecting infection that they would discover their own HIV status without fear of government tracking. In other words, ANONYMOUS TESTING is supposed to insure that people need not fear winding up on a government computer list, open prey to such repressive measures as job discrimination, police attack, surveillance, blackmail, disclosure of HIV status leading to discrimination and vigilante attack, and ultimate quarantine of the HIV infected.

Elaborate measures were set up to convince the public that 'ANONYMOUS TEST SITES' were truly anonymous. Number systems were used to identify clients and only a few general questions were asked such as sexual orientation, drug use status, and zip code area, ostensibly to help the Health Department do statistical studies.

THE TIMES THEY ARE A CHANGIN'! Paving the way for the arrival of WOODROW MYERS (DINKINS' newly appointed Health Commissioner) whose achievements in Indiana have included sitting on AIDS education funds, discouraging the use of ANONYMOUS TEST SITES, using the mail to notify people they have been accused of engaging in unsafe sex practices, yet refusing to identify the accusers, and advocating the quarantine of certain HIV carriers, *some highly significant yet completely unnoticed changes have been made in the program of so-called 'ANONYMOUS TEST SITES'.*

Less than six months ago, completely new forms were placed in all ANONYMOUS TEST SITES by the NYC Health Department. Aside from previous information required, clients are now being asked to provide BIRTHPLACE & BIRTHDATE along with ZIPCODE. Apparently ASTROLOGY is now becoming the cutting edge in AIDS research. We all know by now that NANCY REAGAN was influential in the Reagan White House but this is ridiculous! Indeed, the answer to this mystery may lie in another direction.

As any amateur computer buff can tell you, CROSS-REFERENCING of MULTIPLE DATA BASES enables 'the researcher' to pinpoint any individual who is listed in three or more data bases.

Using existing separate data bases (not yet centralized) it is entirely possible to locate *and name individuals who are listed in the separate data bases.*

For instance, how many individuals in the 10009 zipcode area have the exact same birthdate to the year? Preliminary calculations made by "the Shadow" indicate the answer should lie below the figure of 100, possibly as few as 5. Of these, say 50 people, how many of them have the exact same BIRTHPLACE? The answer is obvious.

By triangulating the three pieces of data, BIRTHPLACE BIRTHDATE and ZIPCODE, it thus becomes possible to *name and locate the individual having tested positive.*

For instance, birthdate list-checks can be run through computerized drivers' licence lists. By eliminating all other zipcode areas from the set, the first part of the calculation is made. Add to this one more data base check on BIRTHPLACE, such as Census records, NYC birth certificate lists, arrest records, etc., the final result is obtained. Remember, all the cross-referencing becomes easier each year by the introduction of more powerful and more centralized computer systems.

Draw your own conclusions. "The Shadow" has concluded that the collection of completely unnecessary data such as BIRTHPLACE & BIRTHDATE at 'ANONYMOUS' TEST SITES, IS NOTHING LESS THAN A SLIMEY GOVERNMENTAL ATTEMPT TO CREATE COMPLETE COMPUTER LISTS OF ALL HIV CARRIERS IN THE ENTIRE CITY OF NEW YORK!

KILLER KOP PLAGUE BY ANGEL GONZALEZ

Two more Latino people shot dead, murdered by the New York City police. They were innocent and unarmed. They are the latest casualties in the fascist war against the poor. The teenagers, Louis Lirano, 17, and Jose Luis Lebron, 14, leave behind grieving families and friends, and a growing community of people of this city who are fed up with killer cops!

The police are the military enforcers of US rule (ruling class war) against the poor. In this country, for the past decade, 500 Black and Latino people have been murdered by police every year. That's more than one person a day executed by gun wielding cops! In NYC these killings are taking place amidst an almost daily rant over 'kids who push drugs'. The message is clear: Punishment is warranted, the killing of poor youth is ok.

In city after city, the job of the police is to maintain control of colonized and oppressed people. Their job is to terrorize and intimidate the people into accepting the conditions of poverty and exploitation, to protect real estate development and drug dealing. Politically speaking, their job is to prevent popular organization and resistance to oppression and genocide.

The everyday defense of ruling class property and property interests of the middle class are upheld by police violence. The 'security' promised with the increase of police in neighborhoods, under the guise of fighting drugs, is really only to insure the growth of profits and 'safe investments'. And yet, the blood-letting of police killings is only the most blatant example of the super-exploitation of the poor in the US, which includes lack of housing, shelter genocide, no healthcare and educational opportunities, etc.

Finally, it is racism that gives police violence its fascist character. The white supremacist zeal evident in the profound injustice of these murders electrifies the sadistic urges of both killer cops and their brothers in spirit, the KKK, PBA, FBI and CIA.

It has been this way for quite some time now: Macho police running rampant in poor communities with a license to kill, 'vindicated' by racist courts and media, rewarded for murdering children and old women (remember Eleanor Bumpurs). It has been this way dating back to 1968 and the militarization of the police, the creation of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration along with the astronomical monetary and technological build-up of the police industry, an industry re-tooled after Vietnam and the urban riots, implementing SWAT and Operation Cable Splicer (see notes), fine tuning the apparatus of modern police repression. In truth, one could say that it has been this

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CITY COUNCIL LEAPS FROM BKLYN BRIDGE - "DEATH PACT" APPARENTLY SUCCESSFUL

BY ISSAR

January was the first month of operations for the newly reconstituted New York City Council. One of the first acts of the Council was to COMMIT SUICIDE by affirming PETER VALLONE, former Majority Leader, to his new post as Speaker of the Council. Apparently it was no contest. VALLONE was confirmed as Speaker by a vote of 34 to 1. Immediately thereafter, a series of events made it apparent that VALLONE'S post is an extremely important one. Called 'the second most powerful man in City Government', VALLONE lost no time in exercising his power to name at his own discretion, or 'handpick', all the upper-echelon leaders of the Council: the heads of the various Council Committees.

All subordinate organs of the Council, or Council Committees, are now under the firm control of PETER VALLONE. If VALLONE has the power to name all Committee Chairmen, does he not have the corollary power to remove them?

As if the MONARCHIST STRUCTURE of this 'Democratic Institution of the Free World' required further reinforcement, VALLONE, under the new City Charter, also has the power to raise or lower the salaries of these Committee Chairmen. Committee Chairmanship *by order of VALLONE* apparently carries with it 'a legal bribe' worth tens of thousands of dollars per year. In one case, a pesky gentleman named DEMARCO was removed from his post as Chairman of the Finance Committee. To insure that this pesky DEMARCO would *keep his big fat mouth shut*, VALLONE named him to Chairmanship of a brand new committee, invented by VALLONE that very day: *the Committee on Committees*. The unusual features of this newly created committee are indeed unique: *It has no members, no meetings, and no responsibilities*. The 'Committee on Committees' does however have one indispensable function: to siphon from the NYC tax base \$20,000 per year which now goes directly into the bank account of its idle Chairman, the pesky MR. DEMARCO.

So, the legal bribe in this case insures the payment of \$20,000 per year to DEMARCO, unless of course the subordinate DEMARCO gives boss VALLONE *a hard time on any subject whatever*, in which case VALLONE will simply dissolve his bullshit Committee and take away his \$20,000 per year! But don't worry! DEMARCO knows all this quite well, so you can be sure not to hear 'a peep' out of DEMARCO ever again. This of course is not to imply that this pipsqueak moron DEMARCO would ever do anything REAL in any case, so let's not kid ourselves!

LAND ABUSE COMMITTEE FRONTING FOR CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

The 'most powerful' of VALLONE'S committees is purported to be THE COMMITTEE ON LAND USE, headed by VALLONE'S hand-picked choice, a certain MR. CRISPINO. CRISPINO is a Bronx lawyer who refuses to make public a list of his clients. Obviously he has something to hide. Regardless of all that, the way THE SCAM will actually operate is this: The LAND USE COMMITTEE is actually a front for another unpublicized body, THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION. THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION is a 13-member-full-time-board-of-six-figure-executives, complete with a giant staff and more than enough time to 'notarize', complete with postage, whatever 'parcels' are required by the New York City Real Estate Industry.

Controlling interest in THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION is held by the Mayor, DAVID DINKINS, who is appointing 7 out of its 13 members. In case you thought otherwise, a recently released list shows that *all of DINKINS' major campaign contributors were Real Estate companies*.

To make a long story short, *THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION has approximately ten times the time and money available to it than does the Council's poor-house LAND USE COMMITTEE*. Anyone who's spent more than five minutes in one of these part-time Councilmen's offices knows that none of these people is in a position to rationally determine the outcome of any complex land-use decision. The members of the Council's LAND USE COMMITTEE, like all City Councilmen, are part-time flunkies controlled by PETER VALLONE. VALLONE'S air-tight control of the Council's LAND USE COMMITTEE therefore insures that no upstart, maverick coalition of future Councilmen will ever be able to question the sweetheart deals made by DINKINS' Real Estate rubber-stamp CITY PLANNING COMMISSION!

WHAT IS REALLY GOING ON

By placing a jewelled crown on the blow-dried head of PETER VALLONE, the Council has, in my view, illegally destroyed the democratic mandate entrusted to it by the citizens of New York (a bad joke in any case). The Councilmembers have chained themselves to their school-boy desks, collectively signing away their responsibility as a democratic body to one member, VALLONE.

The clever, hidden motivations behind this lemming-like behavior are:

- 1) To avoid the responsibility and political danger of managing the 'republican form of government' mandated by the U.S. Constitution and
- 2) On the other hand, to continue sucking milk from the ample breasts of the Democratic Party patronage-mill.

In fact, the two functions: 1) running a democratic government and 2) kissing ass, are mutually exclusive. The Council, without exception, always chooses to KISS ASS. Requiring one nearby PRIMARY ASS to kiss, they pick VALLONE (a proven hatchet man) who is 'in position to take the heat' by telling citizens groups and all ad hoc grassroots organizations to FUCK OFF! (as he proved by single-handedly bottling up the anti-warehousing bill for two years)

VALLONE controls the Council Committees while all the individual Councilmembers claim 'their hands are tied', never letting on that they themselves chained each other to the rusted flag-pole of WILLFUL IMPOTENCE. Pity these poor puppies!

Never in their wildest dreams could these little pets conceive of the idea of managing the City Council according to the democratic principles mandated (falsely postured, in fact) by the U.S. Constitution.

Any democratic body, in order to live up to its name, must without failure operate democratically.

The chairman of the body must function NEUTRALLY. Proposals for creation of subordinate committees must come from the body itself. Members of the various committee organs must choose their own chairmen. Votes cannot be held up by a single member. Proposals must come to the floor on request of the sponsors. Etc., etc.

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A 'lulu' of a job for Councilman

By **MARCIA KRAMER**
Daily News City Hall Bureau Chief

City Councilman Michael DeMarco's new committee assignment is a lot like the emperor's new clothes — invisible but costly.

By fiat of Council Speaker Peter Vallone, DeMarco (D-Bronx) now gets \$20,000 a year in bonus pay, known as a "lulu," for toiling away as the chairman of the new Committee on Committees, a panel that has no other members and no set responsibilities.

While he's not thumbing his nose at the dough, the job does not make DeMarco happy; looking, as it does, like a no-work sop set up just for him by Vallone.

So, DeMarco says, he now plans to hold regular committee meetings, and, seeing as it's only him, he wonders whether he could hold his sessions during lunch at a coffee shop near his office.

Spotless attendance

"I'll take myself to lunch. My attendance will be perfect. Hey, I could end up having more meetings than any other Council committee," he said.

He promised to keep spotless attendance records.

Vallone (D-Queens) created the new post after bouncing DeMarco as head of the powerful Finance Committee for being too independent.

"The whole purpose was not to

give me any power at all," DeMarco said.

DeMarco also said he was told that if he complained publicly about losing the Finance Committee Vallone would "take away my lulu and assign me to the worst committees."

If he turned down the assignment, DeMarco said, his pension would be reduced.

When the Daily News asked Vallone's spokeswoman, Peg Breen, the duties of the new committee she replied that it could "from time to time, when the opportunity arises, hold meetings with the chairs of other committees."

Heads of committees will meet

That news cheered DeMarco considerably, although he was already hatching a plan to do that ... and more.

"I am going to hold meetings of the heads of committees, I'll find out whether Council members are attending the meetings that they're supposed to and discuss other problems that come up," he said, warming to the conversation. "You know, since 33 of the 35 councilmen are committee chairs it will almost be like calling a full Council meeting."

"I'm getting paid 20 grand and I'm going to earn it," he continued. "When they give you lemons you've got to make lemonade."

Be warned, Mr. Vallone, it could be tart.

TSP "RENOVATION" RAISES QUESTIONS!!

BY CHRIS FLASH

TOMPKINS SQUARE PARK "RENOVATIONS" RAISE QUESTIONS:

At an impromptu meeting in the Boys Club building on East 10th Street set up by City Councilwoman Miriam Friedlander on January 16th, four "in-house park construction managers", along with their boss, Borough Parks Commissioner Pat Pomposello, were confronted by 15 neighborhood residents concerning the Parks Dept.'s plans for the "reconstruction" of portions of Tompkins Square Park. (Also present were Honorary Detective Johnson and Sergeant Marron, both of the Ninth Precinct, who were there "just in case".)

The panel of five responded to questions by members of the "Green Guerillas" (a group that has set up gardens in vacant city lots), the "Children's Liberation Day Care", "Friends of Tompkins Square Park", and homeless advocates, including attorney Stan Cohen. According to the panel, the planned renovation is to be done in three phases, beginning with the playground areas on the North side of the park, and plans include relocating playground equipment temporarily and even moving two major trees!! This phase is to be completed in July, with the entire project to be done in one year, but Friedlander said "we generally give them twice the time they want for the deadline".

Residents objecting to the complete closing of the playgrounds include children's daycare workers who need to use them daily. They suggested that the Parks Dept work on one at a time. A homeless man named Gigilo, who lives in the park, objected to the "renovation" of the "Temperance Fountain", around which many homeless sleep at night. For some reason, the plans call for fencing off an unnecessarily large area around the fountain, which includes the Tent City area that housed many homeless people last summer. (This suspiciously seems designed to keep that area sectioned off in anticipation of an increased number of homeless residents as the weather gets warmer). Stan Cohen demanded to know if the construction would interfere with the homeless, and the panel members said it wouldn't. John Penley, a homeless advocate, suggested making jobs available for the homeless, but no one took him up on it.

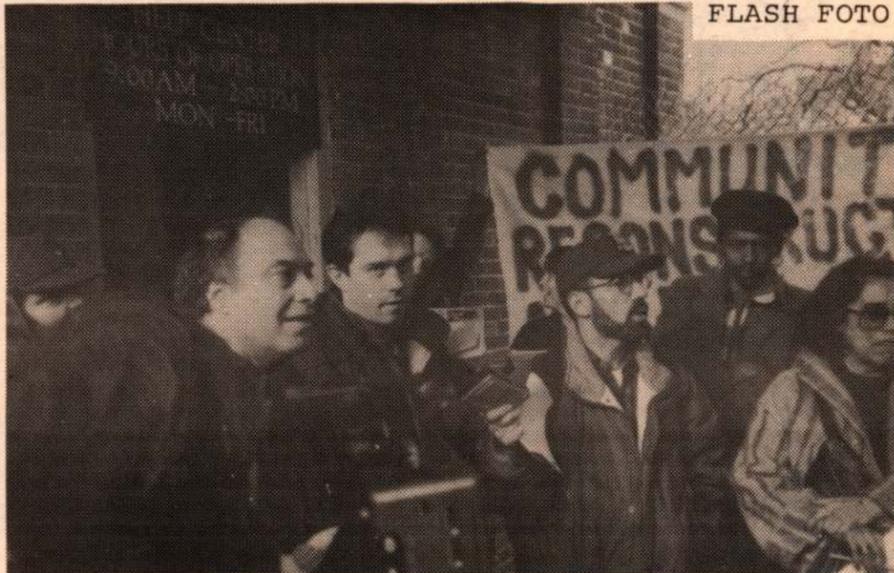


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PANEL OF 4 "CONSTRUCTION MANAGERS" WITH POMPOSELLO (ON FAR RIGHT)-1/16/90

According to panel member John Freeman of Capital Projects and Construction, the construction company that will do the work is "Perna Contracting" of Queens, who gave a low bid of \$2,162,764.00. Many present doubted the deadline would be met and suspected cost over-runs and delays that would keep the park in a state of "reconstruction-in-progress", as a first step toward closing the park completely for a total make-over that would destroy the character of the park. Panel members said "a 10% contingency is allowed--then more money is to be requested by the Parks Dept". They also admitted to Cohen that an effective "cost study" has not been done either. They said contracts were signed on Nov.1, 1989, with the "go-ahead" set for Jan.17th.

Less than one week later, on Jan.22nd, homeless people sleeping in the North end of the park and under the Promenade were evicted by "Park Enforcement Patrol" pigs (also known as the "PEP Boys"), who trashed their belongings in the process. One PEP said, "They should have told us what they wanted us to keep". PEPs also threw away firewood used by the homeless for their fire barrels, and they defended this violation of Judge Rosenberger's order that allows fires in the park by saying, "The court order says 'fire barrels', not 'fire wood'". PEPs also tried to prevent bystanders from taking photos of what they were doing. The next afternoon, John Freeman and another Parks Dept. lackey were confronted in the park by a large group of angry



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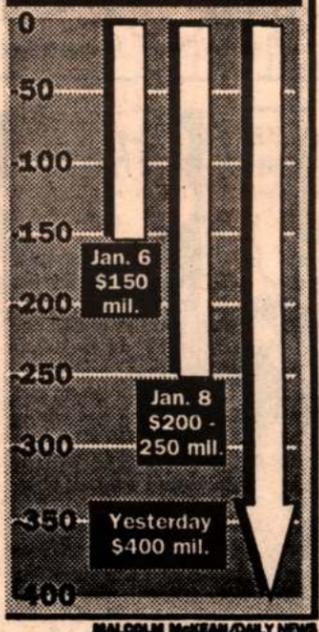
PARKS DEPT FLUNKIE JOHN FREEMAN CONFRONTED IN THE PARK--1/23/90

neighbors of the park while construction workers stood behind the fencing that has closed off the North side of the park. Most people were upset that the playgrounds were closed at the same time rather than one at a time. Freeman told them the other playgrounds were needed for parking construction vehicles. Others were angry about the treatment of the homeless the day before, and Freeman said he would speak to the Parks Commissioner about them, adding "it was a terrible precedent". (It looks like the Parks Dept. has got itself a new "flak catcher"!!) One homeless man objected to \$2 million dollars being spent on the park while nearby city-owned buildings remain empty and homeless are on the streets. Then, a woman told Freeman that according to the City Planning Board, the total cost of "renovating" the park is set at \$6.5 million dollars, not the \$2 million he was talking about. After denying this, Freeman then said that the \$2 million dollars is for the first phase of renovation!!

As the "renovations" proceed at a snail's pace, with the people of the neighborhood closely watching every move the construction workers and PEP Boys make in the event the city tries to close off any more of the park, one question must be answered: How can the city justify a \$6.5 million dollar "renovation" of the park at a time when basic city services are being threatened in the face of a \$450 million dollar deficit?

This is reminiscent of the millions of dollars spent on police actions and demolitions of city-owned buildings last summer when they all could have been completely re-done at a fraction of the cost!! Obviously, the new Dinkins Administration is showing where it's true priorities lie--(It's the same game with different faces!!)

BUDGET GAP WATCH



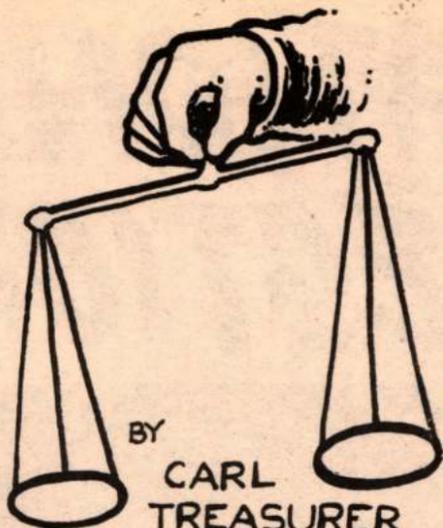
At one point Cuomo, who greeted Dinkins in the ornate Red Room of the Capitol, offered him the honor of sitting in the governor's chair. Cuomo quipped that he was allowing Dinkins to "sit in the chair in lieu of money."



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DOWN BY LAW



BY
**CARL
TREASURER**
ATTORNEY AT LARGE

This is Carl Treasurer, with your monthly update of issues and cases of interest. This month's column begins with the recent court case of People vs Dietze. Congratulations to the Court of Appeals of New York, which is the highest court in the state. They have finally realized what we have known on the Lower East Side and in the Movement for years--that it is constitutionally-protected speech to say "Fuck You, pigs!!", "It's our fucking park", "Get off the fucking streets" or to use any other language toward the so-called "forces of law and order". That's right, in this case, People vs Dietze the Court of Appeals struck down as unconstitutional the harassment statute, which is sub-division 240.25 of the Penal Law. The Court of Appeals woke up and agreed there is a First Amendment left in this country, and held that this is pure speech and that people have a right to express such speech to other people, particularly those who carry badges and guns in so-called "law enforcement".

So, the next time any of the cops on the Lower East Side are beating you, harassing you, fucking with you, or framing you, take comfort in knowing your speech is protected. That does not mean they won't fuck you up, but at least the Court of Appeals says you can say what you want--(they'll still bust you though!!)

The second interesting issue is the Federal Circuit Court decision regarding cellular telephones. Previous columns have discussed the difference between pen-registers and wire taps. Pen-registers are mechanical devices the pigs place on phones that record incoming and outgoing calls without their having to get a warrant to do so. A wiretap requires getting court permission with probable cause because people have a legitimate expectation of privacy in their telephone conversations. Well, the Federal Court now says that local, state and federal pigs need no warrants in order to tap cellular phones. They say that because you are using the airwaves, anyone is liable to learn the substance of your

conversation, so you have no legitimate expectation to privacy. It's a hell of a world--they create the technology, they seduce you into using it, and then they say you're not protected. So, trade in your cellular phones and go back to wires.

Finally, a brief update on the "Warrior Society"--Unbeknownst to many people, this is an independent nation that borders on Canada and the United States. On the U.S. side it's called AKWASASNE, and on the Canada side it's CORNWALL. It is an independent nation of Mohawk Indians, part of the Mohawk-Iroquois Confederacy.

This past summer, a full-fledged war developed, and the Federal government, State police and media are leading people to believe that there is an internal power dispute between those for and against gambling on the reservation. That lie was fully exposed for it's fallacy in early July when a 12 day stand-off took place between FBI with State police and the Warrior Society at AKWASASNE. The Warrior Society is a group of warriors who follow the great law of the Iroquois Confederacy that dates back over 1,000 years. They have the responsibility to make sure their borders are safe from invaders--in this case, the State police and FBI. For 12 days, following several raids upon their sovereign nation, warriors erected barricades, and displaying weapons, held off the police and Feds. Since July, the State police and FBI have not been allowed into the nation without asking permission first. More often than not, they are permitted to enter, but they must check their weapons at the border.

The real story is this: It's not a battle between Indians, but over sovereignty. The bottom line is that it's an independent nation by treaty and practice that happens to lie in an attractive area near the Canadian border--attractive to land developers and real estate speculators such as General Motors and corporations wanting to build huge factories on both sides of the river. The Warrior Society is fighting the illegal "development" of their nation, and has been engaged in a struggle of self-defense and self-determination against the State police and FBI, who have violated treaties and sacred law (the great law) by entering the reservation, by being involved in brutality, murder, and drug and weapon smuggling over the border for organized crime. While the rest of the world would be led to believe that this is an internal battle between Indians over whether to allow gambling, the record should be clear--the Warrior Society, on behalf of the Mohawk-Iroquois Confederacy on both sides of the U.S.-Canadian border, say: "This is our nation, this is our land, we do what we want, when we want, consistent with our laws, and not yours".

Stay tuned for more as N.Y. Governor Mario Cuomo and George Bush fight over what to do about those pesty Indians in the North Country. (Gee, I wonder if they're all, as Mayor "Don't call me David" Dinkins would say: "Hardened criminals"?)

Remember: "There are those who read history, and others who make it"--ACTIONS ALWAYS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS!!

OFFICER LASKEY IN: "SUNDAY AT MOMMA'S HOUSE"



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COP WATCH

BY C.W.

As reported in previous Cop Watches, the cops use undercover taxi cabs as well. During their recent seige at ABC, they used six different cabs day and night to patrol the area around ABC and Tompkins Square Park. These are the Hack License numbers and plate numbers--(write them down and keep them handy for the next demonstration):



COP WATCH-- By C.W.

It looks like we have been officially recognized by the cops, and at the same time we've found a winner of this month's Officer Lackey Look-Alike Contest!! Apparently, some cops aren't very happy to see their ugly mugs in the SHADOW, so they've seen fit to use the postal service to send us death threats. (It's okay for them to break the law because they're cops--right?) Since their envelope was the only one addressed to the contest, our panel of judges have declared them the winners by default. Now, if they would only be nice enough to send us their return address, we'd be happy to send them their prize--an autographed, original art, Officer Lackey cartoon!!

PIGS ON PARADE:

These plate numbers were seen on cop cars parked outside of their headquarters at #1 Police Plaza:

- POLICE PLAZA PLATES:
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| 4AT-543 | MLW-886 |
| 6KM-354 | NB-5135 (GMC Van) |
| 7HO-485 | NTH-140 |
| 8VG-498 | OJE-176 |
| AJA-110 | OJL-771 |
| APM-455 | QVF-114 |
| ASU-993 | RAE-927 |
| ATS-783 | RGF-704 |
| AVN-302 | TUU-255 |
| EGZ-463 | UDC-581 |
| FLP-165 | UGH-721 |
| FPN-508 | VBY-933 |
| FWT-776 | VST-622 |
| GBA-860 | VYH-256 |
| HND-551 | VYM-293 |
| IVL-271 | XCD-751 |
| IWS-198 | XSD-320 |
| IWV-824 | YWK-978 |
| KBJ-747 | YWM-519 (Dodge RamVan) |
| KKB-845 | YWZ-257 |
| KVZ-499 | YWZ-262 |
| KYP-972 | YYD-662 |
| LJV-655 | ZHY-834 |
| MKD-202 | |



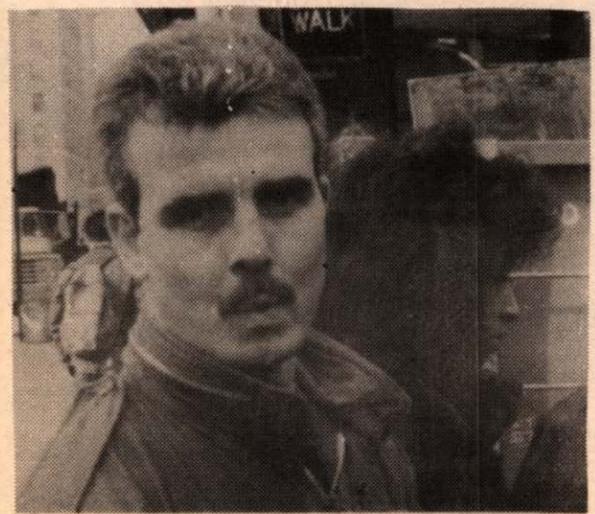
Here are some plate numbers seen on undercover cop cars in and around the area of the ABC Community Center on East Fourth Street as it was being attacked by those brave boys in blue on Jan.24th:

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| ASG-443 | IVS-309 |
| AVV-244 | JKK-376 |
| AVZ-159 | KMW-202 |
| AXH-104 | NYH-642 |
| IUR-648 | QCY-371 (Video) |
| IVL-367 | ZBA-985 |



As always, thanks to all of our Cop Watchers out there--if you have any cop photos, plate numbers, cop stories, or any info you want to see published, please pass it all on to the SHADOW.

For a complete list of over 150 plate numbers of "plainclothes" cop cars that has been assembled to date, please send \$1.00 cash to the SHADOW.



UNDERCOVER COP BLOWS KISSES--JAN.24



CAPT. SULLIVAN (CENTER) WITH HIS GOONS--JAN.24

EVENTS



FEB.11--SPEAK-OUT ON ABC COMMUNITY CENTER--Speakers, open mike, videos, photo exhibit, food, music, future plans--at St. Brigid's Church, 7th Street and Avenue B, 4:00 PM.

FEB.11--WHAT TO DO ABOUT EXXON--How to make Big Oil spill the beans. Public hearing and working session w/experts--at Eco-Saloon, Wetlands Preserve, 161 Hudson Street, 5:00 PM, (212)966-4225.

FEB.12--FREE THE WEED/FREE THE POPE--(or:"The Pope Smokes Dope with David Peel") Benefit concert to raise money for the Pope's legal defense on marijuana charges. 20 bands and loads of surprises!--at Pyramid Club, 101 Avenue A, 6:00PM

FEB.12--PROTEST THE SALE OF WAR TOYS--Int'l Toy Manufacturers Fair. Theme based on the film Born on the Fourth of July--at Toy Center, 200 Fifth Ave. at 23rd Street, 10:30-11:30 AM, War Resisters League, (212)228-0450.

FEB.17-26--VISIT NICARAGUA--Live with a Nicaraguan family, meet with Sandinistas and opposition; be an official election observer--For info, contact Casa Nicaragua, (212)675-1747.

FEB.18--BARRY COMMONER KEYNOTES EARTH DAY STUDENT PLANNING MEETING--Develop an environmental audit for your campus--at NYU Law School, 40 Washington Sq. S., 10:00 AM-3:00 PM, (718)670-4192, (212)254-5119.

FEB 19--ANTI-WAREHOUSING DEMONSTRATION AT THE N.Y.POST--Set up by the Joint Planning Council (JPC) against the newspaper owned by the Kalikow family, who also owns several warehoused apartment buildings, including in the area of Tompkins Sq.Park--at 210 South Street, 1:00PM, (212)473-2837.

FEB.21--MALCOLM X MEMORIAL DAY OF ACTION--Rally sponsored by the December 12th Movement remembering the assassination of Malcolm X 20 years ago--at the Audobon Ballroom, 155th St + Broadway, at 1:00PM. Call (718)712-5447 for more info.

FEB.22--STATES OF ADDICTION--hear from people working in drug treatment programs; critiques of 12 Step, Tough Love, War on Drugs, etc.--at Anarchist Forum, Workmen's Circle, 369 Eighth Ave. at 29th St, 7:30 PM.

FEB.25--LINCOLN SWADOS COALITION MEETING--Community forum concerning co-oping apartments/buildings on the Lower East Side, and lessons learned in persuing justice in the death of Lincoln Swados (the disabled artist/musician who died in his storefront after the front was sealed by the landlord's work crew preparing storefronts for co-op conversion)--at ASA House, Bowery and 5th Street, 3:00-6:00PM

FEB.25--LEGAL DEFENSE BENEFIT--Sunday brunch for Joel Meyers, political activist framed by Koch cronies of the Village Reform Democrat Club (see SHADOW #8) for phony threatening telephone calls. Sliding scale donations.--at Village Independent Democrat Club, 224 West 4th Street, 3:00PM

MARCH 24--MARCH TO END THE U.S. WAR IN CENTRAL AMERICA--March from the Capitol to the White House--Contact CISPES, 514 Broadway #903-B, New York, N.Y.10012, (212)431-9251.

MARCH 30--ART AUCTION BENEFIT FOR RESIDENTS OF TENT CITY--Artists will donate their works for auction; homeless people will receive half the proceeds--at Max Fish Gallery, 178 Ludlow Street, 1:00PM. For info, call Marguerite at:982-7729

APRIL 22--EARTH DAY BLOCK CLEAN-UP--With GOLES (Good Ole Lower East Side) and the Green Guerillas--call Sandy at: (212)674-8124.

APRIL 23--SHUT DOWN WALL STREET--Protest against the corporations, banks and governments that are destroying our planet. For more info, contact Earth Day/Wall St. Action, P.O.Box 1128, NY, NY, 10011-1128, or call (201)846-5934.

MAY 5--17TH ANNUAL FIFTH AVENUE POT PARADE--Noon rally in Washington Square Park, march up Fifth Avenue to Central Park--Free music and herb!! Fight for your right to party!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

UNDERGROUND/POLITICAL/ALTERNATIVE VIDEO NIGHT--Wednesday nights at SABOTAGE BOOKS, 96 St.Marx Place, 8:00PM, donations.

FOOD, NOT BOMBS continues to serve home-cooked meals in Tompkins Square Park every Saturday evening at 10:00PM. For details, or if you can donate some food, utensils, etc, please contact SABOTAGE BOOKS, 96 St.Marx Place, (212)260-4010

POT LUCK DINNER/COFFEE HOUSE/FOOD BUYING CO-OP--Meetings Tuesdays at 7:00PM at 537 East 13th Street to grow food and to set up a food buying club for collective purchasing power.

OPEN MIKE SUNDAYS--ABC No Rio, 156 Rivington Street, 3:00 Sunday afternoons--Poets, artists, musicians, performers take turns on the audience. To take part, sign up early--

DID YOU HAVE HEAT AND HOT WATER THIS MORNING? You are entitled to hot water 24 hours a day and heat on cold days, and you are entitled to ask for a rent reduction for days on which you have no heat or hot water. GOLES (Good Old Lower East Side) has been helping tenants on the Lower East Side fight for their rights for 10 years. They can show you how to get repairs, stop landlord harrasment, improve building security, and fight evictions. Call 533-6727, or 533-2541, or the Tenant Protection Hotline at 677-5780, or come to 525 East 6th Street, New York, N.Y. 10009

MAKE MONEY SELLING THE SHADOW!! You keep 25 cents for each copy you sell. Call us at:(212)714-3783, or leave a message at SABOTAGE BOOKS, 96 St.Marx Place, (212)260-4010.

HOMELESSNESS AND HUNGER: HOW YOU CAN HELP--Volunteer directory available from: Community Care, P.O.Box 20178, NY, NY, 10028

REPRINT OF "THE STRANGE HISTORY OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY" By Jack Straw--available for \$2.00 cash from the SHADOW PRESS.

AMPHIBIOUS VEHICLES + TANKS NEEDED--for upcoming demonstrations. Please inquire c/o SHADOW, P.O.Box 20298, NY, NY, 10009

THE TOMPKINS SQUARE LEGAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE has been formed to provide legal defense for individuals and groups involved in the struggle for justice on the Lower East Side, in addition to providing self-help and legal advice. They are now fighting in court with the city's Corporate Council lawyers over the rights of homeless to use fire barrels to keep warm in the freezing weather. For more info, call(212)969-0185, or write them at: P.O.Box 20723, New York, N.Y.10009.

MICHAEL J.--HAPPY 20TH ANNIVERSARY!! What will you do after February 16th?

IF YOU KNOW OF ANY EVENTS THAT WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS, OR IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT TO PROMOTE, PLEASE SEND ALL DETAILS AND/OR PROMO MATERIALS TO THE SHADOW. OUR DEADLINE IS AROUND THE END OF THE MONTH FOR NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE.

COMMUNITY BOARD 3 MEETINGS:

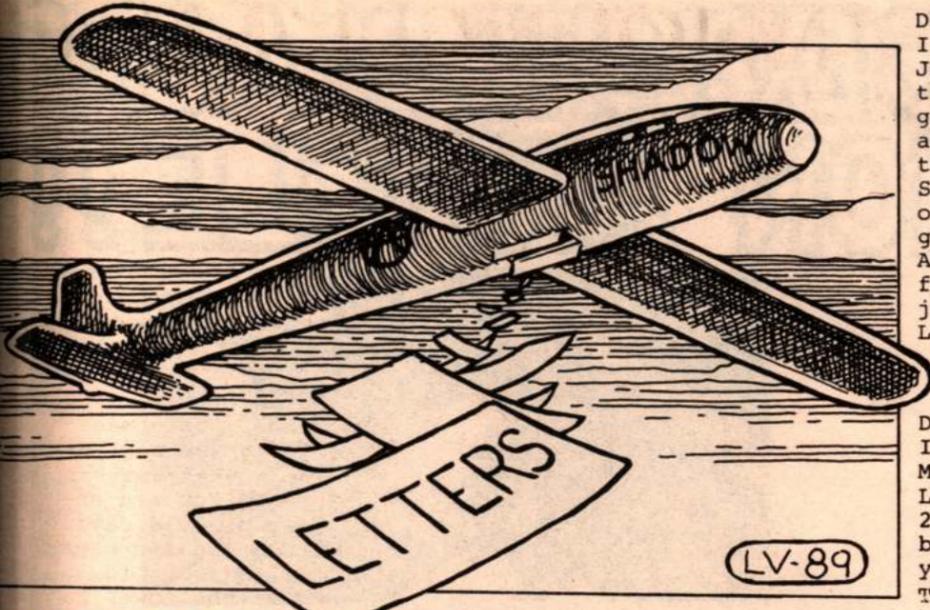
PARKS COMMITTEE--Feb.15, at University Settlement, 184 Eldridge Street, 6:30PM.--Agenda includes "Tompkins Square Park Renovation Plans"

DISABILITY + AGING COMMITTEE--Feb.21, at NYU Dorm Lecture Room, 75 Third Avenue, 3:30PM--Agenda includes "Cooper Sq. Committee's Resolution in support of NY Foundation for Senior Citizens-269-271 East Fourth St."--(This is the group that has taken the ABC Community Center away from the community, under the guise of "helping" the elderly, now trying to garner support from neighborhood housing groups tied to CB3) 2ND AVENUE TASK FORCE--Feb.22, at Village View Houses, 175 East Fourth Street, 7:30PM--Agenda includes "new peddler legislation-NYPD"--(This committee is chaired by the infamous ultra-right wing landlord Krystyna PiorKOWska, who lives right across the street at 172 East Fourth)



Krystyna PiorKOWska in a typically cheerful mood.

COMMUNITY BOARD 3 MEETING--Feb.27, at Cooper Union Great Hall, 7th Street at 3rd Avenue, 6:30PM--members of the public can sign up early to speak on any subject for 3 minutes. ** (Keep track of your own time because the CB3 time clock cheats everyone opposing their policies by one minute).



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REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY RESPONDS:

LETTERS:

Dear Editor,
I was surprised to see the SHADOW doing the FBI's work in your last issue! (SHADOW #8)

The article "My History With The RCP", sounded verbatim like it was of questionable origins. Firstly, anyone associated with the groups in the 60s, like the SDS (Students for a Democratic Society) and the old CP (Communist Party), etc, must also be well aware of the COINTELPRO attacks leveled against them. These were attempts to discredit them, and exacerbate rifts between them and their supporters. Secondly, the report given was as full of holes as Fred Hampton's bed--(Leader of the Chicago Black Panther Party who was murdered in bed on Dec. 4, 1968 by COINTELPRO operatives). No supporter of the RCP has ever physically attacked members of other radical left wing groups. This is self evident if you are familiar with the ideology of Marxism, Leninism, and Mao Tse Tung thought. The RCP takes great pains to ally itself with other groups, including Anarchists. The RCP is very principled and would not act in such an unprincipled manner. I challenge him to show me one example. Without the efforts of RCP supporters and others, the Helms' Degenerate Art Show would not have been pulled off. I noticed a SHADOW reporter at the opening, yet there was nothing in the paper. This is quite a contradiction with the statement that the RCP is pro-censorship in the SHADOW. But, the RCP is pro-censorship of racism, sexism, homophobia, and other bourgeoisie(sic) tools used to divide the people.

As for the SHADOW suggesting violence against the RCP, and disunity among the homeless activists, I think this is an irresponsible action. Why would the SHADOW, known for its excellent exposure of rabid pigs and imperialism, try to do the FBI's work for them? Right now, the RCP is under attack by the gov't because the RCP "does good work", and has won for is in the process of winning many important battles. If the situation was reversed, the RCP would support the Anarchists, not attempt to discredit them.

In unity,
Shawn Eichman

BOB McGLYNN RESPONDS:

Hum, an illiterate RCP'er is pissed. When in doubt, when one doesn't have an argument, when one can't answer charges, then one name calls. Criticism of Maoism (equals nazism) means one's a police agent sowing disunity? The RCP causes disunity among Anarchists wherever it goes. It has a history of this--they know what they're doing. As soon as they move on an Anarchist scene there is a schism between Anarchists unwilling to work with filth and liberal air-headed Anarchists willing to allow their scene be infiltrated and wrecked by the RCP once again. Plenty of people have told me they want no part of the Lower East Side political scene due to the presence of the RCP. Who's driving whom away?

The "questionable origins" of my article including knowing a hell of a lot of ex-RCP'ers. I can easily provide witnesses of RCP's physical attacks. The Village Voice recently ran a letter by me citing physical attacks by the RCP. They told me they couldn't run the letter without confirmation, so that was provided by one of the Voice's major writers who had witnessed one such attack.

Aside from demagogery ("Those who are against us are cops!"), a mark of a cult is an inflated sense of self-worth. The RCP always acts as though they are leading "the revolution", and therefore they are the subject of "attacks" by the gov't and other political groups. Neither has any bearing on reality. The RCP uses these claims to act as the innocent victim. Totalitarianism, whether it's left or right, must be destroyed. (by one minute)

Dear SHADOW,
I was horrified at the Wed. Jan. 24 pig attack on ABC. But they needed 130 (!) riot clad gun thugs to evict just 10 unarmed squatters??? Clearly, they fear you!
So, fight on, brave soldiers of the people! May your love grow and empower you always. And, as one arrestee, with fist raised, stated: "This is just the beginning!"
Love and smiles, Persephone

Dear Editor,
I am presently housed in the Maximum security section of the Louisiana State Prison, under 24 hour lock-down. This has been my plight for going on 3 years.
The conditions are very bad here, and the system can accomplish what they choose simply because there is no unity or solidarity on anything among the prisoners. Their goals are set on self-destruction, so the system has nothing to fear from the prisoners here at this slave camp because they are still waking zombies. Reading material is a must, and I can pass it on to a couple of progressive minds here at this unit... In struggle,
Nyati Bolt #72821
Camp-J-Shark-4-R-13
Louisiana State Prison
Angola, Louisiana 70712



TAD KEPLEY RESPONDS:

Shawn is pretty new to political confrontation it seems... otherwise she would've known better than to accuse us (the SHADOW, McGlynn, and me) of "doing the FBI's work." The RCP always deals with and responds to any criticism with lame-brained accusations of police collaboration. To brand us as police provocateurs is ludicrous. Of course, any "proof" would be welcome, and amusing as well... Such accusations, without proof, sound pretty "divisive" to me... who's "doing the FBI's work" now?

Shawn says: "No supporter of the RCP has ever physically attacked members of other radical left wing groups." Yeah? BULLSHIT. Get a clue, dork. I'll give you three: NBAU, ("No Business As Usual", an RCP front group that staged demos across the country a few years ago) sanctioned the REMOVAL of "undesirable elements" from demos by force, and they did; The RCP attacked Anarchists who heckled them at the Republican Convention in 1984; The RCP also attacked Catholic Workers members in L.A. several years ago, got their fuckin asses kicked, and then pressed charges. All these incidents were well documented in the underground press. In fact, the RCP has practiced so much violence on its ideological opposition that some of the more conspiracy-minded Anarch-types have wondered, quite rightly, whether or not the ENTIRE RCP is nothing but an FBI/COINTELPRO front. I wonder... Shawn says: "the RCP takes great pains to ally itself with other groups, including Anarchists". Sure, there is no doubt about that. The question lies with the motives involved in this supposed alliance... they aren't good. Typically, dummies can't lie, so the duplicitousness and hidden agendas of the RCP manifest themselves openly in half-crooked rhetoric like Shawn's. The reason they are willing to "work" with us is to show us "the true shining path to revolution" whilst making a few bucks on merchandise sales. Divide and conquer, comrade.

It is always fun to invoke the great names to scare away evil. Obviously and unfortunately, Shawn isn't familiar with the ideology of Marxism, Leninism and Maoist thought as she claims, or she'd know that their "execution" has meant Genocide. 50 MILLION in Mao's China in EIGHT YEARS. The RCP's official position is that these deaths were necessary in order to prevent the fledgling "People's Republic" from infiltration by counter-revolutionists. Lenin and Trotsky handed out summary executions to some forty thousand Anarchists alone. Go figure.
Shawn says the RCP isn't pro-censorship. They aren't, when it serves their purposes, especially wheedling their way into NEA Grants. The Degenerate Art Show farce was staged by "Refuse and Resist", an RCP front. It was a flop, as only RCP artists were allowed to participate.

Hi, I'm with you, info, info, info, please, the world needs help; physically, mentally, psychologically, emotionally, and the whole environmental and educational shit.
So anyway, let's share and relate, we've got to get ready, the worst is yet to come.
Connect. Thank you.
P.S. God is alive.
Write to: "Kemo"
112 Gaven
Collinsville, Ill
62234

SHADOW:
To create miracles, you have to be very clear about what it is you want. Then you have to hold the warrior's thought: you're going to reach your goal, no matter what confronts you, no matter where you are right now; nothing is going to be allowed to bump you off your course. By acting as if you've already attained the object or condition you desire you create such a powerful energy that you get what you want!!
From sympathizer who must stay away from overt involvement in squat movement

Dear Comrades,
As one revolutionary to another to the staff of the "great SHADOW" newspaper, I would advise you guys not to go public with your last names, because as you all know too well there are a lot of right-wing fascists and pigs that would love to have you guys rot in jail. Your phone can be bugged, do not let the pigs destroy your beautiful movement. Remember the words of "Carl"--"the state will stop at nothing".
In solidarity,
Comrade "E"

AMSTERDAM NEWS EXPLOITS BLACKS FOR "EXPLOITATION" ARTICLE !!

BY: PASQUALE BOURGEOIS

The January 27 issue of the NY Amsterdam News contains an article entitled "Lower East Side Blacks say they feel exploited", written by Betsy Herzog. Not only is it an obvious attempt to drive a wedge between Blacks and Whites who have been working well together on the Lower East Side, it is a classic "divide and conquer" tactic using distortions to shift public opinion against squatters and political activists (Black and White) on the Lower East Side. The intent of the article is more interesting when one considers who the writer and publisher are in relation to the Lower East Side.

The "writer" of this article on Black exploitation is a White woman who also works for WINS radio and writes for "The Villager" newspaper, which is currently facing a multi-million dollar lawsuit stemming from a libelous article written by Herzog. Almost all of her articles concerning political events on the Lower East Side and in the Tompkins Square area are damning, misleading, and slanted against activists, homeless rights advocates, and residents of Tompkins Square Park, the men's shelter on East Third Street and squatters of vacant city-owned buildings. She is also close friends with members of Community Board 3 and top cops from the Ninth Precinct, and she is always allowed behind police lines, using her WINS press pass when reporting for The Villager, even when other reporters with passes are not. She is also very close with members of the Third Street Block Association, composed of members of Community Board 3 and other politically-connected residents of East Third St, whose objectives include the closing of the homeless men's shelter on East Third St, and the removal of homeless people (mostly Black) from the Tompkins Square area. So just how impartial is she?

NY Amsterdam News publisher William Tatum isn't exactly impartial either. Especially when one considers that he owns several buildings on the Lower East Side, including East Third St. He and his caucasian wife Susan are members of the Third Street Block Association, with Susan as the group's Treasurer. Tatum himself joined the Block Association and CB3 members Antonio Pagan (President of the Block Assoc. and two other anti-homeless groups--BASTA, which also seeks to close the Third St shelter, and the "Tompkins Square Neighborhood Coalition", which called for the eviction of the homeless from the park), Marthe Danziger, Howard Helmsley and others in pressuring the Ninth Precinct Commanding Officer Captain Zakar to stop a voter registration drive and street fair sponsored by the Homeless Clients Advisory Committee that was set to take place at the Third St men's shelter in August of 1987. After meetings with Capt Zakar and Community Affairs Officer Richard Johnson in Tatum's newly renovated building at 2nd Avenue and East 1st Street, the permit was denied two days before the event. Only after a homeless man named Oscar Castro went before a Federal Judge was the event able to go on, but only for three hours instead, after which people were physically pushed off the block by waiting cops. (In spite of the reduced time, over 200 people--homeless, Black, White, Hispanic--were registered to vote.) Tatum's private meeting with Capt. Zakar to get the permit denied is actually a conspiracy to deny the civil rights of the homeless. (Maybe he is afraid of an organized voting bloc of homeless people.) Tatum also has ties to Black politicians, such as Percy Sutton, and David Dinkins, sharing at one time or another, interests in Black-owned and operated radio stations WBSL and WLIB. Who is really using Blacks for exploitation? Tatum, who owns and has interests in various media directed toward a Black audience for disinformation and distorting/influencing public opinion while using a White reporter to write about Black exploitation, or political activists that work with the homeless in demanding their rights?

Herzog interviewed some questionable people for her questionable article, including a man named "Raheem", who is not looked upon by anyone "as a leader", as she claims in her article. In fact, he was kicked out of several homeless groups by Black and White members over the past year before he settled in Tent City across from the ABC Community Center on East Fourth Street. As the weeks wore on, he took over the food kitchen and all donations of food and supplies and money given by people who had heard of the occupation of ABC in the news. After terrorizing homeless residents for weeks, he was finally removed forcibly from the site by Blacks and Whites who had been forced to a vacant lot nearby. Herzog apparently took advantage of this situation to get as many angry quotes as she wanted from him to substantiate the premise of her article. She seems to have exploited him for her article, knowing full well that he wasn't speaking for anyone (especially Black), except himself. Other Blacks interviewed by Herzog were angry when they read her article, saying that she used their words out of context, which changed their meaning altogether.

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BETSY HERZOG "ON THE JOB" WITH DINKINS LACKEY MICHAEL KHARFEN

Lower East Side Blacks say they feel exploited

By BETSY HERZOG

Several Lower East Side Blacks who have spent some time living outdoors and have concerned themselves with issues surrounding Tompkins Square Park and an abandoned schoolhouse recently retaken by political activists say the area's white political activists have exploited the Blacks.

Working under the guise of helping the "poor and oppressed," the so-called white leaders want the Blacks living in Tompkins Square Park to remain helpless, homeless, and drunk in order to further their own political causes, claim several Blacks who say they are now considered separatists by white activists.

"I don't believe any of them legitimately want to help the homeless," says Raheem, a Lower East Side resident. The 33-year-old man, neither homeless or homeless says he and a few friends are outdoors by choice, living in an empty lot on East 4th Street, across from an old school which is now occupied by political activists who are fighting the City over the building's future. While the activists, who want the school turned into a community center, are trying to make a statement about the homeless and the City's housing shortage, the City has plans to convert the building into housing for the elderly homeless with renovations set to begin in the spring.

"There's a big difference between us and them, across the street," says Raheem. "They are opportunists, many of them are flunkies for the RCPs and the RHOs (Revolutionary Communist Party and the Revolutionary Homeless Organization), who allow themselves to be manipulated by the RCPs," adding that it furthers their cause to have people living in the park.

Raheem, himself a squatter, and looked upon by some of the homeless living in Tompkins Square Park as a leader, has been living outdoors for over a month now. He claims the political activists have spent money trying to get people on their side "with drugs, herb, alcohol, and women." But Raheem sees through the "bulls-t" and doesn't buy their line. "I'm the only one out here encouraging people to help themselves. They don't like me because I'm Black with power and it scares them to death. I'm in the way of their cause."

The cause, or issue at hand, is the City's poor and the severe housing shortage while many City-owned abandoned buildings rot before they can be renovated and where landlords have warehoused thousands of

apartments, forcing rents up. But many Blacks in the area who have either been homeless or have come into the cause by helping take over Tompkins Square Park, their symbol of homelessness, and the Lower East Side's abandoned buildings question the honesty and legitimacy of the so-called white leaders. They are a varied bunch ranging from Revolutionaries from several communist factions to anarchists, and from priests to lawyers.

"The group has manipulated us," says Geo Ivey, a carpenter. "The Caucasians have always held up a Black face to get what they want. And what these people want is property for nothing." The 43-year-old man, a three time graduate of Outward Bound, calls the activists "knee grows." He says they "are not fully developed people and cannot think for themselves."

Mr. Ivey's idea is the "dollar-a-day plan." It calls for getting 100 people together to pay one dollar a day into a fund for three months. "At the end of the period, they'll have \$9,000. Let them go buy a building. Their cause is publicity," says Mr. Ivey, "no other cause."

But computer programmer and musician, Greg Gardner, who lost his apartment and spent the summer in Tompkins Square Park because of a drug problem then, believes the rhetoric can do more good than harm for the plight of the homeless. Gardner admits, "they are a bunch of politically motivated white people who are really seeking to further their own political beliefs and ideologies at the expense of the movement." But he noted the attention brought to the issue was more important.

Others, though, question the activists motives. Neighbors of the once sealed up schoolhouse on East 4th Street, broken into and taken by mostly all white activists, complain of the noise coming from the building throughout the night and morning hours, generated by loud parties and construction, while others living on the street or in Tompkins Square Park question where all the donations for the homeless have gone. "How can they hold parties if they don't have housing? It takes money for all these parties," says one neighbor who wants to remain anonymous.

The neighbor also claims to have witnessed a Black who recently begged to be let into the schoolhouse one evening so he could get some rest. But he was refused entry.

"All the leaders have stolen from us," claims Reggie Madden, better known as Gigilo. "It's all a political game and we're pawns." Gigilo, who works as a parking lot attendant and lives in Tompkins

Square Park estimates tens of thousands of dollars have been donated for the homeless people since the summer and feels the group could have bought a big loft with the money.

Gigilo's presence in Tompkins Square Park, he says, is a plea for housing and job training so people can begin to help themselves. But he adamantly refuses to be manipulated by groups such as the Communist Youth Brigade (CYB) and the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP), groups that have involved themselves and have tried to control Lower East Side politics and issues. Gigilo points out one occasion where the activists "came with firewood. It was the park fence. They left and went home and the Parks Dept. workers blamed us, the homeless for ripping up the fence." Gigilo also says activists tried to get the homeless in the park to go to the Libyan embassy to ask Khadafi for money. "But we're not going for that bulls-t."

Debbie Manigault, a 38-year-old homeless woman also living in Tompkins Square Park agrees the homeless in the park, mainly Black, have been manipulated by the white activists. "They're just making the situation worse for us. They only have their own interests at heart."

In an area where squats, illegal homesteads, are territorial, often warehoused and are run mainly by whites, Blacks isn't who you know and what you believe in to be allowed to live in a squat. "When it rains or snows," says Gigilo, "why don't they invite us to

stay with them? The homeless are here, not at the schoolhouse, or in the squats. The squatters have a roof over their head. And we're tired of being pawns in their chess game."

Geo, a self-employed carpenter who refuses to pay rent to the white landlords, but sends money home weekly to his wife and daughter, calls the activists "antagonists." "They run, and they do it again. They want to see a revolution. That's their purpose. They will only bring trouble for us."

White activists have exploited a cause, Blacks claim, to further their own cause and ego. "Anytime Blacks want to help themselves, they are called separatists because we want control over ourselves," says Geo, "and they don't want that. If it weren't for the Black homeless population in Tompkins Square Park, how would the activists be getting money?"

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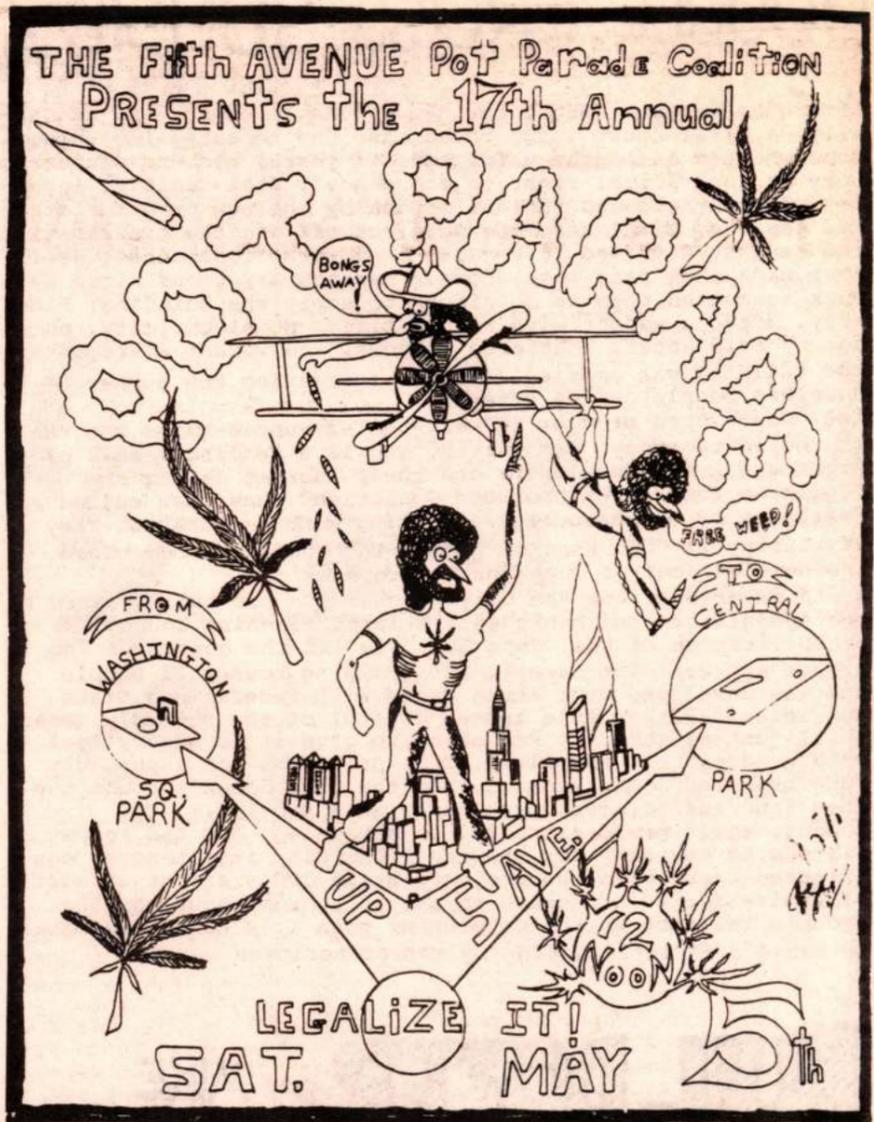
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problems with the sound system created long delays and a lot of people left. It was in the middle of the first speaker when the roar of another demonstration could be heard coming down St. Marks Place. 200 protesters from the ACT-UP "Stop The Church" demo at St. Patricks Cathedral earlier that morning had marched downtown to support us. A celebration of handshakes and high-fives broke out all around us.

For most of us the announcement came out of nowhere. A guy I hadn't seen around in about three weeks broke into the speaker as he was welcoming our new friends from ACT-UP and announced, "ABC has just been retaken. We are going to leave the park and march over to support this action. Follow me." Within a matter of minutes, the park was empty again. Those who remained stood around with blank faces and questions. "Who took ABC?" Finally the answer came down; the action was initiated by the Revolutionary Homeless Organization, a bogus RCP front group consisting of one of their party higher-ups, a member of their youth group and one homeless man from the park. Their slogan was, "Revolution is the hope of the hopeless." The brothers and sisters who first took ABC never regarded themselves as hopeless. They believed in the power of the people.

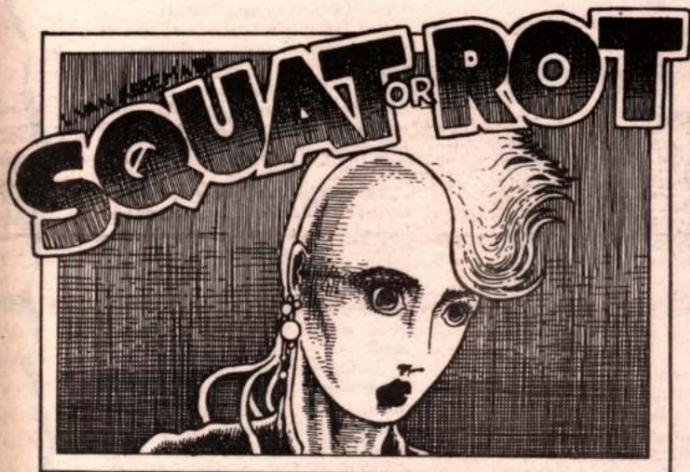
Afraid that the RCP was trying to take ABC from us, several other people, including anarchists and squatters, joined in the re-occupation. They dubbed themselves the ABC Occupational Force. In contrast to the first occupation, only 2 or 3 of the people involved were actually homeless. In addition, a round-the-clock police watch meant there was no going in or out of the building for the first two weeks. Relations within the building became a cesspool of bickering and political posturing. The so-called revolutionaries started by banning three key local activists from the building because, "We just didn't want to deal with them." Then they began turning away any homeless people from the park they suspected of having a drug or alcohol problem. Unable to comprehend how the harshness of living on the street can tempt many homeless people into taking an occasional flight from reality, these Revolutionary Communists excluded them from ABC outright. Those homeless men who were allowed in were subjected to a non-stop barrage of accusations by overbearing feminists. Sexism would not be tolerated, unless, of course some of the men complained that the women were not doing their fair share of the hard work. Weeks passed; the fighting never stopped, and work to prepare the building for its reopening as a community center never got done.

Those of us who stayed on the outside spent the next few days running between ABC and the park trying to keep on top of both situations. By the following Thursday, we were worn out and spread thin. The cops hit the park at 6:30 am. Realizing that no one was coming out to help them defend their homes, the homeless people in the park doused their tents with lighter fluid and burned them to the ground. By 11am only the scorched earth remained. It was then that the people in the park began to curse ABC.



Many of us who worked with the first ABC occupation expressed feeling compelled to support this re-occupation against our better judgement because we had continued to demand the return of ABC and most of us were still facing charges from the October 26th riot. Also, we had friends in the building, and we didn't want them to feel we had abandoned them. Like it or not, we were forced to work with the RCP. But ABC was no more than a symbol for the Maoists, a prop for them to hang their dogma over. They were far more interested in letting people know they were there than helping us open it up as a community center. In fact, when RHO first went into the building, they didn't even plan on being there for more than a few days. It was just a photo opportunity for them, great copy the Revolutionary Worker. They put our community center on the cover of their paper, and then asked us to pay a dollar to read how they distorted the truth to fit their party line. They refused to call ABC a squat. ABC couldn't be a squat because

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Remaining tenants fought the new owners in court, and eventually, a Civil Court judge ruled that the tenants, including some who had lived there for several years, had "no statutory or contractual right to occupancy". That decision legalized a wholesale and violent attack by the new owners against the tenants. Vital services were cut off and the owners said the tenants deserved it because they were "squatters", as if that made them fair game. Former tenants say goons hired by Buck assaulted them in an effort to empty the building. Finally, after a winter with sudden fires, no electricity, no hot or cold water, shattered windows, and vacant apartments, the building was emptied, (further increasing the number of homeless people on the streets.)

The owners then brought in well-heeled yuppie-types who run the building today. Sam Turvey, who is a leading member of a front group for developers and their lackies called the "Tompkins Square Neighborhood Coalition", has been called an "asshole" by his associates speaking with the SHADOW. They say Turvey is "the kind of person who would want to throw the homeless out of Tompkins Square Park".

4. An example of how the City acts like a pit bull trained by the speculators and banks is the Joint Planning Council's rehabilitation of the "Cube Building" at the corner of 2nd Avenue and East 1st Street. The building houses 22 people and was developed over three years with Federal and State subsidies. JPC was able to get control of the formerly vacant shell just as the City was about to give it to luxury real estate developers for \$1.00. (That price was for supposedly "unsubsidized" construction, but the City doesn't count the free land and forgiven back taxes as a subsidy.) Because their proposal relied on subsidies, JPC had to pay \$11,000 to the City for the deed. The City itself never contributed a penny to the project. While JPC's effort is worthy of praise for it's success in providing some housing, the group's reliance on the government ties it's hands and makes it subject to intimidation by the authorities.



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Private builders shun L. East Side plan

BY PETER GRANT
CRAIN'S NEW YORK BUSINESS

As the homeless shantytown in Tompkins Square Park swells, the city's program to create low-income housing from 300 vacant buildings on the Lower East Side is fizzling on the launch pad.

The idea behind the so-called cross-subsidy program was to fund the rehabilitation with the sale proceeds from city vacant land on the Lower East Side to market-rate developers. Mayor Edward Koch announced implementation of the program in January.

But the timing was terrible. The weak housing market and the deterioration of Tompkins Square Park have dampened private-sector interest in the area, raising questions about the program's

funding assumptions.

Meanwhile, city buildings earmarked for the program are crumbling. Many have been vacant for more than five years as city and community officials battle over their use. The city has also had to demolish six of them this year because they were in danger of collapsing.

City shying away

All this is happening at a time when the city seems to have abandoned its efforts to remove shelters set up in Tompkins Square Park by the homeless and fringe political groups that have made occupation of the park a cause. The Parks Department and police tore them down early in the summer, but have done nothing in more than a month.

As of last week, there were 47 ramshackle structures set up in the park, says Anne K. Johnson, the chairwoman of Community Board 3, which represents the East Village. Their inhabitants have turned Tompkins Square into a huge toilet and garbage can. Prostitution and drugs are rampant. "The people in the community can't use it anymore," Ms. Johnson says.

The city has been reluctant to act partly because of its painful memory of the 1988 police riot in Tompkins Square Park, precipitated by a city attempt to enforce

a park curfew. City officials say they also want to see signs that community residents and leaders want the shelters to go. So far the small but militant group of residents who support the occupation of the park have the loudest voices.

Looking for support

City Parks Commissioner Henry J. Stern agrees the situation is deplorable and says the city "is prepared to correct the situation." But he adds that the city "would like the support of community leaders and local elected officials."

Naturally real estate values have been depressed by the deterioration of the park combined with the general sluggishness of the residential market. "I've never seen a market take off so fast and

then die," says Debra Sillaro, who heads a real estate company by the same name. "Sale prices have dropped about 20% since early 1987."

The market was heading in the opposite direction when the city and community groups devised the cross-subsidy program. Officials at that time hoped that most of the funding for 1,000 units of low-income housing money could be generated from the sale of vacant city lots to private developers for 1,000 luxury apartments.

But the city's first effort to sell the lots has proven that this formula will not work. One of the three lots offered—at Suffolk, Stanton and Rivington streets—was not able to attract a qualified bid at the minimum price set by the city.

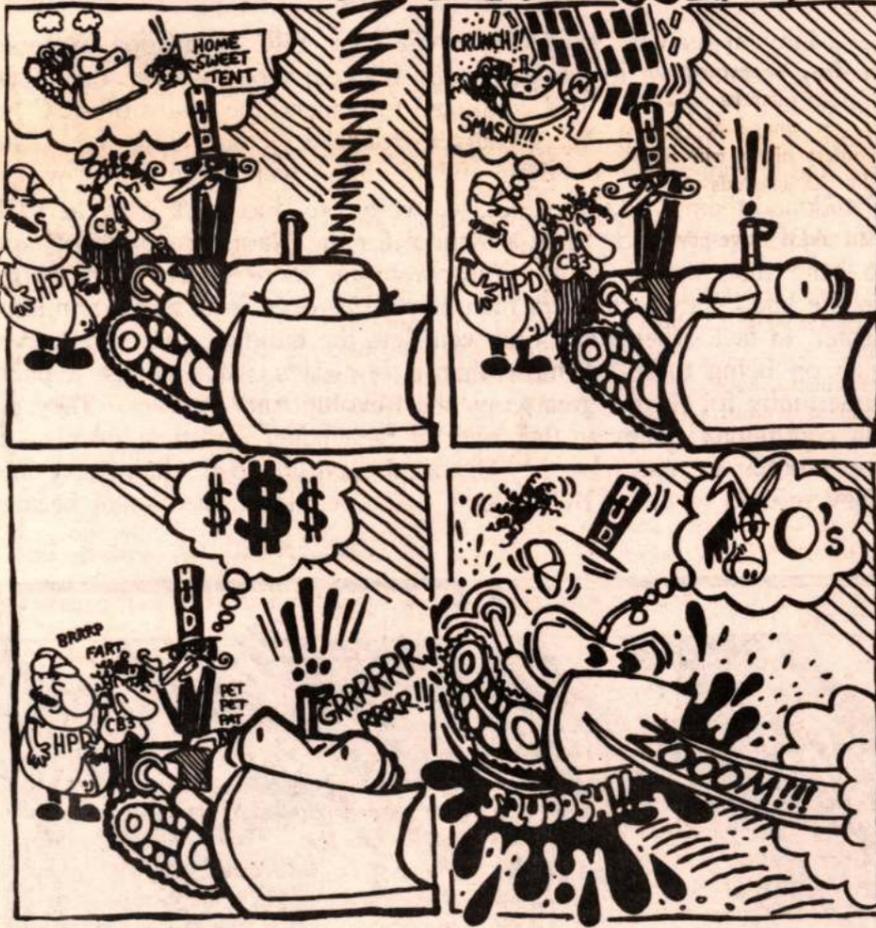
Another site at Avenue A and East 13th Street attracted a qualified bid from L&M Equity Participants Ltd., which has developed several Lower East Side properties. But L&M officials recently decided to back out of the deal because the market has weakened.

"When we first made the bid, there was a different real estate market out there," says Sandy Loewentheil, L&M president. "We've now made the decision to get out of free-market development and get into subsidized development."

A spokeswoman for the city Department of Housing Preservation and Development says the city is planning to rebid those two sites. She also says the city is moving forward with plans to rehabilitate the first 20 buildings for low-income housing. That work will be funded, in part, with the \$5 million of city funds that have been committed to the program, she says.

But the \$5 million set aside by the city would only be enough to produce 70 units of low-income housing. Without the successful sale of the market-rate lots, the program is doomed.

BULLDOZER BY MIKE JULIAN, D.I.



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The idea of democracy only works insofar as the mechanisms of democracy are correctly instituted and maintained. In this case 'the arm of democracy' is broken in at least three places, the elbow, the forearm, and the wrist. The government is structured to remove power from the people by two or three degrees; elections are rigged to favor monopoly parties; and the institutions of government are operated in monarchical fashion. That is why the people say- t'aint no democracy here! *It's the illusion of democracy.* To borrow an aphorism from the baseball-head Reaganoids, "Ya can't hit a homerun when ya run yer arm through a meat-grinder- MEATBALL!"

But don't give up! Or as Abe Hirschfeld said when he ran for governor against Mario Cuomo, "DONNT GEEVE OP!". THE WHOLE THING'S COMPLETELY ILLEGAL ANYWAY! From the City Charter to the State Constitution, and even the Federal Constitution itself- *America's various levels of government have been hoisted on to its citizens with neither their knowledge nor participation* (as we've proved in previous issues of "the Shadow"). The single exception to this rule is the State Constitution of Massachusetts and there's a dead rat in the pot up there too.

As Patrick Henry said when he found out that 'somebody called a meeting' and illegally cooked up the document that eventually became the U.S. Constitution (by shoving it down the throats of the uncomprehending public) "Who gave them the right to say, 'We, the People'?"

THE HYPE

It may be stated in the following manner: The Constitution proceeds from the whole people; the people are the original source of all political authority exercised under it; it is founded on broad general principles of liberty and government entertained, for some reason, by the whole people and having no reference to the interest or advantage of any particular group or class.

THE REAL DYNAMIC FACTORS IN THE CREATION OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

THE DISFRANCHISED

In an examination of the structure of American society in 1787, we first encounter four groups whose economic status had a definite legal expression: the slaves, the indentured servants, the mass of men who could not qualify for voting under the property tests imposed by the state constitutions and laws, and women, disfranchised and subjected to the discriminations of the common law. These groups were, therefore, not represented in the Convention which drafted the Constitution, except under the theory that representation has no relation to voting.

Nevertheless, in the election of delegates to the Convention, the representatives of personality in the legislatures were able by the sheer weight of their combined intelligence and economic power to secure delegates from the urban centres or allied with their interests. Happily for them, all the legislatures which they had to convince had not been elected on the issue of choosing delegates to a national Convention, and did not come from a populace stirred up on that question.¹ The call for the Convention went forth on February 21, 1787, from Congress, and within a few months all the legislatures, except that of Rhode Island, had responded. Thus the heated popular discussion usually incident to such a momentous political undertaking was largely avoided, and an orderly and temperate procedure in the selection of delegates was rendered possible.

In no state, apparently, had the working-class developed a consciousness of a separate interest or an organization that commanded the attention of the politicians of the time. In turning over the hundreds of pages of writings left by eighteenth-century thinkers one cannot help being impressed with the fact that the existence and special problems of a working-class, then already sufficiently numerous to form a considerable portion of society, were outside the realm of politics, except in so far as the future power of the proletariat was foreseen and feared.¹

When the question of the suffrage was before the Convention, Madison warned his colleagues against the coming industrial masses: "Viewing the subject in its merits alone, the freeholders of the Country would be the safest depositories of Republican liberty. In future times a great majority of the people will not only be without landed, but any other sort of property. These will either combine under the influence of their common situation; in which case,² the rights of property and the public liberty will not be secure in their hands, or, which is more probable, they will become the tools of opulence and ambition; in which case there will be equal danger on another side."³

So far as social policy is concerned, however, the working-class problem had not made any impression on the statesmen of the time. Hamilton in his report on manufactures,⁴ dismisses the subject with scant notice. He ob-

serves that one of the advantages of the extensive introduction of machinery will be "the employment of persons who would otherwise be idle, and in many cases, a burthen on the community, either from bias of temper, habit, infirmity of body, or some other cause, indisposing or disqualifying them for the toils of the country. It is worthy of remark, that, in general, women and children are rendered more useful, and the latter more early useful, by manufacturing establishments, than they would otherwise be. Of the number of persons employed in the cotton manufactories of Great Britain, it is computed that four-sevenths, nearly, are women and children; of whom the greatest proportion are children, many of them of a tender age." Apparently this advantage was, in Hamilton's view, to accrue principally to the fathers of families, for he remarks: "The husbandman himself experiences a new source of profit and support, from the increased industry of his wife and daughters, invited and stimulated by the demands of the neighboring manufactories."

I. A government endowed with certain positive powers, but so constructed as to break the force of majority rule and prevent invasions of the property rights of minorities.

II. Restrictions on the state legislatures which had been so vigorous in their attacks on capital.

If we examine carefully the delicate instrument by which the framers sought to check certain kinds of positive action that might be advocated to the detriment of established and acquired rights, we cannot help marvelling at their skill. Their leading idea was to break up the attacking forces at the starting point: the source of political authority for the several branches of the government. This disintegration of positive action at the source was further facilitated by the differentiation in the terms given to the respective departments of the government. And the crowning counterweight to "an interested and over-bearing majority," as Madison phrased it, was secured in the peculiar position assigned to the judiciary, and the use of the sanctity and mystery of the law as a foil to democratic attacks.

It will be seen on examination that no two of the leading branches of the government are derived from the same source. The House of Representatives springs from the mass of the people whom the states may see fit to enfranchise. The Senate is elected by the legislatures of the states, which were, in 1787, almost uniformly based on property qualifications, sometimes with a differentiation between the sources of the upper and lower houses. The President is to be chosen by electors selected as the legislatures of the states may determine—at all events by an authority one degree removed from the voters at large. The judiciary is to be chosen by the President and the Senate, both removed from direct popular control and holding for longer terms than the House.

A sharp differentiation is made in the terms of the several authorities, so that a complete renewal of the government at one stroke is impossible. The House of Representatives is chosen for two years; the Senators for six, but not at one election, for one-third go out every two years. The President is chosen for four years. The judges of the Supreme Court hold for life. Thus "popular distempers," as eighteenth century publicists called them, are not only restrained from working their havoc through direct elections, but they are further checked by the requirement that they

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Amateur Hour

Will the Council ever learn?

As downright depressing as it sounds, the student councils in Gotham's schools probably have a greater respect for democracy than the New York City Council. Just examine Council Speaker Peter Vallone's lackluster choices for key committee chairmanships. Or Councilman Arthur Katzman's insensitive remark about kids published just after he was picked to head the Education Committee. Or the lightning fast passage of council pay raises without sufficient public notice or a real hearing. Or the committee rule cutting required monthly meetings from two to one.



Vallone

In just 14 days under the new City Charter, Vallone & Co. have racked up an abysmal record. Our discontent hit a new low Wednesday when New York Newsday reported that Bronx Council-

man Jerry Crispino, the new chairman of the Land Use Committee, accepted campaign contributions from a contractor *before and after* that donor pled guilty to a racketeering charge. Does a pol who only decided this week to refund those contributions have the independence and judgment to preside over big-time, sensitive land-use decisions?

Not likely. Crispino, as we've noted, was miscast for this role: As a lawyer he derives part of his income from real estate, creating the potential for conflicts of interest. And a third of his campaign donations come from real estate or related interests. Never have the pitfalls of picking committee heads based on geography, seniority and clubhouse politics been clearer.

What about Vallone's other appointments? Do public school kids, most of whom are black and Latino, deserve an Education Committee



Crispino

chair who says minority kids appear to have "no liking of learning"? Absolutely not. It's not too late for Vallone to rethink the Crispino and Katzman appointments.

Rather than mimic the voting habits of a pre-Gorbachev Politburo, Vallone & Co. ought to bone up on Jeffersonian democracy. If they're serious about honing their decision-making skills, they must learn to put ability and intellect ahead of geography, seniority and clubhouse politics.

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must last six years in order to make their effects felt in the political department of the government, providing they can break through the barriers imposed by the indirect election of the Senate and the President. Finally, there is the check of judicial control that can be overcome only through the manipulation of the appointing power which requires time, or through the operation of a cumbersome amending system.

Certain tentative conclusions emerge at this point.

Large and important groups of economic interests were adversely affected by the system of government under the Articles of Confederation, namely, those of public securities, shipping and manufacturing, money at interest; in short, capital as opposed to land.

The representatives of these important interests attempted through the regular legal channels to secure amendments to the Articles of Confederation which would safeguard their rights in the future, particularly those of the public creditors.

Having failed to realize their great purposes through the regular means, the leaders in the movement set to work to secure by a circuitous route the assembling of a Convention to "revise" the Articles of Confederation with the hope of obtaining, outside of the existing legal framework, the adoption of a revolutionary programme.

Clearly delineated by Professor Charles A. Beard in *An Economic Interpretation of the U.S. Constitution*, Macmillan, 1913

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the RCP didn't support squatting. Squatting is too individualistic, too anarchic! They even removed the squatter symbol from one of our leaflets and replaced it with some generic X-mas picture. I never got over the feeling that what the RCP was taking our dream about ABC and running it into the ground with all their rhetoric and authoritarianism. "It's more important that we keep ABC than for you to fight with the communists," was what my friends kept telling me. I went along with the program, but this new occupation was becoming too much like a "vanguard party" for me.

A schedule of classes was finally released and posted through the neighborhood. While the offerings listed were impressive, in the end it was always the same. 2 or 3 cops and a truck load of police barricades were enough to intimidate those involved from opening the front door. Anyone wanting to go in or out had to be smuggled in through the back, over two tall fences. The re-occupational group was convinced that opening the front doors would give the cops an opportunity to seize the building. Rather than take the risk of losing ABC, the front doors were kept tightly sealed effectively locking out both the community and the cops. As long as the community was locked out, ABC was in contradiction with what it had set out to become.

The day the cops finally came for ABC was a mild January morning, no snow or freezing rain to blame for the small turn-out. Battalions of cops broke from a pre-dawn strategy briefing and took the building with relative ease. Blow torches cut through the front door in short order. Police dogs sniffed out the locations of everyone in the building. The 10 people caught in the school were arrested and charged with criminal trespassing. Only 3 people were arrested trying to oppose the police action. The swarming angry mass of people that showed up on October 26th, never came together. By 4 pm we had lost the school and both lots across the street (the ABC Support Camps) where another 20 people were living. The homeless people packed up their carts and moved on. The cops lied and told them, "If it wasn't for the anarchists and communists, we'd let you back into the lots." The press was calling us everything from thieves to satanists to cannibals. The reason we had fought for ABC was lost in the muddle of lies.

ABC is gone now. It is being gutted and remodeled into a shelter for senior citizens. If, by some miracle, you survive to see your 65 birthday in the shelter system, the city will let you stay therefor up to 9 months. For \$5 million, they could have built them some *real housing* across the street. They didn't have to take down ABC; it was solid. I taught a class in that school, so I still feel that attachment, but I know next time I'll see it again is when I'm 65. Those of us who set out to build a community center run by and for homeless people were deeply saddened to see ABC lost. Then there are those who got involved in ABC merely to "play insurrection," get arrested and get their picture in the paper. For these people, ABC was a huge success. I'm sure they are very proud of themselves.

STAN MACK'S REAL LIFE FUNNIES SPIN CONTROL C.10



AMSTERDAM NEWS EXPLOITS BLACKS!

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Herzog tried to support the claim that ABC's neighbors were against the occupation by quoting "anonymous" people complaining of all night noise "generated by loud parties and construction", and she further claimed that homeless people living on the street or in the park and neighbors of ABC all wondered "where all the donations for the homeless have gone", quoting one mysterious "neighbor" as saying "It takes money for all these parties." In reality, there was no construction at ABC, other than rubble removal, which was done very quietly. The only "parties" at ABC were on xmas eve and New Year's eve. The electricity was free, having been hooked up from the street, the food was all donated, and the bands played for free. No money was involved, since none was needed. In fact, no money has been donated to the homeless on the Lower East Side, or received by anyone acting on their behalf, except at literature tables set up by homeless persons (once again Black, White and Hispanic) around the park and at ABC Tent City. To insinuate that White "leaders" are stealing money collected for Black homeless people is more bullshit on top of an already distorted article. (What makes Herzog think Blacks need "leaders" anyway?) The only donations have been in the form of food, clothing, blankets, and wood for fires, which is all that the homeless have asked for anyway, beside a decent place to live!! All of ABC's neighbors on East Fourth and Fifth Streets supported ABC with donations of food and supplies, happy that the squatters and homeless had gotten rid of the junkies and dealers that were in the building (with no help from police). In order to justify their raid on ABC on January 24, the pigs had a few people complain to the mainstream media about ABC residents using their rear yards to get into ABC. These few complaints were picked up and emphasized by the media. All of them, including Herzog, failed to point out the massive support in the neighborhood for ABC, (without which ABC could never have been held). Could it be that truthfully reporting on this support would have weakened her exploitive "exploitation" article?

There are no "leaders" of the homeless, Black or White, but there are people (Black, White and Hispanic) who have been more outspoken and active than others who are hesitant to confront the authorities and stand up for their rights. Does this mean that activists are exploiting those who are less active? Does this mean that White "leaders" are exploiting Blacks? Anyone familiar with the real scene on the Lower East Side knows otherwise. Granted, some activists are not homeless, and there have been members of the "Revolutionary Communist Party" trying to "organize" people, (unsuccessfully, since no one is interested in political parties or programs), but that doesn't nullify the issues homeless people are concerned with.

As a result of homeless activists, the 1:00AM curfew in the park was suspended, the bathrooms have been kept open for 24 hours, and fire barrels have been allowed (by court order) to keep people in the park warm.

As the homeless and their neighborhood supporters have fought together in several police actions over the past year, the issue of homelessness has received a lot of attention, instead of being swept under the rug by the Mayor's office. By citing racist "exploitation" that does not exist, Herzog only further serves the political agendas of those people that she and Bill Tatum are associated with. Obviously, the only Blacks being "exploited" are those who believe the lies of the Amsterdam News.'

Speaking of Betsy Herzog and "The Villager", they are currently facing a \$20 million dollar lawsuit brought by activist attorney Stanley Cohen, arising from an article written by Herzog covering the eviction of homeless residents from Tompkins Square Park on December 14. In her article, she said that an unnamed person formerly living in the park says that Cohen gave money to buy lighter fluid that was used by the homeless to burn their tents in the park, and that Cohen denied the allegation. In fact, she never spoke to him at any time. Included in the suit are "The Villager", Armstrong, and of course, Herzog. Cohen's intention is not to make money, but to make "The Villager" "accountable for the lies they print". He adds, "The press has a responsibility to get the facts straight and not use their powers contrary to responsible journalism..." If the suit is successful, the money will go to the "Tompkins Square Institute for Responsible Journalism" and the "Tompkins Square Legal Defense Fund". Maybe Herzog's "friends in high places" will help pay for her legal defense, and the final settlement, seeing how she has served them so well.



IT'S OUR FUCKIN' PARK!!!

KILLER KOP PLAGUE CONT.

... since Newark and Watts, since Detroit and Harlem, since the popular uprisings which is the handwriting on the wall for vulturistic capitalism which will only prey on the poor for so long...

Sadly, Louis and Jose (and Robert Cole too, 13, murdered with an empty gun in hand) are innocent victims of war that has been going on for quite some time.

Reforms don't work. Years of struggle for police review boards and dozens of lawsuits have not resulted in any real change. The police are occupying armies in the streets of poor communities. They can't be reformed any more than the US Marines.

In general, the problem of police violence is one which will never be solved if we attack it hierarchically alone. In other words, advertised demonstrations that target City Hall or One Police Plaza etc. are futile. Other than possibly gaining some publicity, seeking to force the bosses on top to make changes below by way of demonstrations is bound to fail (as it has).

The answer is the people themselves! The communities which are victimized must take primary responsibility for dealing with the violence of police in their communities. The State won't do it! Most importantly, we must attack police violence where it takes place - in the streets of our neighborhoods! We must see the problem, or more specifically, the solution to the problem, horizontally, relying on ourselves, where we live, to solve this problem, rather than the bosses who benefit by it.

Some say we should call for the disarming of the police. Some say this is foolish. Rather, the point is that unarmed, victimized youth are facing police guns, being snuffed out by paid pig mercenaries. Until this system takes the guns out of the hands of the racist police WE MUST DISARM THEM OURSELVES! Until social evolution in the US eliminates the police as a violent force of oppression, and surely this will one day happen, we must do everything that we can to stop it. Not to do so is to be an accomplice to murder.

Practically speaking, what can we do? We must defend ourselves, our families, friends and neighbors against rampant police violence, brutality and abuse. We must make real the idea of community self-defense, using any and all means necessary. There is no reason for some bully cops to rough up or even

verbally abuse one of our community with hundreds of us standing around watching! We must develop popular military tactics designed to neutralize the violence of the police, to protect the people, to guarantee the safety of our community.

We must educate ourselves regarding the history and political function of the police in a city such as ours. Through the use of posters, art-work, pamphlets, radio, public forums, we must clarify and demystify who and what the police really are, subverting the authority they claim and abuse with a badge. We should publish the names and addresses of key police leadership, particularly violent cops, as well as photos of the undercover slime who roam among us.

Lastly, we must break old habits. Old habits of relying on the police to protect us, of calling on them (911) when there is a community conflict. We must solve our own conflicts and break the hold of the police in our minds. They are fascists. We must get strong. Teach the children..So that they may live!

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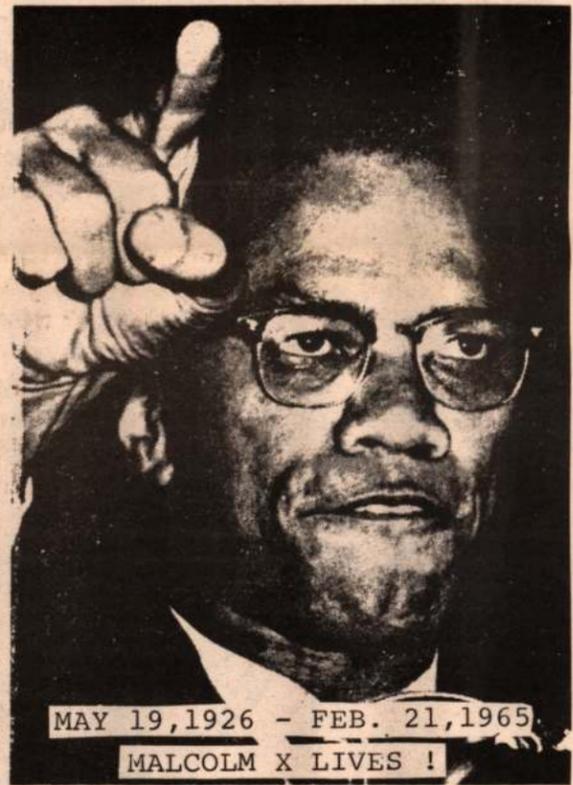
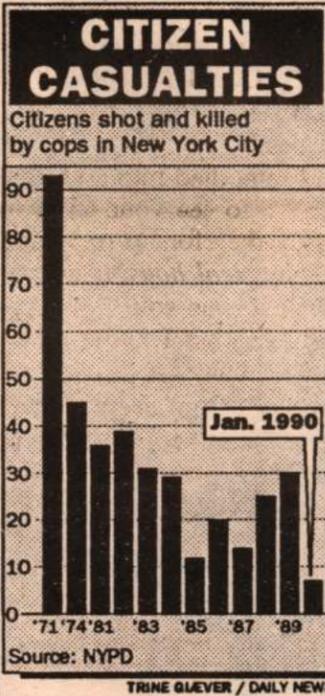
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As for suggesting violence, sure, why not? Common sense self defense, if you ask me. (And you did). None of us at the SHADOW has backed down from the current blue-badged cretins, so why should we kow-tow and compromise ourselves to adhere to the brainwashed moralism of those whose very ideology is built on our destruction? Almost a century of "Marxist" genocide seems like a good reason to strongly challenge those who espouse such tripe. As I stated in the unedited version of my article: "My favorite way to deal with all authoritarians who would attempt to change my life without my permission in the name of "law and order", "decency", or "the people", is at a distance--four feet of baseball bat." I stand by that.

Anyway Shawn, you plod through your rhetoric, calling us liars without once deigning to refute our points. Typical... so, in the spirit of fairness, to allow the local cadre of the RCP to further expose their stupidity, (and hopefully jolt some of their flunkies back into reality), I invite any representative of the RCP to engage me in PUBLIC DEBATE in an open forum. Put your bullshit where your mouth is, suckers. If the RCP would like to answer my challenge, they can do so in care of the SHADOW. Also, an SASE to 151 First Ave, #62, will get you an unedited copy of the first piece, in all its long-winded glory.

Divisively,
Tad Kepley

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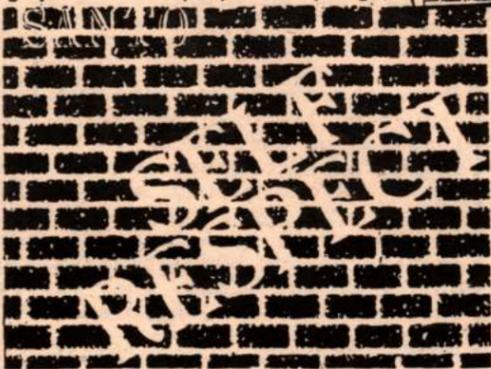
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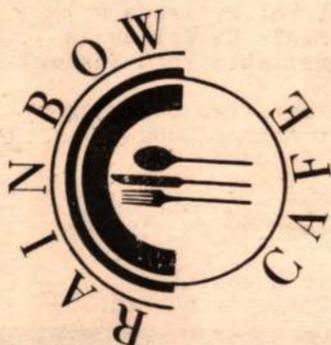
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