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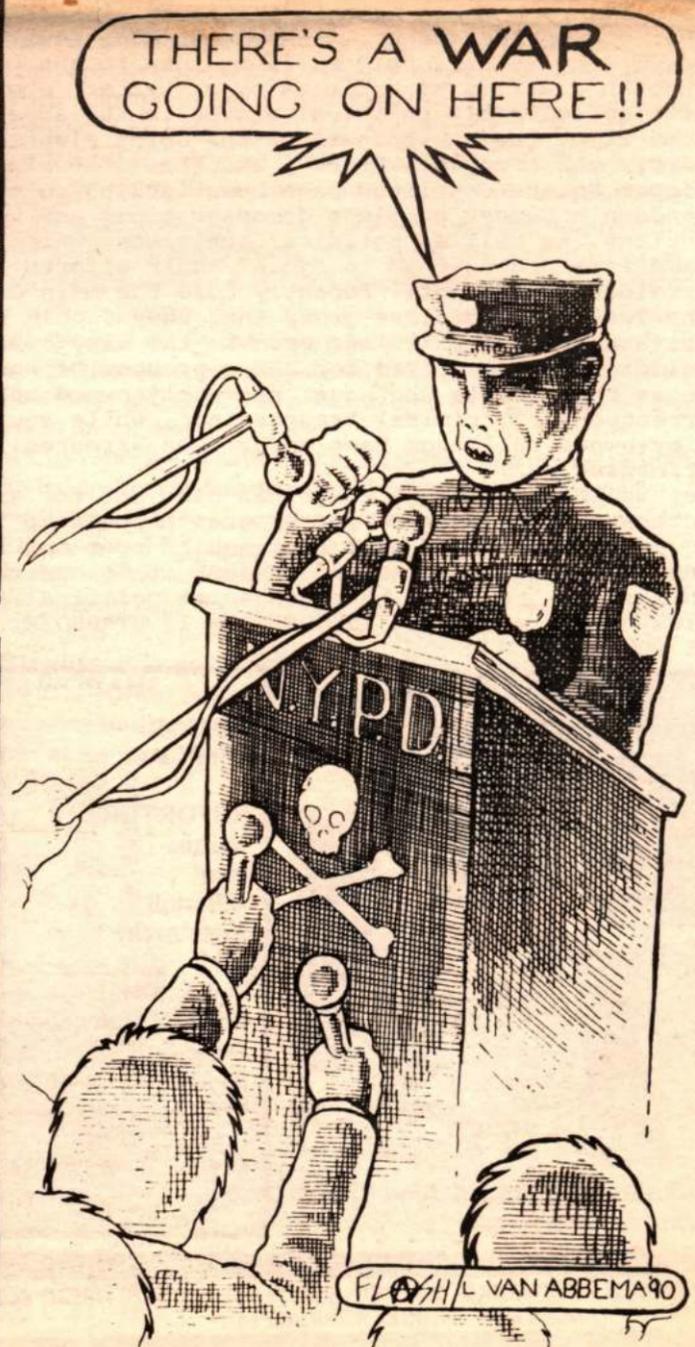
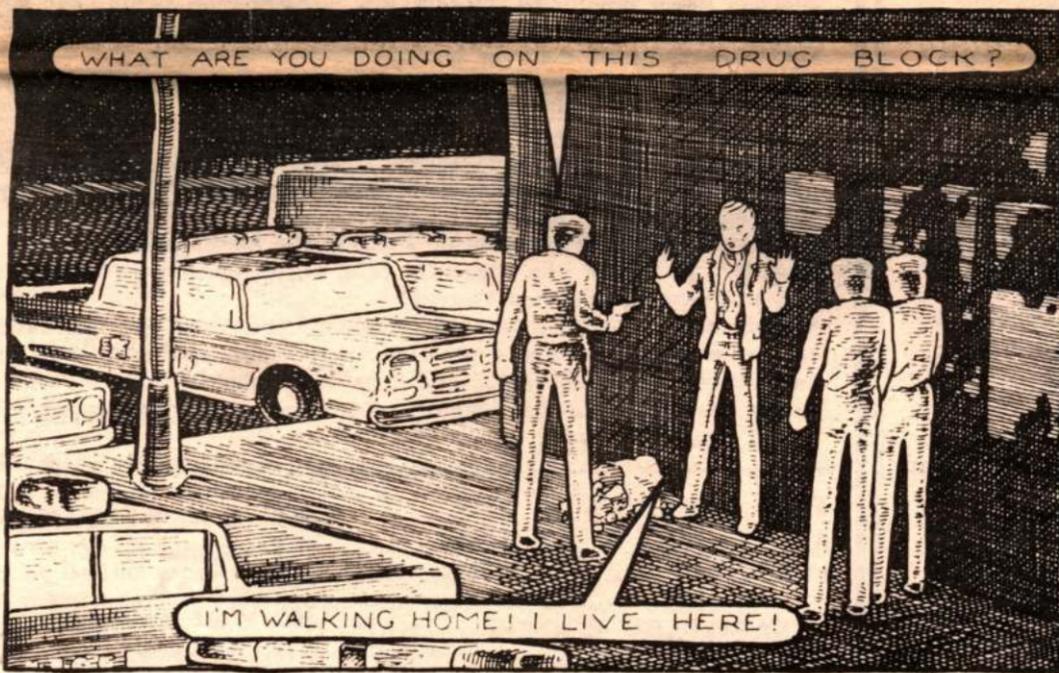
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POLICE STATE ON THE LOWER EAST SIDE!!



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"I think your newspaper sucks--and so do you!!"--
TNT PIG ON EAST NINTH STREET
TO SHADOW REPORTER

THE SHADOW IS 1 YEAR OLD!

With this issue, the SHADOW is officially one year old!! We came about mostly as a result of the distorted news reports of the mainstream media on the August 1988 Pig Riot in Tompkins Square Park, and because the Lower East Side had no real alternative and counter-cultural voice since the early 1970's to tell what was really going on. So, in the same vain as the underground newspapers East Village Other (EVO) and the R.A.T., we set out to do just that.

In the past year, we've been learning a lot as we've been reporting on local news. We were just learning what role certain Community Board 3 members played in the Pig Riot; we have learned about how many "community" housing groups claim to speak for everyone else while fighting each other for the all-mighty Federal Housing Dollar; we've also learned of the Grand Master Plan for the Lower East Side as we are seeing the pieces being fitted into place by the city and real estate interests. This was the real purpose of the Riot and the subsequent arsons, evictions and demolitions near the park.

We're looking at our second year with a mixture of high hopes that things will get better on the Lower East Side and some suspicions that we can expect more of the same shit we got last year from the city and their thugs in blue. By now, the people of the LES see things very clearly, thanks to the Pig Riot, and they should be ready to act to protect their neighborhood as the new administration gears up its real-estate development machine.

Already, part of the park has been destroyed in the name of "renovations" and there are murmers coming from Community Board 3 (no doubt from the same members who caused the Riot) about re-instating the 12:00 curfew in the park. Remember, the curfew was one of the factors that led to the Pig Riot in the first place!! The new shit rag on the street, "lower east side news", is attempting to sell this bullshit idea to the public through a series of articles by a "writer" who has ties with questionable political groups in the area. At the same time, the "newspaper" of the Joint Planning Council (JPC), the "People's Press", and the "housing" group Cooper Square Committee have been issuing edicts that condemn homeless people's demonstrations and housing actions, as well as political activists, while at the same time urging them to "join" their efforts. JPC president Val Orselli recently told the main organizer of the Tent City homeless group that they should squat in privately-owned buildings because the city-owned buildings are reserved for JPC's groups. Of course, he knows that people who squat privately-owned buildings get arrested for "criminal trespassing", while squatters of city-owned buildings have never been arrested for "trespassing"!!

So, it looks like the stage has been set for another interesting summer. No matter what happens in the months to come, the SHADOW will continue to root out the truth and uncover corruption and present it to our readers. Unlike some rags, we have no secret political agendas. As always, our motto is: INFORMATION IS STRENGTH, KNOWLEDGE IS POWER!!



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SHADOW WIPES "lower east side news" BULLSHIT ARTICLE BY THEIR ASSHOLE "WRITER" STEVEN VINCENT:

SIX DIRTY LIES EXPOSED!

(What follows is a point by point response to yet another twisted, disinformative and inaccurate "article" "written" by Steven Vincent for the "lower east side news". This moron spews his distorted bullshit on their front page as if he was "writing" a news story, but this is his soap box, from which he spouts the party line for the various nefarious people and groups he is involved with on the Lower East Side. Meanwhile, he attacks the homeless victims of city policy and pig brutality, and he attempts to discredit the political activists trying to do something about it. On top of that, he claims that the activists "have a hidden political agenda"!! Somehow, this mindless shithead has been able to get his lies printed by New York Newsday and In These Times, which until his article, was considered a fairly accurate progressive national newspaper. Since printing his shit, both of those papers have received a storm of criticism from people who know the facts. We at the SHADOW believe that the best way to fight scum like Steven Vincent is with the facts and lots of exposure, so everyone will know where he's coming from!! Every item labelled "FALSE" is quoted by Steven Vincent in his "article" "From Midnight To Dawn". Every item labelled "TRUE" is the truth, which always runs counter to anything Vincent "writes"!--Editor)

FALSE: "Every inch of New York's 20,000 acres of park land is regulated by an 11 PM to dawn curfew -- except Tompkins Square Park. But no community ever voted for this."

TRUE: On June 15, 1988, when the Parks Committee of Community Board 3 met, according to CB3 member Philip Van Aver, two members of the Ave. A Block Association -- Donna Ellaby and Jeanette Zelhof -- brought up the issue of closing the park. The issue was discussed and rejected... The issue of a curfew was raised again at the June 28, 1988 general meeting of CB3, despite the fact that it was not on the agenda, which is contrary to the procedural rules of CB3. A tape of the meeting had key sections erased, admittedly by CB3 District Manager Martha Danziger. CB3 does report the following text for the June 28 motion:

"The matter was discussed in the Parks Committee report and referred to new business. The Ave. A Block Association requested a letter of support from CB3 for police presence at Tompkins Park..."
The motion never mentions a "curfew"! Nevertheless, the vote was 25 to 0 with 4 abstentions, presumably on the above motion (all discussion of which has been erased). We may never know.

So how would Stephen Vincent or anybody else know, unless Martha Danziger, the person who erased the tape, knows something that she hasn't told anyone except Stephen Vincent?
Besides, how can Vincent say "no community ever voted for" not having a curfew, as if they had had a say when the city implemented it in all of the parks only a few years ago? Could it be that Tompkins Square Park's curfew has been suspended because the community decided for themselves that it should stay open?

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EDITORIAL

FALSE: "The police, meantime, reaffirmed their promise not to disturb the homeless."

TRUE: During the course of 1988, the year of the attempted curfew and infamous police riot, the number of homeless people sleeping in the park increased to nearly 200 by June. Many were refugees from Washington Square Park, driven out by a special federal model park "clean-up" in early '87, coordinated by Mayor Ed Koch with Ed Meese's Justice Dept. as part of the so-called War on Drugs. At the same time, George Bush's "Arms for Coke" pipeline was flooding poor neighborhoods in cities like New York with crack and crack-induced violence.

From Steven Vincent, not a word about genocidal plans against homeless people - he thinks the police are here to protect him from homeless people. And you know he's right.

FALSE: "...elected officials involved [in Tompkins Square Park's curfew battle] refuse to acknowledge that the persons [sic] who have sought to instigate confrontation, both with the Community Board and the police since at least March 1988, are currently sitting on this [Tompkins Square Park] Task Force and are the persons [sic] who are dissuading the legitimate residents of the community from attending the meetings of this task force and expressing their concerns and desires." - (from the so-called minority report of the TSP Task Force, authored by Krystyna PiorKOWska, a well-known neighborhood fascist and landlord.)

TRUE: Krystyna PiorKOWska, who made the above quoted charges, exposed her true political leanings when at one Task Force meeting she accused curfew opponents of being "under the shadow of the hammer and sickle". In fact, the Task Force was made up of other CB3 members, and only a handful of neighborhood residents. To present PiorKOWska's allegations as fact without first checking them out is typical of Vincent and the "lower east side news". In fact, that rag quotes PiorKOWska so often that one would think she runs the paper!!

FALSE: "Already it was clear that the situation in Tompkins Square Park was out of control. Induced by Anarchists and radio station WBAI, hundreds more homeless had poured into the park, along with them wood, tenting material and other supplies." - (Vincent on the park during Summer 1989.)

TRUE: Vincent, who had just finished calling homeless supporters "undemocratic", accuses WBAI, anarchists, the SHADOW and homeless supporters of inducing a riotous situation in TSP. This is clearly a form of twisted right-wing logic commonly called "blaming the victim". Tens of thousands of homeless people (half are children) are forced into shelters and streets. Hundreds of homeless people choose to live in a world-famous park that gained its notoriety from heroic resistance of its residents to a brutal police attack aimed at closing the park. But not one word about the police attack from Vincent, you'd never know that the community is fighting a war, not against the homeless, but against fascist gentrifiers and their lackey spokesmen, such as Steven Vincent.

FALSE: "On July 4 a second riot nearly erupted when police half-heartedly attempted to dismantle "Tent City" "

TRUE: It looks like Steven Vincent hasn't been reading his SHADOW back issues. On July 4, there wasn't a confrontation between the homeless people in the park and police. July 4, 1989, was the first Independence Day following the Supreme Court decision legalizing flag burning. That day a mob of fascist pro-America skinheads attacked a well-known activist at the Anarchist Switchboard, putting a 20 stitch gash in his face. Some of the skinheads, as reported in the Village Voice, were told by police that "nobody attacking anarchists would be arrested that day".

The confrontation Vincent mistakenly placed on the 4th began on the next day, July 5th. The police admitted they decided to clear the homeless out of the park because activists defending the homeless would be at a pro-choice rally in Union Square Park at the same time. The so-called "half-hearted attempt to dismantle "Tent City"" by police actually occurred on July 8th. But Vincent writes as though he heard about what happened fourth or fifth hand. The police and Parks Dept. Enforcement Patrol repeatedly battled hundreds of well-disciplined and determined homeless people and their supporters from the squats and throughout the city.

To tens of thousands of people in this city and many more in the whole country, the events of July 8, 1989 were a wonderful beacon of hope. And even more than that, the action was successful and Tent City gave a little bit of humanity to a tiny number of homeless people.

But Stephen Vincent doesn't see what Tent City means--all he sees is his own bitterness because his side lost. When he says the cops' attempt was "half-hearted", does he mean a "full-hearted" brutal, merciless assault like August 1988 would have been better?

FALSE: "We felt our community leaders were unwilling to address problems in the park," explains Sam Turvey, one of the founders of the [Tompkins Square Park Neighborhood] Coalition."

TRUE: Sam Turvey (see SHADOW #9) is a founder and spokesperson of the TSPNA. He's a yuppie lawyer from Queens who lives in a luxury co-op across from the park, in 131 Avenue B, which once housed low-income families and elderly poor people. He made his stake with a \$50,000 condo at 72-74 East 3rd Street, a building sold for \$1.00 to commercial developer and former Mayoral candidate Henry Hewes. He took his \$100,000 profit from the deal and bought his present Avenue B co-op.

(Other TSPNA spokespeople are Antonio Pagan, who has been questioned in connection with the HUD/D'Amato scandal, and right-wing landlord Krystyna PiorKOWska.)

In fact, the only "problems" seen in the park by people like Turvey and the other minority right-wing gentry scum he has joined with, are the homeless people that yuppies living across from the park could not avoid seeing every day from their windows. One of the reasons for paying such high prices for their yuppie flats was the expectation that Tompkins Square Park would be included as their backyard. Unfortunately for them, the people already living here don't want to go along with their plan.

Stephen Vincent would have done better to carefully study the SHADOW, at least he might have gotten his dates correct. Vincent's article had no new information, very few facts of any sort, and a large number of factual errors that create a pattern of deception, aimed to dehumanize and dismiss the majority of people on the Lower East Side.

JPC = HPD!!

On February 19, the Joint Planning Council ("JPC"--an umbrella organization of several local housing groups, including the "Cooper Square Committee") held its' widely publicized rally and march to the N.Y. Post with the stated purpose of protesting the warehousing of apartments by the Kalikow family, which owns many such buildings, as well as the Post newspaper.

After a short rally outside of the Kalikows' buildings at the corner of 10th Street and Avenue B, the marchers, which included many groups outside of the JPC, such as the Tent City crew from Tompkins Square Park, made their way downtown to the N.Y. Post with a police escort. Once there, they were corralled behind police barriers that were set up ahead of time several hundred feet away from the building entrance. After a series of speakers, including a representative from Councilwoman Friedlander's office, everyone clapped and cheered and then politely made their way home. (Once again, a staged demonstration that only channelled and re-directed the energy of it's participants).

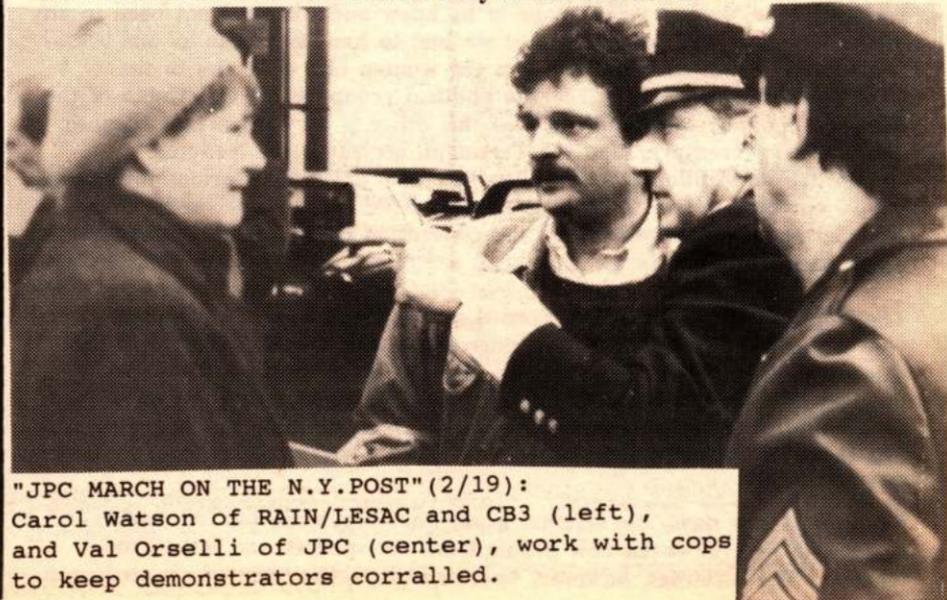
This march was, however, unique in that despite many differences, many groups marched together to express their anger toward a common enemy. The group from Tent City, which advocates squatting and other forms of direct action to end homelessness, joined with the "officially recognized" housing groups such as RAIN/LESAC, and JPC, that have been trying to stop the efforts of squatters in occupying city-owned buildings (sometimes to the point of using goons to terrorize squatters in residence).

This was an effort by Tent City to join together instead of competing with JPC for empty buildings on the Lower East Side, and it seemed to be a good idea when the Tent City crew was asked to participate in the march. This illusion was short-lived, however, with the next issue of the JPC's newspaper "People's Press". Editor Valerio Orselli attacked the activists working in and around the park, calling them "self-styled Anarchists". He even criticized them for opposing the Federally-funded projects slated for La Plaza Cultural (the neighborhood's only "People's Park"), and the site of the ABC Community Center, even though he knows both projects have been tied to a corruption scandal involving Senator D'Amato and the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). After all that, he ended the editorial by urging community residents to "Unite and Fight!"

About one week later, the Tent City group, in a continued effort toward building solidarity, invited Val Orselli to join them in a planned demonstrative "take-over" of an empty warehoused building at 13 East Third Street. Not only did Orselli decline, he also appeared at the site as scores of police took positions along the street to prevent the demonstrators from doing anything. Orselli told them they should go after some privately-owned buildings instead because his group had this building, adding that they "should have known better". He even had his own keys to the lot next door!!

Maybe the Tent City crew should have known better than to trust Orselli and JPC (which uses its' position to contain political activism and individual initiative, for which they seem to be rewarded with vacant and therefore WAREHOUSED city-owned buildings!!). The Cooper Square Committee quickly issued a statement condemning Tent City's demonstration, and urged people to report squatters (who they alluded to as "intruders") to the police!! (Now we know who told the cops to be on Third Street for the demo!!).

The actions of Orselli and his group JPC have shown their true intentions. In their mad frenzy to acquire as many vacant city buildings as possible, they will do anything, including smiling in the faces of those they oppose while stabbing them in the backs at the same time!! They cannot be trusted!! ●



"JPC MARCH ON THE N.Y. POST" (2/19): Carol Watson of RAIN/LESAC and CB3 (left), and Val Orselli of JPC (center), work with cops to keep demonstrators corralled.

THE REAL STORY BEHIND THE "UNION OF THE HOMELESS" By Ventra

So there can be no mistake, we want to emphasize that this article is written with great respect for the sincere and legitimate grassroots people, formerly of Tompkins Square Park's Tent City, who are now involved with the "Union of the Homeless". It is an attempt to pass on the experience of homeless people with the "Union of the Homeless" in New York City in the winter of 1986-87.

The first organizing attempt of the National Union of the Homeless in New York City began in late 1986. Two national organizers leafletted around the city, staged rallies, and contacted residents of welfare hotels and shelters and squatters at Shantytown on the Lower East Side. They eventually formed an organizing committee of several dozen people to plan for the founding convention of the NYC chapter of the Union of the Homeless.

At this time in NYC, small groups were already getting together in the shelters and hotels to protest abuses and to demand better living conditions. Squatters on the L.E.S. were also organizing and effectively stopping illegal evictions of squats. These groups were unaware of each other. Eventually, they would have made contact with each other and gotten together on the basis of their common struggle on the homeless front. (They would have certainly combined forces for a more effective struggle.) A city wide independent grassroots network would have naturally formed. Some were already thinking in this direction.

What happened was that key people in these groups were gathered together prematurely by the Union of the Homeless before they naturally met through the enlargement of their struggles. Even so, this was a very powerful coming together. Those grassroots people in the organizing committee for the convention felt very strong and hopeful about forming a citywide organization. The meetings for the convention were very inspiring. Those of us in the committee felt a lot of solidarity with each other. Most were from the shelters and hotels. Many of us knew or could figure out that there was a political group behind the organizing effort. It did not seem to matter because we felt powerful enough together and it did not seem that any group would succeed in controlling us.

So, we organized for the founding convention in November 1986. We were told by the National Union that we had to choose a candidate for President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. These candidates would be presented as the organizing committee's recommendation for election at the convention. Some of us did not see the necessity of officers. The committee had been working fine without them by discussing everything together. Some of us thought that having officers might destroy the collective nature of our work with the officers making the decisions. There was also another problem. There were going to be 2,000 people at the convention who were getting together for the first time. Was it right to ask these people to vote for candidates that they did not even know? In the end, the majority in the committee agreed to choose our candidates with the hope that the right to remove officers by re-elections would guarantee grassroots control over the NYC Chapter of the Union of the Homeless.

The convention was held at Riverside Church. Busses to bring shelter and hotel residents were provided by several labor unions as well as HRA (which runs the notorious NYC shelter system). Most people who came did so with the promise of a free chicken dinner. As they entered the church, they were registered as members of the NYC Chapter of the Union of the Homeless. This bothered many of us, but we were swept away by the powerful energy of a room full of 2,000 homeless people.

The National Union controlled the convention. Just before the election of officers, we were informed that the National had replaced two of the committee's three candidates. Only our presidential candidate, James Bond, remained on the list. Our V.P., a Latino male, was replaced by another Latino male with the excuse that we needed a Latino as one of the officers. We did not protest this because we also liked the replacement candidate. Our Secretary-Treasurer, a hard-working guy from the Bellevue shelter, was replaced by a woman whom none of us knew and who had not been to any of the meetings. We were told that we had to have a woman as one of our candidates. It became apparent that the woman had close ties to the Communist Labor Party (CLP—the political group behind the Union of the Homeless). Later, we found out that this office is very important because the Secretary-Treasurer, not the President, serves on the National Committee in addition to controlling the money. We had serious misgivings, but in our enthusiasm for the convention, little protest was raised. These three candidates were elected at the convention by people who knew nothing about them.

The National President, Chris Sprowl, gave a great speech, saying "this is your union". There was an open microphone for a while. There was the chicken dinner and music. Then we all went home. Some of us were shocked that there was no discussion about what we were going to do and no attempt to actually organize the people there for on-going activities. The lights at Times Square read "NYC HAS UNION OF THE HOMELESS."

In the next few days, the original group that organized for the conference, along with several dozen new people from the shelters and hotels, met together. The meetings, however, were not to discuss what we wanted to do

but to carry out a plan of actions already decided on by the National and in which we had no say. We were told these actions were mandatory or we would be thrown out of the National Union. This of course stirred up a lot of fear, confusion and discontent. The first action was around money for job training. We were to go to various labor union offices, stage sit-ins and demand millions of dollars from each union. We came very near to getting arrested for some of these actions, which were designed to be confrontational. None were successful. We alienated labor unions that might have been receptive to more friendly overtures. People were getting demoralized and dropping out. None of us saw job training as the main issue anyway.

At this point, most of our energy became directed away from our organizing in the shelters and hotels. All our efforts were now going towards actions set up by the National Union, which had little to do with our most pressing needs as homeless people, such as fighting abuses in the shelters and hotels and, above all, obtaining housing. This was a crucial point. Those who had been key organizers in the shelters were singled out and kicked out of the shelters. They were later housed by L.E.S. squatters. At no point did the National or C.L.P. members support or initiate any action to house homeless people, including the Union members thrown out of the shelters and hotels for organizing.

More and more people stopped going to the meetings. We began to notice who the C.L.P. members in the group were. They had everything already planned and set up—even where their office would be. It was not to be in a neighborhood accessible to the homeless and the community. It was on Wall Street. Questions concerning where the money was and how much we had received were never answered. Our President, Alfredo Gonzales (originally our V.P. who became President when James Bond suddenly and suspiciously disappeared) was blocked from going to the National Convention. Only by a real struggle did he actually make it. Unlike a normal political group which requires that members agree on a certain program before joining, the C.L.P. tried to get officers of the city chapters of the union to join the C.L.P. without discussing or agreeing on the C.L.P.'s political positions.

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**BASH THE RICH TOUR!
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ANTI-WAREHOUSING? COMMUNITY RECONSTRUCTION!!

BY
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"The banners of large anarchist contingents, usually present in past demonstrations, were conspicuously absent."

Downtown Magazine
article on anti-warehousing march

WAREHOUSING 10% OF PROBLEM

"We have a million unit deficit of housing stock in the State of New York."

Richard Higgins, State Commissioner
of Housing

Most of Higgins' 'deficit' is, of course, occurring in New York City. Approximately 100 000 apartment units are currently warehoused for speculation by NYC landlords. Anti-warehousing legislation, if successful, forces these apartments onto a highly inflated rental market. Little appreciable effect will be seen on the general 'market'. This approach, though well intentioned on the part of some, not only has little chance of success due to legal barriers, but does not address the two fundamental problems:

- 1) the Landlord/Tenant housing system itself, a feudal hangover, and
- 2) the rapidly accelerating implementation of a twenty year old federal plan to depopulate America's inner cities through urban 'renewal', massive demolition, lock-outs of entire neighborhoods by the War On Drugs, the dynamiting of public housing projects, and the emergence of the modern 'poorhouse' network: City Shelter systems and their extension into the countryside via the closing of military bases for the purpose of 'housing the homeless', these 'conversions' now being funded by the McKinney Act.

MONOPOLY CONTROL OF HOUSING STOCK MUST BE BROKEN

Despite the fact that the Landlord/Tenant housing system traces its historic and philosophical foundations to the Divine Right of Kings and the Feudal Era, it continues by inertia, decade by decade, to dominate American society. Over a ten year period, a family paying \$800 per/month for a rental unit, invests over \$100,000 for which they receive not one square inch of property nor one penny's worth of equity. The complete idiocy of this arrangement should be apparent to all, not to mention its immorality as one of the chief forms of 'legal larceny' by which the public is robbed on a monthly basis.

The primary mechanism responsible for the sky-high price of rental units has been the systematic diminishing of housing supply through co-op conversions, City and corporate policies of redlining, raising property tax assessments to impossible levels, continuous arson, demolition of entire neighborhoods, warehousing, neglect and destruction of acquired City properties, etc. *Reduction of supply raises price.* The 'successful outcome' of these policies has created the present crisis of homelessness and impossible rent levels. Two questions must now be answered:

- 1) How to build or release housing units on a sufficient scale so that *supply equals demand* and the 'just price' is achieved, and
- 2) How to convert the thousand year old Landlord/Tenant housing system into a just and equitable Alternative System worthy of the Third Millennium we are about to enter.

Instead of attempting to adjust the archaic Landlord/Tenant housing system about the edges, the anti-warehousing movement ought to examine and debate methods for its rapid or gradual *conversion to a just system of universal home ownership minus speculative possibilities.*

SQUATTERS' RIGHTS AND THE MEANING OF 'SQUATTING'

By independently squatting and renovating a number of city-owned abandoned residential properties, the 'squatters movement' has taken the initiative of permanently removing a substantial block of property from the Landlord/Tenant system and the speculative real estate market. Squatter properties as a whole now form what could be described as a de facto 'Land Trust' of affordable housing created from deteriorated brownstone shells and costing, in most cases, less than \$10,000 per unit.

Squatting an expanding number of properties is one important inroad for the evolution of a housing system beyond the reach of government management, inflated construction costs, and feudal economic coercion. Squatting is thus one part of the 'gradual approach' to dismantling the Feudal Housing System by removing greater and greater pieces of it into an emerging Alternative System. When combined with new ideas of Community Reconstruction (described below), and legislative or revolutionary attacks on the present system, the problem can eventually be solved.

FOILING THE RACIAL AND ECONOMIC APARTHEID PLANS OF THE GOVERNMENT

No neighborhood should be 'gentrified'. Spatial Deconcentration plans, described above, hinge on the ability of economic, political, and military powers to relocate populations from their present concentrated positions in inner-city neighborhoods. Stay where you are! The homeless will lose if they allow themselves to be continuously herded about. The strategic position of the homeless in Tompkins Square Park, if it can be maintained and better organized, will eventually force the Government to relent and allow the homeless to create their own homes, along with squatters and other groups previously targeted for deportation.

ANTI-WAREHOUSING STRATEGY FLAWED

Zoning and community planning are even more fundamental questions for the Lower East Side than the question of warehousing. Any developer's attempt to abrogate the general seven story zoning limit can and must be defeated! By cleverly 'co-opting' a certain umbrella group of politically connected 'housing organizations', namely the Joint Planning Council, in 1987, MAJOR REAL ESTATE INTERESTS, acting through the City Administration, are now forcing the Lower East Side to accept the breaking of the seven story zoning limit *as a matter of policy.* By the withholding of funds for the rehabilitation of hundreds of city properties that the City itself had both sabotaged and neglected, the City cajoled the Joint Planning Council to abandon its principles regarding the introduction of major high-rise developments into the neighborhood.

The City Administration cleverly introduced the idea of 'linkage', a time-worn negotiating ploy, into the debate. Suddenly it became necessary for the Joint Planning Council and Community Board Three to allow new luxury developments above the seven story limit for *any funding whatever to be released* to rehabilitate the older abandoned properties. These properties were, of course, the only housing that would be conceivably affordable by 80% and more of the general public! This 'linkage' within the City's proposals was actually a form of EXTORTION and the people who hatched this plan should be *in jail* for their role in the genocidal War on the Poor now raging on every level. At the time of the 'Memorandum of Understanding' between the Koch Administration and Community Board Three, 1987, it may have appeared to the Joint Planning Council that this plan, the now famous 50/50 PLAN, was 'the best they could get'. In fact, the Joint Planning Council was the willing victim of clever strong-arm tactics on the part of MONOPOLY REAL ESTATE INTERESTS then controlling the Koch Administration, and now controlling the Dinkins Administration through the shell-game of Democratic Party politics. For this and other reasons, the '50/50 PLAN' is nothing but a carefully crafted act of DECEPTION best suited to 'the ashcan of history' in the severe, insidious atmosphere of the 1990's housing crisis.

THE 'ANTI-WAREHOUSING MOVEMENT' AND ITS LEADERS

Many of the same members of the Joint Planning Council and Community Board Three, who were so thoroughly duped in 1987, are now 'leading the charge' in the current Anti-warehousing Movement. This is an attempt to pass City-level legislation to force landlords engaged in speculation to place their warehoused rental units back onto the inflated rental market. As I've stated, this approach does not address the fundamental problem itself: the Landlord/Tenant housing system; how to surmount it, and rapidly or gradually eliminate it. In addition, even if anti-warehousing legislation is successfully adopted, present absurdly high rent levels would remain substantially unaffected. There is however, no chance at all that the legislation would be upheld in the State Courts. That's why, despite all appearances, the City Council just might pass it! The State Supreme Court ruling on SROs handed down last autumn, held that the City could not force landlords to maintain their hotels as hotels. What makes these 'leaders' of the Anti-warehousing Movement believe the courts will uphold landlords being forced to maintain their rental apartments as rental apartments?

MORE OF THE FACTOR

BY NASHUA

IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE ABC COMMUNITY CENTER:
HOW THE NEW YORK FOUNDATION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AVOIDED
THE PUBLIC HEARINGS REQUIRED FOR CITY LAND USE

After Public School 105 at 269-271 East Fourth Street (which was to become the ABC Community Center) was abandoned by the city, various proposals for use of the building by local groups were turned down by the city. This included the Board of Estimate's denial to "The Displacement Center For Families", and Community Board 3 (CB3)'s denial of support to "Harry Dance in Musical Theatre", to buy the building.

According to a chronology released by CB3, the City Department of General Services (DGS), which had proposed auctioning the building in 1983, decided to hold the property in 1986 until the completion of the Cross-Subsidy Plan. However, in 1987, when yet another group, the "Lower East Side Community School", requested the property, the DGS postponed the auction.

Beginning with the Koch Administration, after the city nearly went bankrupt, it became deeply involved in promoting private business interests in New York City. Organizations that were formed, such as the "Public Development Corp.", virtually eliminated the distinction between the public and private sector, particularly in the area of real estate.

One of the city's tools used to achieve privatization is called an RFP, or "Request For Proposal". CB3, in trying to distance themselves from the maneuvering over the building, says its Economic Development Committee (which includes the now infamous police agent and right-wing landlord Krystyna PiorKOWska) demanded the issuance of an RFP.

The Dept. of General Services denied CB3's request because the city believed that the sale of the building to a NOT-FOR-PROFIT group would violate requirements that an RFP could only be used for what DGS called "Economic Development". ("Economic Development" being in this case a euphemism for turning over public property to private business interests. The RFP process itself allows the city to choose developers without having to award contracts exclusively to the lowest bidder in a competitive bidding process).

THE NEW YORK FOUNDATION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

According to documents acquired through the Freedom Of Information Act (FOIA), by 1987 the New York Foundation For Senior Citizens (NYFSC) was running into stiff resistance from Community Board 11 in East Harlem for a planned senior citizen project sponsored by NYFSC and funded by the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)'s Section 202 Program for Senior Housing.

David Burns, a HUD economist based in New York City, told the New York Times that NYFSC obtained the Section 202 money after he was pressured by friends and cronies of NY Senator Alphonse D'Amato into approving the project and the site.

CB11 Chairwoman Betsy Colon says that NYFSC was unwilling to compromise and consider allowing a local group to run the proposed senior housing project. In October, 1988, only days after NYFSC was turned down by CB11 in a unanimous vote (with only two abstentions), George Dalley, staff director for Congressman Charles Rangel, received a letter from NYFSC director Linda Hoffman. Hoffman's letter answered a request by CB11 for more information on whether or not the Section 202 project was "site specific". ("Site specific" means that the HUD money can only be used for a particular location that is not transferrable). In her letter, Hoffman said "I have spoken to Martin Sckalor, Director of HUD's office of housing, who has confirmed that if the sponsor changes the site, the money goes with the sponsor to the new site."

However, a spokeswoman for the city's Department of Housing, Preservation and Development (HPD), Catie Marshall, says that none of the Section 202 HUD money from the proposed East Harlem NYFSC project is being used to renovate the abandoned school building on East Fourth Street. A January 31, 1990 statement from HUD (also acquired through the FOIA) says "approval has not been granted for an alternative site" to NYFSC. The HUD statement specifically points out that neither the Fourth Street school or a site at 78-92 Ridge Street (both within CB3 and both NYFSC projects) have gotten any HUD money.

According to HPD's Marshall, the NYFSC project slated for the site of the ABC Community Center will be funded from the city's own Capital Budget. The Capital Budget is the fund that is supposed to pay for improvements and upkeep of the city's roads, bridges, sidewalks, and other infrastructures. The bones and arteries that hold the city together have suffered because the Capital Budget was seriously neglected during and after the near bankruptcy of New York City in the mid-1970's. As a result, structures like the Williamsburg Bridge have been closed and steam and water pipes have been bursting with alarming frequency. The Capital Budget is currently facing a deficit of more than a billion dollars.

Former HPD Commissioner Abraham Biderman has said the city's so-called "Capital Budget Homeless Housing puts Not-For-Profit service providers into the transitional and permanent housing business". He was quoted in a slick public relations pamphlet distributed by HPD called "The Ten Year Plan". The pamphlet makes the case for a Koch Administration program to supposedly spend \$5.1 billion on low income housing construction. In 1986, Koch announced that "by 1993, every single vacant city-owned building that can be rehabilitated will be rehabilitated..."

In an exclusive interview with the SHADOW, former Right to Life mayoral candidate and real estate developer Henry Hewes confirmed that the thrust of construction on the Lower East Side will be shifting from luxury condominiums and co-ops to government-subsidized housing because of the city deficit and stock market collapse. Hewes also lays the blame for the shift on the neighborhood people themselves. He said "It's terribly difficult to work on the Lower East Side because any effort to provide for a mixed range (luxury) development is rejected (by the community)...the opportunity to rebuild the Lower East Side has been lost to the downturn in real estate...there will be more subsidy housing on the Lower East Side".

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NEWS FLASH

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In this country's climate of anti-drug hysteria, this is a very unpopular belief. Even so, a rational person would defend our right to express this point of view. However, this year, during the 200th anniversary of the Bill of Rights, an unprecedented attempt to silence our unpopular point of view is spreading across the country and the world. The recent Operation Green Merchant DEA sting involved drug enforcement agents seizing customer lists from HIGH TIMES advertisers in an attempt to close down HIGH TIMES. This unconstitutional attack hurt us financially but we have survived. In Canada, sale of HIGH TIMES carries a \$100,000 fine and a six-month prison term. In small cities in Arkansas and Montana, law enforcement officials have threatened anyone caught reading HIGH TIMES with an automatic six-month jail term. In Ohio, a bill has been introduced to ban the sale of HIGH TIMES.

It is especially ironic that, as conservatives like William Buckley and George Shultz have called for a saner drug policy involving decriminalization or legalization (the same drug policy we've advocated for fifteen years), other so-called conservatives seem determined to eradicate our freedom of the press. We are asking you to consider what is happening here, and present the facts to your audience: readers, listeners, or viewers. In a free society, we should be allowed to present our arguments, and the people should be allowed to decide their validity--not the government, local law enforcement officials, or local pressure groups.

You can help preserve the integrity of our constitution by presenting our facts in an unbiased manner. Set up an interview with Steve Hager, the editor in chief of HIGH TIMES, or Jack Herer, the author of The Emperor Wears No Clothes. Allow them to present our side of the war on drugs, and how it's destroying this great country of ours. Then let the people decide.

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BIG MAC ATTACKS AT McDONALDS

By Osla and Victor Laslow

On Sunday, March 18th, a demonstration was held in front of the McDonald's on Broadway, south of Astor Place. The demonstration scheduled for noon to 4:00 PM was called by the Anti-Death Corporation Group to protest McDonald's corporation's destruction of South American rainforests, murder of animals, use of styrofoam packaging, their contribution to third world starvation due to meat production, and substandard working conditions, as well as many other atrocities.

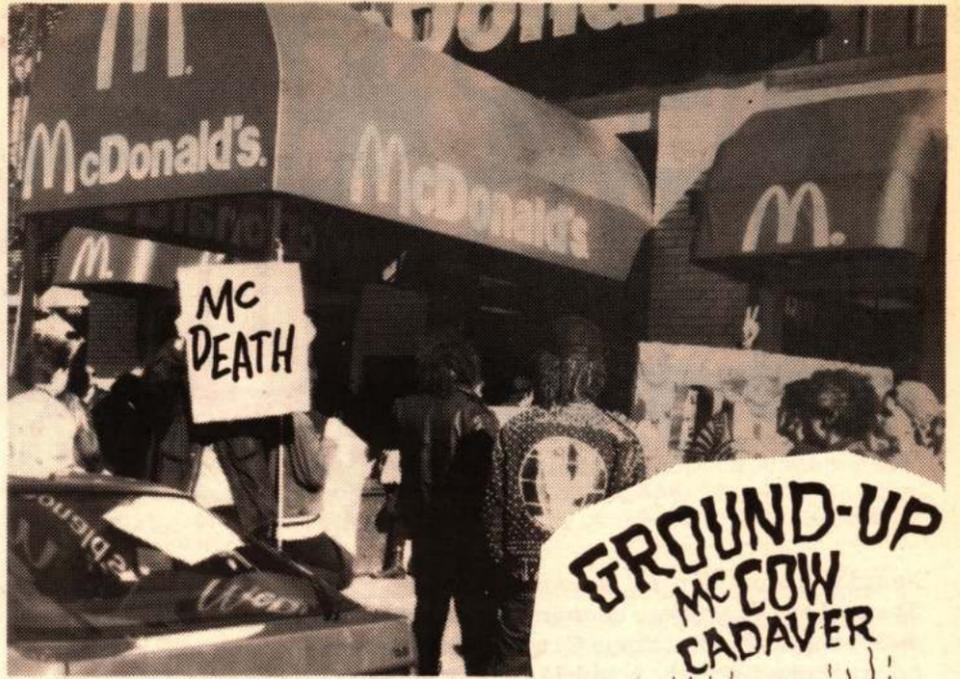
The demonstration started peacefully, as planned, with free vegan food being distributed as a way of educating meat-eaters about alternatives. Literature was passed out and signs were held up for passers by to read. As a result, many people decided not to eat at McDonald's, and those that did enter were jeered by the growing crowd of demonstrators.

Shortly before 3:00 PM the literature ran out and the more militant demonstrators became bored. The crowd had swelled from 50 demonstrators to over 100, including passers by. The chanting became increasingly louder and McDonald's was paint-bombed with red paint, signifying blood as a more dramatic visual effect. This immediately angered the police who quickly called in back-ups. However, they were not able to identify the person who did it. Shortly after, a McDonald's garbage can mysteriously burst into flames. This time the cops did not hesitate to react. They began pushing at the crowd with their nightsticks, ordering them off the sidewalk. They pinpointed one demonstrator, slammed him against a car and cuffed him. A second demonstrator tried to pull the first one away from the police. The second demonstrator was pushed to the ground by another group of police, his arms were held behind his back as his head was pressed against the pavement. His face turned bright red, he was obviously in great pain. The crowd chanted "let him go". Many of us put ourselves between the police and their cars, but the police pushed their way through, hitting many people with their nightsticks in the process. The two demonstrators were taken away. By this time the entire crowd was in the street blocking traffic and chanting "no police state". Supportive passers by and N.Y.U. students hanging out their windows chanted the same. The police announced they were clearing the street and began pushing people back onto the sidewalk.

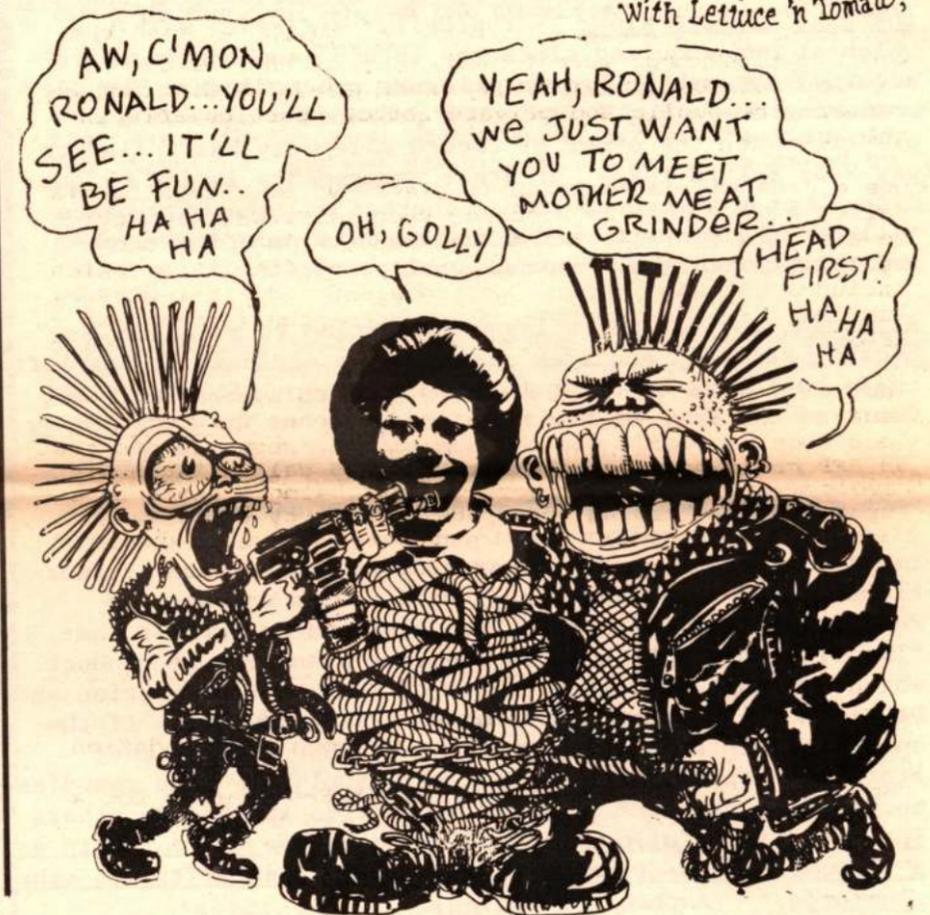
The demonstration reappeared at the McDonald's located on 1st Avenue and 6th Street. The police were not there to greet us, but when they finally caught on they showed up in force. This phase of the demonstration was short.

The demonstration appeared for a third time at the original location. There was still a police presence but the demonstration continued. This final phase was peaceful. Although there was no literature left, we were still able to educate people by speaking with them directly. McDonald's did not make their sales statistics available to us, but we are certain their business was sorely injured.

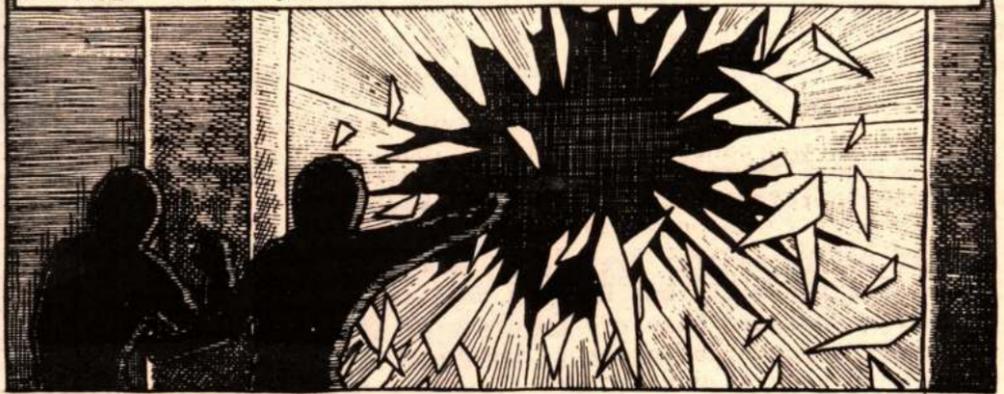
After the demonstration wined down we (a large group of vegan demonstrators) went to Chinatown for our post-demo dinner. On our way back a demonstrator liberated a turtle from her sure to be torturous death as soup. The turtle was quickly transported to Minneapolis where she will be released into her natural environment. ●



DEMONSTRATORS GIVING THE McDONALDS HEARTBURN--3/18



THE WINDOWS WERE BROKEN AT A RECENT ART SHOW THAT A REAL ESTATE DEVELOPER HAD SPONSORED ON HOUSTON STREET.



CITY SLUMLORD

AN INTRODUCTION

By: Anne Archy

Nearly a quarter of a century ago -- in 1965 -- the New York State Legislature, recognizing the shortage of multiple dwellings in New York City, declared that such shortage constituted " ... a public emergency ... contrary to the public welfare." Despite this pronouncement, the City has stubbornly refused to accept its fair-share responsibility for what now has become, over the intervening period of time, a nightmare of Brobdingnagian proportions..

The City of New York owns thousands of residential units in the East Village alone -- typically, six-story walk-ups which it has acquired since the 1970's (and continues to acquire) through In Rem foreclosure proceedings. The City commences an In Rem foreclosure proceeding against a property when the owner of record allegedly has failed to pay Real Estate taxes, or other assessments levied by the City, over a period of time. Thereafter, the City takes title to the property and a new deed is recorded which reflects the City as the new owner.

Although the City has a legal obligation to maintain the housing stock it acquires under In Rem actions, it has left these buildings to twist in the wind. In 1986, the Civil Court of the City of New York, in Artis v. The City of New York, and its companion case, Tenants of 250 Manhattan Avenue v. The City of New York, observed that "The City has made a policy decision not to sell most residential properties it acquires but to operate them. It should be treated the same as any other property owner when it functions in the non-governmental role as the operator of residential real estate." The Court stated further that "The City should be held to the same standards of conduct which, through DHPD [Department of Housing Preservation and Development], it seeks to impose on other owners. If the conditions in a building operated by DHPD fail to meet statutory standards this court will apply the same remedies to the City as the City would request be applied to others. The City, if it allows a building to become or to remain as a slum, should be treated in the same manner it treats other slumlords." (emphasis supplied)

"The City has chosen to retain [these buildings] under 'central management' rather than dispose of them. Unfortunately, the 'management', or more precisely mismanagement and neglect testified to in these cases may also be 'typical'."

So what is the City really doing while it warehouses the residential buildings it purports to "manage"?

- (1) It is paying wealthy "refugees" (one of whom owns and operates the notorious Kenmore on East 23rd Street, and other so-called "hotels") hundreds of thousands of dollars a month to warehouse homeless people -- under the most squalid conditions. (Justice Greenfield, (Supreme Court, New York County), eloquently condemned this practice in McCain v. Koch (1984): "Providing a homeless family with a hotel room -- often a cubicle in a crumbling plaster palace, or in rooms infested with vermin, with filthy bedding, children sleeping on the floor for lack of cribs, an entire family sleeping in one bed, exposed electrical wires and rooms soiled by human waste are unacceptable shelter for anyone, and especially families with young children. The equitable powers of this court may be invoked to compel compliance with minimal standards. If convicted criminals have such rights, the homeless who become interim wards of a governmental entity are entitled to no less.")

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NEW YORK CITY VS. THE ARTS

On January 14, 1988, 3 cops from the New York City Sanitation Department Police came to the door of the Brooklyn apartment where Bob Z, an organizer of small, independent concerts and publisher of the BAD NEWZ fanzine used to live.

After demanding to know his identity, they handed him 74 summonses totalling \$3,700 in fines for posting handbills. These handbills were announcements for two separate counter-cultural events that BAD NEWZ had recently organized.

A representative from Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts said that the city is cracking down on postering, and that this is probably not a politically motivated action directed against one of NYC's last remaining active underground networks. But it could be--this did transform the network.

The 74 summonses carried a fine of \$50 each, one for each location where the Sanitation Pigs found a handbill posted. According to Bob Z, over 1,000 were printed for each of two events the month before.

He says they were printed for the purpose of mailing and handing out, not for posting, but since the words "BAD NEWZ Presents" and "Bob Zee Presents" appeared on the flyers, they are holding him responsible for \$3,700 in fines. It has since been learned that one of the spaces holding an event which was advertised in the flyers, Lauterbach's Bar in Brooklyn, turned Bob Z in to the Poster Police. Both of these events had a \$3.00 admission price, and were intended not to make profit, but to give young artists a chance to perform. Why hasn't the city taken similar action against big time promoters who charge more than \$15.00 per show and put up posters three times the size of these handbills? This is just another way that New York City is eliminating its cultural outlets. What little is left is still under attack by landlords and the business elite.

This case is still going through the court process, and Bob Z is being defended by the American Civil Liberties Union. A legal defense fund has been set up in Bob's name and contributions can be sent to: Bob Z, Artists and Writers Underground, 125 East 23rd Street, New York, N.Y. 10010.

(If you or anyone you know is setting up a show, make sure you cover your tracks well when advertising with leaflets!!)

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MURDER ON ST. MARK'S PLACE

Three young men from Atlanta, Georgia, visiting the Lower East Side, received multiple stab wounds after coming to the aid of a man being beaten by a street gang on St. Mark's Place, leaving one of them dead.

The gang, known on the streets as "The Homeboys", were led by one-time skinhead gang leader SCOTTIE BANKS, who was responsible for leading skinhead attacks on Amerikkkan flag protestors last July 4th in Washington Square Park and on the old Anarchist Switchboard. According to those familiar with the circumstances behind the stabbings, Banks had been looking for a chance to "get even" with well-known local "Squat Or Rot" concert promoter Ralphie, whom he blamed for his getting fired from "Important Record Distribution", even though he was caught red-handed stealing compact discs by the manager. His anger toward Ralphie intensified when he was refused entry to one of Ralphie's shows at the Pyramid club on Avenue A three days before the stabbings. One source has told the SHADOW that Banks was involved in a fatal beating at CBGB's last January that "he got away with", and that he later got beaten up by a heavy metal head outside of Ralphie's show. As he left the Pyramid, Banks made several threats, saying he would "get" Ralphie.

Meanwhile, four young men had arrived on the Lower East Side a few days earlier. They too were at Ralphie's Squat Or Rot Show at the Pyramid, unaware of what had taken place that would affect them shortly afterward. After driving to NYC all night from Atlanta, Georgia, the young men, Carlos, Mike, Stephan and Lee, managed to get a place to stay on St. Mark's Place for the time they would be in New York in exchange for cleaning up and doing renovations for the super.

On the night of March 15, as Ralphie headed toward St. Mark's Place after buying a slice of pizza, he passed a group of "Homeboys" hanging outside the "Alcatraz" bar on the corner of St. Mark's and Avenue A. A bottle flew past his head and smashed on the ground nearby and he looked back to see Scottie Banks standing with the gang of more than ten "Homeboys". Witnesses heard Banks say "Where's your boys now?", as the gang surrounded Ralphie. After being hit, he ran west on St. Mark's Place a few hundred feet before the gang grabbed him by his leather jacket and pulled him to the ground where they piled on top of him.

Directly across the street sitting on a stoop were Mike, Stephan and Lee. (Carlos had gone to make a phone call earlier). When they saw Ralphie being attacked, they ran to help him, not knowing who he was or who was attacking him. Stephan later told the SHADOW that he and his friends pulled people off Ralphie, and as he fought with several gang members, he felt sharp pains that he thought were from brass knuckles. Not realizing he had been stabbed, Stephan kept fighting the gang off until he felt the blood all over his body. At that point, he ran across the street where he collapsed until the ambulance arrived. During the struggle, he lost track of his friends. Another witness saw Mike stagger across the street where he also collapsed in a pool of blood. The same witness saw Ralphie break free from the gang and run to get help. Later, Ralphie told the SHADOW that he returned to the fighting and saw Lee's arms pinned to a wall by two "Homeboys" as Scottie Banks stabbed Lee in the chest with a large knife. The witness saw Lee stagger against the window of the sculptor's studio as another gang member hit him in the head from behind and knocked him down. Then, the witness saw two of the gang members return to Lee after everyone else had scattered. The witness saw one of them kick him hard and the other seemed to stab him as he lay on the ground dying. They both came from a new grey van full of people that hang out on St. Mark's Place every night. Soon after, the van quietly left the scene of the crime.

A woman who had been hanging out with the young men screamed "Keep Breathing" to Lee as she tried to help stop the bleeding. A paramedic arriving by himself became frantic, saying "Oh shit, Oh fuck" repeatedly, unable to help. Even a passing doctor tried to administer CPR to Lee, but it was too late. Lee died in the woman's arms.

Since the stabbings, the neighborhood has been in shock, especially the young peace-punks who were particularly affected by the death and stabbings of the young men, who were also peace-punks. (This was similar to the brutal killings of two young hippies in the basement of 169 Avenue B in 1967--other young hippies were shocked and from then on, an atmosphere of fear and paranoia prevailed on the Lower East Side).

In the days following the stabbings, several witnesses have been threatened by other "Homeboys" still hanging out on the block, including a waitress in a nearby restaurant. Even so, many witnesses have come forward to help identify the killers, some of whom were seen running to King Tut's Wah Wah Hut on Avenue A, where they drank beers to celebrate. One suspect has been arrested so far--Ali Salahuddeen of 130 East 7th Street, only being charged with "First Degree Assault"!! Scottie Banks has been charged with one count of Murder and three counts of Assault, and he is being sought by detectives from the ninth precinct.

It should be made clear that according to Ralphie and other witnesses there, this was not a skinhead attack on punks. Those who know better say the attackers were "The Homeboys", being led by Scottie Banks, who has been associated with skinhead violence in the past. In spite of many differences in political belief and style, the skins and punks have been peacefully co-existing since the series of skirmishes last year between neighborhood activists and out of town skins looking for fights. Ralphie's Squat Or Rot Shows and his Punk Picnics have always tried to get the skins and punks to unite and have fun together. So far, he has succeeded.

As the police try to piece together what happened and why, one can only wonder where the regular police patrols that saturate Tompkins Square Park were at the time of the stabbings? And why was the only suspect arrested so far charged with something as minor as an "Assault", when his participation in that "Assault" resulted in a MURDER? (Most Lower East Side activists have received stiffer charges for allegedly throwing eggs at the riot pigs last summer!!)

A memorial was held for Lee on the spot where he died in front of the sculptor's studio, where more than 50 people stood with candles in a silent vigil. In spite of a few nasty remarks and some spitting by some passing skinheads, no one has desecrated the site. Lee and his friends will long be remembered for their heroism in helping one of our friends. If only more bystanders had been as brave to jump in and help, maybe Lee would still be alive today!!

For Lee

On Saint Mark's Place
They covered his face.
Under streetlamps where the sidewalk ends,
A boy died to save his friend.

His name was Lee.
He took a stand.
They slaughtered that Samaritan
In the blood of the Lamb.

His name was Lee.
He could'a run.
He didn't know if they had a gun.
They had a knife.
He gave his life.
God save our souls,
He could'a ran...
But Lee, good Lee, he was a man.

On Saint Mark's Place
They covered his face.
Under streetlamps at sidewalk's end,
A Man died to save his friend.

TSP NOTEBOOK BY FREE-I "BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY..." -MALCOLM X

I've got news for the people of Loisaída. There's more than one neighborhoodkickin' ass and talking that "self determination" talk. If you cross 14th Street occasionally than you know I'm talkin' about Harlem. There's a bonafide uprising about to step off in Harlem over Columbia University's plan to erect a biotechnology research laboratory on the site where the Audubon Ballroom now stands on 168th Street & Broadway, the hall where Malcolm X taught and was killed. The fight to save the Audubon is being taken up primarily by Black & Latino youth too young to remember either the crowds that assembled on 125th Street & Lenox to hear young Minister Malcolm teach, or the crowds of mourners who came out when they heard of his assassination. They are fighting to preserve Malcolm's legacy. 25 years after his death Malcolm has answers for these young people that their teachers and politicians never spoke to. They are not about to let anybody take this building, this man, this community or this fight from them.

"This is about the community. This is about Black & Latino people, poor & working class people who need a legacy and a monument to Malcolm X, who need the legacy of self-determination and self defense ... and when we win this one it implies something politically across the country and across the world. It implies that Black and Latino are standing up; poor and working class people are standing up and taking that legacy of self-determination and self defense. This could be the jumping off point for a whole lot of stuff." Audubon Rally March 16, 1990

FREEDOM OR DEATH

Where does Columbia University and the City & State governments get off acting like they've got any say in what happens to the Audubon? The question is absurd. Columbia and the City are running neck 'n neck putting the stranglehold on Harlem. There are literally blocks upon blocks of abandoned (squatable) buildings waiting for gentrification to be accomplished so the city can sell them to the so-called developers. Columbia, that renowned bastion of "higher learning" is responsible for the evictions of hundreds of Black & Latino families on the upper west side. Many of those displaced work at Columbia and are members of the union it has tried for years to crush. Columbia justifies its land grab by claiming that they are creating an "academic community" for its teachers and students. In reality, they are trying to isolate their people from a community that has gotten increasingly impatient accommodating these over-privileged, wannabe intellectuals who return nothing to the neighborhood after they leave with their fancy degrees.

What Columbia and the City are conspiring to build is nothing short of Nightmare Vision - a five square block recombinant DNA research complex set up under the auspices of Columbia, but upon completion it will be leased to private research concerns notorious for their carelessness is disposing radioactive and bio-hazardous wastes. The plans also include a shopping mall/reading room (with a token statue of Malcolm X in its lobby) on the first floor of the research complex with the labs directly above. Oh yes, they're going to hang up a plaque on the outside of the whole thing so everyone can know that Malcolm died here. Are they tripping or is this twisted logic meant to be a litmus test to gauge just how much they can get away with in this neighborhood? One thing seems certain, if the people of Harlem let this monstrosity go through, Malcolm will be dead.

Malcolm gave his life fighting for Harlem. At his last meeting in the Audubon he announced plans for a future meeting to discuss the aims & objectives of the Organization of African American Unity, and their plans to "straighten up" Harlem. The meeting was set for the following Sunday, the night he was shot;

"No one is going to straighten up Harlem but us. Nobody cleans up your house for you, you've got to clean it up yourself. Harlem is our house, we'll clean it up, but when we clean it up, we'll also control it. We control the politics. We control the economy. We'll control the school system, and we'll see that our people get a break."

Malcolm X

In The Nineties We'll Be KICKIN' ASS!

Black & Latino youth have few choices in the Nineties, essentially fight the present system or be killed by it. An unlimited supply of both guns and drugs are pushed into street. The politicians provide the drugs; the cops take their cut, and the cracker's stage is set. "Let'em kill each other;" that's their plan to clear the ghetto. Then the media tags you, "wildthings" What's that about? And why is it Joey Fama and his band of cretins have never been referred to as a "wolfpack" in the press? Those who now sit in seats of power have put the survival of this city, this nation and this planet on a short fuse,

BLACK AND LATINO YOUTH CONTINUE THE LEGACY OF MALCOLM X



SAVE THE AUDUBON

Twenty-five years ago on February 21st, Malcolm X -- the staunchest advocate for self determination and self defense for the Black Nation -- was assassinated at the Audubon Ballroom. Today, Columbia University -- a racist institution which has a history of destabilizing and displacing Blacks and Latinos in the Harlem community -- intends to destroy the Audubon and replace it with a biomedical research facility. Youth must demand the restoration and preservation of the Audubon Ballroom.

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and then they set up the youth to take the rap when it's their futures which are exploding. Desperate times. But then I think of Malcolm rotting in Concord Prison, in the second year of an eight year sentence for burglary, when a letter comes from his brother Reginald saying, "Don't eat any more pork, and don't smoke any more cigarettes. I'll show you how to get out of prison," and Malcolm, always the "field negro" shouting, "Anyplace is better than this!" The young people involved in the Audubon struggle are uncompromising. They have no choice but to be. They are also disciplined; there is no way you could miss the determination in their posture & conduct. The cops got the point. They stopped 3 men and a Latino woman, Natasha, as they were leaving the second of their weekly rallies at the Audubon. The pigs circled their car and demanded

that they get out. They tried to defend themselves, but the cops dragged them out of their car and booked them on their favorite bullshit charges, resisting arrest, incitement to riot and, of course disorderly conduct. As most of us who have been pulled in on the same bogus charges know, the charges themselves aren't meant to hold up; these pigs just get off on their power to hold us and abuse us for a few hours. The best revenge is to go right back out and do it again. They can lock up our bodies for a few hours (days...) they can't touch our minds and spirits. The pigs who locked up these organizers in Harlem took time to abuse them, called them "Malcolm-loving niggers" and tried to degrade the sister with their sexist shit. It only made them more committed to Malcolm's legacy of self-determination and self-defense.

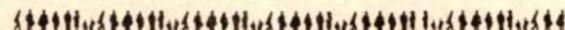
ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

Weekly rallies are held every Friday 4:30pm at the Audubon (168th Street & Broadway Jump the L at 1st Avenue & 14th Street & take it to Eighth Avenue, then transfer to the A. Get off at 168th Street) Rally sponsors - the Black Consciousness Movement, December 12th and the Save the Audubon Coalition have welcomed our support. I strongly believe that we both can only benefit by our two neighborhoods, perhaps the most kick ass communities in the city, sitting down occasionally and sharing ideas & perspectives. After a difficult winter in Loisaída, the trip uptown has been well worth the hassle of riding the subway. You could also tie up your local politicians phones complaining about Columbia's plan to tear down the Audubon. For more information listen to WBAI (99.5 FM) & WLIB (1190 AM) or call (718) 712-5447.

Don't forget the DAY OF OUTRAGE Against the Conspiracy to Destroy Black Youth - 3:30pm FRIDAY MARCH 23 Harlem State Office Building 125th Street & Adam Clayton Powell Blvd.



LOWER EAST SIDE SQUATTER AID



Too many broken promises...
Too many dashed hopes...
Less and less housing available for poor and working people...
More and more homeless...

Faced with the brutal onslaught of police in parks and subways, homeless people are taking over and moving into the abandoned buildings. They need your support!

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Support squatting. Squatting is about self-determination and the human right to a home. Squatting is about occupying, securing, and renovating abandoned buildings. Squatting is about meeting the housing crisis and homelessness head-on!

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P.O. Box 20063
Tompkins Square Station
NYC, NY. 10009

SHELTER WATCHER

THE SHADOW'S MAN IN THE SHELTER SYSTEM!

THE SHELTER IS DOING SOMEBODY SOME GOOD --By "Shelter Watcher"

Since the ruling on "Thrower vs Perales/Grinker" (N.Y. State Supreme Court Index No. 41385/85) was handed down in July of 1987, all residents of City Shelters have been eligible for "Home Relief", defined as an allowance "for all support, maintenance and need...". The current amount for one person being assessed at \$352.00 per month. Prior to this, in the "Callahan" Decree, the city was required to provide emergency shelter and "food, bedding, towels and laundry service". (There may have been a later agreement to provide each resident with a minimum of 12 subway/bus tokens per month, but this is academic as the shelters invariably refuse to provide any whatsoever!)

But the main point is: The New York State Department of Social Services has decided that for all the extra necessities of daily living such as clothing, toothpaste, etc, a \$45.00 per month cash grant was to be given to Home Relief residents, the balance of the assessed allowance (\$307.00) to be paid to the shelter towards its' costs of operating. (This translates into a barracks-style facility the size of Bellevue Hospital getting something in the neighborhood of \$2-2.5 million annually from the city and state from this one source alone). Redistributing from those least able to afford it!

And what are the residents getting for the great gobs of cash being expended? Probably all would agree that after shelter, food is the next most important item, and your "Shelter Watcher", after returning from a recent trip, noticed a marked decrease in the amounts being served (while retaining the same poor quality!), with "seconds" being the exception rather than the rule, and never given at Thursday's fried chicken supper, the remainder of which disappears out the back door!

Also, this winter, on an average of every 3-4 weeks, there have been "heat emergencies", with the heat and hot water shut off for days on end.

If the administration is really serious about cutting costs, they should look first to staff "deadwood", notably the "Institutional Aide" (I.A.) program--\$9.00 per hour jobs which were originally intended for bona fide homeless (some "IA's" now are college graduates!) Also, the practice of recruiting people from the client population at \$12.50 per week to perform some of these people's tasks (cleaning toilets, etc) should be discontinued, or they should be paid a normal wage. (Most of them however, are administration toadies and ass-kissers, "privileged" to go to the head of the line!)

Although the shelter system merits a long overdue investigation of its' operations and expenditures. Of more immediate concern to the residents is an increase of this \$45.00 monthly pittance. ●

YUPPIE UNIVERSITIES... THE HIDDEN GENTRIFIERS!!

YUPPIE UNIVERSITIES: THE HIDDEN GENTRIFIERS!! By Bob Feldman

Every year, the number of homeless people increases, but the Party's liberal yuppie-oriented government still refuses to provide adequate direct cash grants and apartments to all homeless people, despite the crisis nature of the housing situation and the individual heroism demonstrated by activists in the squatter's movement.

What puzzles me though, is why two of the largest institutional owners of housing units in New Yuppie City--Columbia University and NYU ("New York University", better known as "New Yuppie University") have not been confronted effectively by direct actionists on this issue?

Gentrification was first initiated in Manhattan by Columbia University and NYU in the 1950's and the early 1960's. At least 10,000 SRO (Standing Room Only) units and 3,000 rent-controlled apartments between 110th and 125th Streets were eliminated by Columbia before 1965 in order to provide space for classrooms, offices, dormitories, housing, and a "safe" white liberal yuppie street atmosphere for Barnard and Columbia students and professors. 200 African-American, Puerto Rican and elderly White male and female tenants were literally shoved out of the Bryn Mawr SRO hotel prior to its being renamed Plimpton Hall by Barnard College (which continues to use it as a student dormitory), for instance. NYU also coordinated the destruction of many SRO units and rent-controlled apartments south of Washington Square Park around this time in order to expand and to introduce high-rise apartments to house NYU professors and administrators.

In the 1980's, NYU built a large dormitory on West Third Street to house, not the Lower East Side's homeless, but NYU law students. The "New Yuppie University" administration evidently felt that the need to house law school students from Westchester or New Jersey who are too lazy to commute was more important than the emergency need to house Manhattan's homeless people. Since former Mayor Koch was both a graduate of NYU Law School and NYU's former representative in Congress, its 1980's-built law school dormitory was quickly constructed without any room reserved for homeless people.

SUBWAY BENCHES REMOVED TO PREVENT HOMELESS USE!!!

A.J.Pretzelberger

The real aim in removal of subway benches is deliberate incitement of passengers to hatred and violence against the homeless. Just as the NY Post portrays the homeless as either criminals or as having criminal tendencies through headlines or stories such as "Homeless man seized in Bellevue murder", "The monster of Tompkins Square", "A homeless man shot dead a cop in Texas...", the Transit Authority likewise portrays homeless people as garbage to be eliminated. As neither Transit Authority nor Post dare not openly preach violence against the homeless, they employ the tactic of deliberate incitement to achieve the same goal.

Just as the Post dares not publish "Jew/Black seized in Bellevue murder", the Transit Authority dares not openly announce: "Attention all passengers: Beat up homeless garbage that occupies your subway benches". This process is known as "Law and Order". Lord Mayor Dinkins achieves it through barbed wire fences at the ABC Community Center, Lord High Defecator Peter Vallone through warehoused apartments, and the Transit Authority through removal of subway benches. In the area of homelessness, one can still shout "Fire" in a crowded theatre and no one will prosecute you. ●



WAKE UP MAN! On your feet! My master wants you out
GET UP and COOPERATE Please don't make me shout
Subways are for men and women travelling to work
Not for the likes of you to linger and to lurk
Living down here's illegal, O haven't you heard?
You're only here for "warmth and shelter" Arf!
Don't be absurd
There are many shelters for you upstairs--
large and out of sight
Now get the fuck outta here man Woof! before I bite
It's a dog-eat-dog world, buddy, you know that--don't sob
And don't take it personally fella. I'm just doin' my job
(If I don't bust your ass I'll be in trouble,
my master will get mad
He'll tighten the leash around my neck--
which really would be bad)
So MOVE IT now--get lost. take a powder,
quit bustin' my chops
I said BEAT IT now amigo DISAPPEAR!
before I call more cops
What's that you're doodling there ... huh?
Some kind of primitive art?
The law says graffiti is vandalism Degenerate! grrrrr!
Don't you get smart
What's that? ... you talkin' back? SHUT UP!
Lower your head and bow
Remember young Michael Stewart spoke back ...
and look where he is now

Heel boy! Do as I say! I'm jury, judge and executioner
I order you up these stairs right now!
... whatcha waitin' fer?
That's it, boy, Keep Moving Keep Moving
don't linger in the park
This is Public Property--you can't crash here MOVE IT--
Bark Bark Bark!
Parks are for people to stroll through while
looking at the trees
A place where investors can sit in the shade and
watch their new properties
You are the reason profits are falling
for landlords who work hard and true
So pack your bags and your rags and be gone already--
you crack addict cannibal you
OUT come on OUT away from that building, get down
from there on the double!
That building's sealed shut--you're TRESPASSING
now you're in serious trouble
Didn't you hear there are shelters waiting where
you'll get lots of rest and silence?
Plenty of room for you there (ignore the tuberculosis,
AIDS, crack and violence)
Yeah yeah! It's rough all over, don't you think
I see all the strife?
The point is to Obey ... hey, I'm your best friend
in this here dog's life

Eric Drooker, New York City 1990

NYU and Columbia continue to push for more gentrification on the Lower East Side and the Upper West Side. NYU already controls Washington Square Park policy and government housing policy in Greenwich Village in the same way that Columbia University controls Riverside Park policy and government housing policy on the Upper West Side.

NYU wishes to clear out Tompkins Square Park and use the Lower East Side as an "east campus" corporate-university research center and liberal yuppie residential neighborhood, just as Columbia wishes to gobble up more of Manhattan's Upper West Side between its faculty apartment building on West 125th Street and its 167th Street medical school complex.

Direct actionists who wish to win apartments for all homeless people immediately can be most effective by attempting to squat inside the dormitories of NYU and Columbia University. Every May and June, thousands of future liberal yuppies vacate the dormitory rooms of NYU and Columbia. Thousands of these vacant, warehoused dormitory rooms can be utilized, in a concrete way, to immediately provide emergency housing for the homeless. Mass action that confronts NYU might produce a victory for the cause of liberation. ●

DOWN BY LAW

BY CARL TREASURER: ATTORNEY AT LAW

The lead story this month has to be the continued slaughter of Third World women and men by New York's Finest. Since January, seventeen people of color have been killed by New York Police: sixteen civilians and one cop.

Though the Police and their apologists -- mainstream media, the Medical Examiner the District Attorneys and their rubber-stamp grand juries -- are quick to blame the "drug crisis in this City" as the real root cause for this government-sanctioned bloodbath, we know better. This continues to be a racist City, with many cops, judges and prosecutors in the forefront of an all-out assault on its Third World residents. Face it, people of color are treated like third-class citizens in this City with its Black so-called "progressive" Mayor. And every time they step out into the streets, whether it be in the White sectors of this City, or in their every-day dealings with the Police, Blacks and Latins risk their very lives. At one time, many of the so-called forces of law and order were appeased by simply busting or beating people of color. These days are gone -- its cheaper and quicker to kill them.

Speaking of the drug crisis and the war on drugs, it has taken an ominous turn on a number of "legal" fronts. Prosecutors are finally admitting in open court what many lawyers and cops have known for a long time. The "sweep" is now part of the official "unofficial" Police policy. During a sweep, TNT squads who continue to cost taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars on misdemeanor street-level busts, close off entire sections of Third World communities. They seal off an area and march their way along the street sweeping up all people, young and old, male and female bold enough to exercise their right to be out of doors. Everyone in the net is thrown up against the wall and searched. The busts follow. Ever been to El Salvador?

Then there's the new darling of the prosecutors and Police -- FORFEITURE. In two recent cases, a New York Appellate Court upheld the constitutionality of automobile forfeitures. In one case, the driver/owner who had purchased a small amount of drugs was later busted. You guessed it -- her car was forfeited as an instrumentality of a crime. In the second, a passenger in an auto bought some drugs and later joined his owner/driver friend. Right again -- the car was forfeited as an instrumentality of a crime. Never mind there was no proof at all that the driver had knowledge of her companero's activities. Drugs recovered -- car lost. Now if only the police would forfeit the airline and motor vehicle pools and offices and homes of polluters, Wall Street criminals, bankers, war criminals and land developers, the war on crime might really amount to something.

Speaking of homes, here too, the State is really scoring big in the war on drugs. Increasingly, people who live in housing projects are being taken to court and thrown out of their apartments on the mere say-so that drug activity, of any level, occurred in their apartments. That's right, we're not talking kilos here -- mere possession will do. Moreover, it doesn't matter what

these "war criminals" are convicted of, if at all. In Civil Court, there's no Fourth Amendment protection -- no proof required beyond a reasonable doubt. And worst of all, you need not even be the offender. If Mom or Dad get sued, the whole family is out in the street. If son or daughter get charged, Mom and Dad, as well as all the other kids, are homeless. Good. Just what this City needs -- more homeless. The only sense to be made out of this new bizarre and patently unconstitutional twist is a political one. The war on drugs is racist at its core. For those political activists who say "drugs are bad and anything and all must be done to rid of us this scourge", think twice. It's drugs today, its leftist speech tomorrow. The State need only criminalize whatever it is that you're doing which they don't like and they can then move to forfeit anything and everything. We're talking about blatant lawlessness. Speaking of lawlessness: Intervention abroad is as American as apple pie, but has usually been a matter of military adventure or economic imperialism. Now, though, the Supreme Court has okayed foreign forays by police.

The case in question involves a Mexican national, jailed in San Diego to await trial on drug smuggling charges. A few days after his arrest, DEA agents with no warrant searched two of his homes in Mexico, seizing documents to be used as evidence. A Federal judge threw the evidence out, using the exclusionary rule that protects defendants from the fruits of illegal searches and has done so for nearly thirty years. But the Supreme Court, which has been steadily whittling away at the rights of criminal defendants, reversed the ruling.

Chief Justice Rehnquist wrote the opinion justifying this outrageous abuse claiming that while the Fourth Amendment protects "the people" from unreasonable search and seizure, only Americans are people under the Constitution.

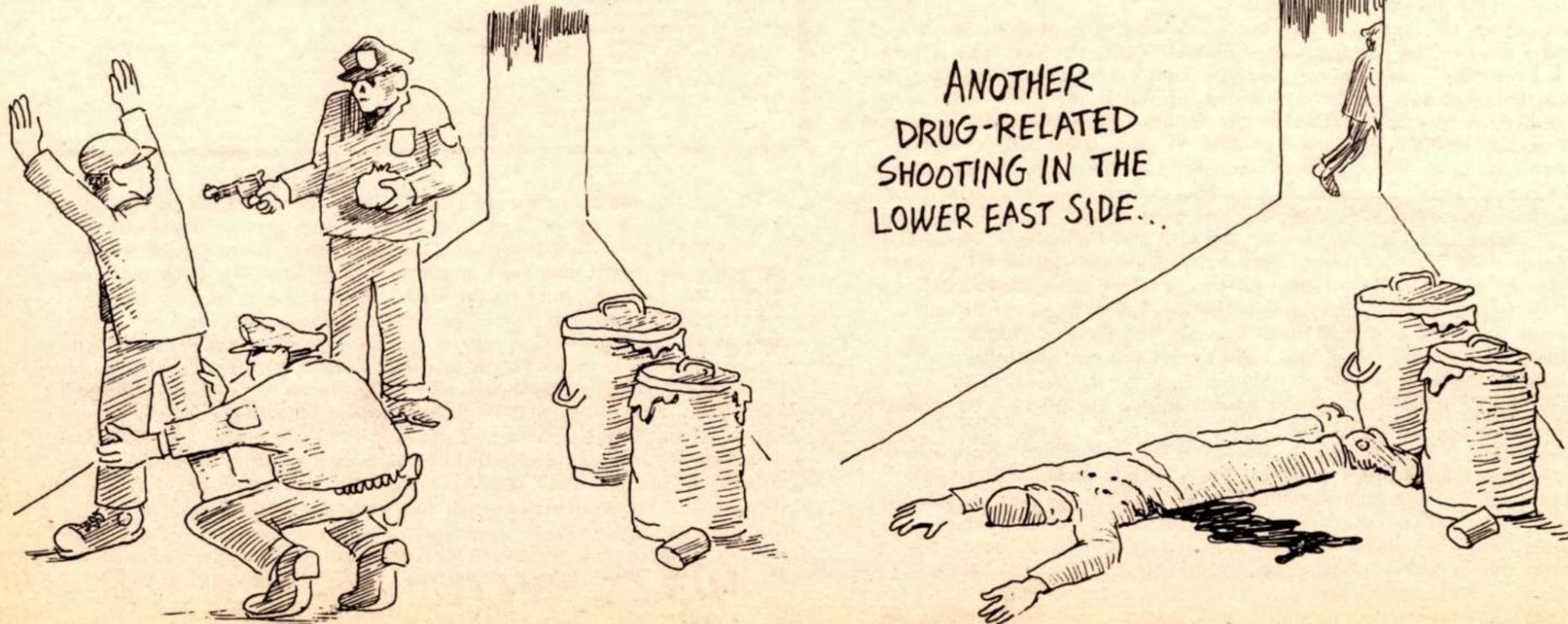
The media, fortunately, quickly noted how helpful this ruling will be to the Government as it pursues its "war on drugs". US agents can run around the hemisphere using whatever they find in American courts. More dangerous, however, was Rehnquist keeping his eye on current affairs when he put his pen to paper. Manuel Noriega and the invasion of Panama were apparently on Rehnquist's mind and he wanted to make sure the Executive Branch understands it can feel free to run rampant all over the world. He wrote, and four other Justices signed, an invitation to imperialism and interventionism that reads, in part:

"The rule would apply not only to law enforcement operations abroad but also to other foreign policy operations which might result in searches or seizures. The United States frequently employs armed forces outside this country."

Oh, well. Never let it be said that Carl Treasurer is always the harbinger of bad news. This month there are two shining victories.

In the first, Dhoruba Binwahad has been ordered freed from jail after almost twenty years in prison for the murder of a New York City cop, a crime which he did not commit. Dhoruba, who was a leader of the Black Panther Party in New York City in the late 60's and 70's, was one of the Panther 21 who was framed by then-District Attorney Frank Hogan and charged with a preposterous series of crimes which had to do with bombings at department stores. After almost one year on trial, Dhoruba and everyone else was found not guilty. Shortly thereafter, two police officers standing guard in front of Frank Hogan's home were machine-gunned to death.

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Things are getting heavy in the area lately, what with narco cops in search of drug buyers, attacking neighborhood residents and people walking down the street who meet "drug profiles", while the crack houses and shooting galleries proliferate. The worst cops involved are the "Tactical Narcotics Task Force", called "TNT" for maximum propoganda value. When they are not shooting each other over botched drug deals and shakedowns, their "special powers" include making people disappear "in the system" for days without even being charged, and then releasing them because the DA's office "declines to prosecute".

Maybe if the drug customers carried weapons like the death drug dealers of coke, heroin, and crack, or better yet, paid off the cops like the dealers do, then maybe they would be left alone too!!

"QUICK SWEEP" ON AVENUE A--In the days following the shootings of drug cops in the Lillian Wald Housing Project on March 5th, cops began "hit and run" raids on suspected drug-related streets and corners on the Lower East Side. One such raid was witnessed by a neighborhood Cop Watcher on the night of March 7th at 7:30. As he approached the corner of 13th St. and Avenue A, the intersection was suddenly flooded with cops-2 cars, a van, and a scooter. After chasing away the usual dealer-types, some cops picked out a Latino man, went through his pockets, and made him leave the street. When the cops finally left at 8:30, the dealers were back by 8:45.

Here are the plate numbers from a convoy of narco-cops seen by one of our Cop-Watchers at the corner of East Fourth Street and Avenue B--(All are shiny brand new rental cars and vans):

ZCW-950 ZHY-807
ZBJ-280 FNJ-940 (New Jersey Plates)
ZFA-502

Here are some plate numbers seen on undercover cop cars in and around the Lower East Side:

AVN-508	IVL-407	IWZ-559
DMY-689	IVS-247	IWZ-604
EMY-46U-(N.J.Plates)	IWS-268	QCT-752
HWB-941	IVL-377	IWV-740
ZHY-807-(Dodge Van)	LAN-983	LKU-730

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

For a complete list of over 165 plate numbers of "undercover" cop cars that has been compiled so far, please send \$2.00 cash to the SHADOW, P.O.Box 20298, New York, N.Y. 10009

Shadow Research

SHADOW RESEARCH:

How To Use The Freedom Of Information Act (FOIA) To Investigate Co-op And Condo Conversions In New York State:

Information sought:

Public information that must be filed for each co-op and condo building in New York State.

Information source:

New York State Law Department
Real Estate Financing

120 Broadway

New York, N.Y. 10271

(212) 341-2100/21

If you are interested in checking out the legitimacy of a co-op or condominium apartment project offering, or if you just want to get some dirt on the latest yuppie co-op/condo intrusion in your area, there is a wealth of public information kept on file by the State that is available to you through the Freedom Of Information Act (FOIA).

First, go to the information window on the 23rd floor of 120 Broadway. There you can receive a free 100 page book that details all of the public information that must be filed on co-op and condo conversions in New York State. Then, fill out the "Real Estate Financing Bureau Freedom Of Information (FOI) Request" form, following the instructions on the form. (Individual requests are okay, but it looks better if you are representing an organization. Keep some form of proof handy just in case).

You must include the file number in your request, but this will be given to you from their computer once you give them the building address and/or the name of the co-op/condo project you are seeking. They will also give you an acceptance date--keep both of these for future reference. Also, be sure to request the main file and all amendments.

In two weeks, you will get a confirmation of receipt of your request from the New York State Department of Law. At that point, one of four things can happen:

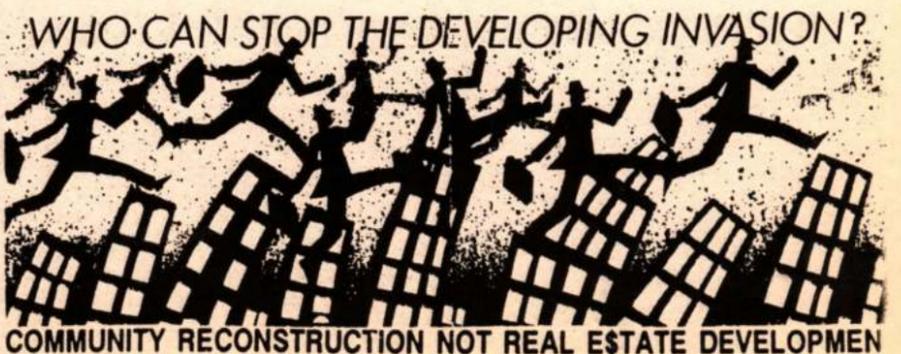
1. They say that no file has been located.
2. The file has been ordered, it will arrive in six weeks, and they will contact you.
3. The file is available for review at their office, and you must make an appointment to see it.
4. The file you requested was accepted over 12 years ago and has since been destroyed and is not available. (If they reject your request, they must tell you why in writing within fifteen days. Most likely, they will accept your request.)

They will also allow you to make photocopies of the file, with the first five pages free and 25 cents for each page afterward, payable by check or money order. The only kicker is that they require you to give them advance notice of how many copies you want to make before you even see the file!!

Good Luck and Happy Researching!!

If you have any questions or need any help in doing your own research, drop us a line and we'll be happy to help!!

(For a complete listing of SHADOW Research articles that includes how to find information on landlords, how to get a park permit for your events, how to find names and addresses of owners of businesses in NYC, and more, send \$2.00 cash to: SHADOW PRESS, P.O.Box 20298, New York, N.Y. 10009)



EVENTS

and ANNOUNCEMENTS!

MARCH 11-APRIL 1--LOISAIDA SIXTIES--Exhibit of 1960's posters, newspapers, photos, buttons, etc--Bullet Space Gallery, 292 East Third St, Noon to 10:00PM, \$3.00 voluntary contribution.

MARCH 21--TRIBAL CELEBRATION OF SPRING--All day and night in Tompkins Square Park.

MARCH 22--NICARAGUAN ELECTIONS, THE AFTERMATH, AND ORTEGA'S JOB PROSPECTS--Writer Paul Berman (Village Voice) gives talk--Workmen's Circle, 369 Eighth Ave.

MARCH 24--MEMORIAL PROCESSION FOR VICTIMS OF THE FUR TRADE--Meet at the Fourth Unitarian/Universalist Society at 4 West 76th Street at 1:00PM for a march to Jindo Furs at 41 West 57th Street. Marchers are requested to wear black--For info, contact Trans-Species Unlimited, P.O.Box 20697, New York, N.Y. 10023, or call 966-8490.

MARCH 24--WASH, DC MARCH TO END THE U.S. WAR IN CENTRAL AMERICA--
Contact CISPES, 594 Broadway, Suite 903-B, New York, N.Y. 10012, or call (212)460-8110.

MARCH 24--AIDS FORUM-THE HIV MODEL AND THE CAUSE OF AIDS--Questions entertained by speakers--At P.S.41 Auditorium, 123 West 11th St. (at Sixth Ave), \$7.00 suggested donation, call 674-HOPE for info.

MARCH 25--ENVIRONMENTAL VIDEO--At Wetlands Preserve, 161 Hudson Street, 5:00PM--For info, call 966-4225.

MARCH 28--AIDS PROTEST IN ALBANY--March on Gov. Cuomo's office--Contact ACT-UP at 208 West 13th St, or call 989-1114.

APRIL 1--"BASH THE RICH" TOUR--Avenge the illegal demolition of Tya Scott's building at 318 East 8th Street by the city--Meet in Tompkins Square Park at 5:00PM.

APRIL 5--ART AUCTION TO BENEFIT HOMELESS RESIDENTS OF TENT CITY--At Max Fish Gallery, 178 Ludlow Street, 6:00PM.

APRIL 6-8--SOCIALIST SCHOLARS CONFERENCE--Anarchist workshops, literature, Anarchists in East Europe--Manhattan Community College, 199 Chambers St--For info, call 606-4226.

APRIL 7--WALKING TOUR OF RADICAL NEW YORK HISTORY + ARCHITECTURE--Includes sites of Triangle Fire, Civil War Draft Riots, Grand Central Hotel, May Days of 1970 at New York University, Astor Place Riots, Cooper Union, Emma Goldman's house. Voluntary donations--Meet at Peace Building, 339 Lafayette St. (at Bleecker St.), 2:30PM.

APRIL 22-MAY 5--"RESIST 2 EXIST"--A two week program of Anarchist/Activist events beginning on Earth Day (4/22), and ending with the Fifth Ave Pot Parade (5/5). Look for posters and contact SABOTAGE BOOKS at 96 St. Marx Place, NY, NY, 10009, or call (212)260-4010.
(Planning sessions every Thursday night at 8:00PM)

APRIL 23--EARTH DAY/WALL STREET ACTION--Protest the war makers, polluters, and other multi-national corporate slime--Get details from the Brecht Forum, 79 Leonard St (5 Blocks South of Canal St), and from Earth Day/Wall St. Action, P.O.Box 1128, New York, N.Y. 10011-1128, or call (201)846-5934 or (212)864-7974 for info.

MAY 1--NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION TO SEIZE EMPTY BUILDINGS AND VACANT LOTS--Meet at the Tompkins Square Park bandshell at Noon.

MAY 5--17TH ANNUAL FIFTH AVENUE POT PARADE--Free the weed; mass public smoke-in under cops' noses--Meet in Washington Square Park at HIGH NOON for rally and march up Fifth Ave to Central Park--
BEWARE OF IMITATION POT PARADES!!

MAY 20--RAINBOW PICNIC--Bring lots of food and love to share for pot luck picnic and gathering--Central Park, near 72nd Street bandshell, Noon to Dusk.

JUNE 20--MARCH FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS ON WASH, DC--(Lobby Congressmen on Capitol Hill the next day)--\$24.00 round trip bus ride available. For info, contact Feminists for Animal Rights, P.O.Box 694, New York, N.Y. 10025, or call 866-6422.

CHRIS KARMA!! Hello from your friends in NYC--Dana Dick can't do shit!!

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SAVE THE AUDOBON BALLROOM--(Site of Malcolm X Murder)--As a memorial to Brother Malcolm--Meet at 166th St and Broadway every Friday night at 4:30PM--For info, call the Black Consciousness Movement at (718)712-5447, and listen to WLIB radio--(even though it is tied to right-wing slime landholder Bill Tatum!!)

PISSED OFF ABOUT THE EXXON OIL SPILLS?--Some people have been sending dead fish (the older the smellier) to: Lawrence L.G. Raul, Chairman, Exxon Corp., 1251 Sixth Ave, New York, N.Y. 10020

FREE VEGGIE EATS--During "Happy Hour", Mon-Fri, 5:30-7:00PM--At the Wetlands Preserve, 161 Hudson Street.

GOLES (Good Ole 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 harassment, improve building security, and fight evictions. Call 533-6727, or 533-2541, or the Tenant Protection Hotline at 677-5780, or go to 525 East Sixth Street, New York, N.Y. 10009.

ACT-UP (AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power)--General meetings, Mondays at 208 West 13th Street, 7:30PM--For info, call 989-1114.

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

FUNDS FOR LEGAL DEFENSE AND RENOVATION MATERIALS URGENTLY NEEDED--Send tax-deductible donations to: St. Augustine Church/Eviction Watch Defense Fund, P.O.Box 20063, New York, N.Y. 10009.

TRIBE MEETINGS--To set up new Tent Cities in city-owned lots--Sundays at La Plaza Cultural, East 9th Street and Avenue C, 1:00PM

FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR ANYONE BUSTED FOR POT--Offered by the Church of Realized Fantasies for their members. Membership is free too--Call the Pope at (212)941-7723.

EARTH DAY (4/22) ORGANIZING COMMITTEE--Call 620-5660 for info.

POT LUCK DINNER/COFFEE HOUSE/PEOPLE'S FOOD CO-OP PLANNING MEETINGS--To grow food and to set up a food buying club for collective purchasing power--At 537 East 13th Street, Tuesdays at 7:00PM.

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COMMUNITY BOARD 3 MEETING

COMMUNITY BOARD 3 MEETING--Tuesday, March 27 at the Cooper Union Great Hall, 7th Street and Third Avenue, 6:30PM--Members of the public can sign up early to speak on any subject for three minutes, but watch your own time because their clock tends to cheat certain speakers out of a minute or more!! Also, watch for the many cops present--one wonders what they are really up to that requires them to hold meetings under police guard?!?!?

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Dear SHADOW:

Re: Article "Amsterdam News Exploits Blacks For 'Exploitation' Article" By Pasquale Bourgeois (SHADOW #9):

1. You spelled my name wrong! HEMSLEY, not HELMSLEY.
 2. BASTA never called for closing the 3rd Street shelter-but called for a true shelter where people could sleep and run by a private group-not the city.
 3. I never opposed street permits at anytime-for anyone.
 4. Get your facts straight or at least spell my name right.
- Howard Hemsley

Dear Howard:

1. Your group BASTA ("Before Another Shelter Tears Us Apart") has been calling for the closing of the Third Street Men's Shelter--that is the reason for your existence--not out of concern for the safety of the homeless residents in the appalling conditions of the city's shelters, but rather because your group just doesn't want them in your neighborhood!!
 2. If you never opposed the street permit for the homeless voter registration drive in August of 1987, then why did you join other members of Community Board 3 in meetings with Captain Zakar of the ninth precinct that resulted in the permit being denied by Zakar?
 3. Get your denial of the facts straight--we both know what really went down, and correctly spelling your name is the least of my concerns!!
- Pasquale Bourgeois

Dear Friends,

I am an indigent prisoner. If you grant complimentary subscription, please add my name to your mailing list. I wish to keep abreast of what's going on in free society and I feel your paper would be helpful.

Jasper Lynch #80535
Camp J. Shark 3-R-8
Louisiana State Prison
Angola, LA 70712

Dear Friends,

I would like to comment about the clowns calling themselves the RCP (Revolutionary Communist Party) [See SHADOW #8+#9]. They are scum at their best, and have the nerve to call themselves Communists, something they know nothing about. They are nothing but a bunch of state informers/pigs that pretend to be "down with the poor" and working class. They never say anything about the poor or homeless except for when it's time to exploit them or promote confusion. Also, they are racist, their party is lilly white, and they have no respect for poor White, Black or Latino leadership.

As a fellow revolutionary, I feel the struggle must be centered around love and truth, and we who face the FBI, jail, and dumb pigs in the streets must know who our enemies are.. Venceremos. In solidarity,
A NYC Comrade

Dear SHADOW,
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ONE YEAR OLD!
Squatters' whiz kid, fierce and bold,
Guardian of human rights,
Fighting evil, days and nights,
Born in March of '89,
Girding squats 'gainst fat cat crime.

For Flash and Nash and Issar, all,
Thanks for heeding justice's call.
For A.B., Anne A., Tad and Bob,
Thanks for braving one tough job.
For David, Free-I, L Van A,
Freedom's soldiers night and day.
For Scott and sharp C Double U,
For treasured Carl,

Sledgehammer Sue,
And Mary, Molly, World War Three,
Who cherish life, not property!
For Matthew, Cosmo, and for Piper,
Thanks as you expose each viper.
And for ABBIE, UNforgotten,
Wish you'd join us for a SQUAT-In!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, heroes all,
Peace and love,
Thanks for being tough cat tall!
Persephone

Dear Persephone,
Thanks for all of the notes and poems you've been sending us this past year. People like you have been keeping us going strong!!
(We'd like to meet you someday!!)
--Chris Flash

MORE RESPONSE TO RCP ARTICLES:

Dear SHADOW,
Enough anti-communist ranting already. You guys are starting to sound like Joe McCarthy. With all of the evils that beset contemporary society, that you should find the all of two members of the RCP on the Lower East Side political scene such a serious threat to the future of the movement to waste both your time and ours through two whole issues is stupid. Moreover, it has the sad and doubtless unintended effect of paying tribute to both the influence two party members have gained, and the initiative they have shown. If two people have come to exercise such enormous influence as to threaten to co-opt our whole movement, we had better take a hard enough look at ourselves to discover what is wrong! Are each of us participating in formulating and taking actions in our community, or are we waiting placidly for others to do so? If the latter is the case, it comes as no surprise if people choose to give their support to communist political actions rather than endorse anarchist inaction and name calling. I myself will support any action that confronts power over nothing, even if it is originated by supporters of a philosophy that killed 26,000,000 Chinese and 3,000,000 Cambodians within my lifetime. But, I would not like to see such a philosophy gain power. I certainly would not like our own philosophy warped into its image. For these reasons, I would like to see Anarchists shift their focus from the RCP to future actions, working with any who wish to help, as opposed to leaving the initiative to friends of Pol Pot.
Sincerely, Anarchist Tom

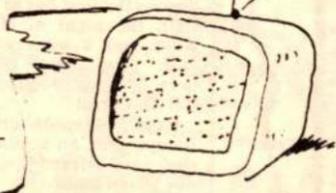
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Dear SHADOW,
The mailroom here has a list of publications we can and cannot have. The SHADOW was on the "NO" list when you sent the first copy I requested last July. Then, the next issue, you were on "the list" of can't have, then you sent me two more SHADOWS--can't have--then you sent me the same ones again--this time I got them--first time I got to read it. The last two went to Des Moines--both were approved--last week you sent me another issue--it was rejected--I told the mailroom that Des Moines had approved the last two--so they are sending that one to Des Moines--3 weeks from now I will get to read your most wonderful paper--the "list" just says "SHADOW"--no address--nothing--if one were to send in "The SHADOW" comic book, it would be rejected.
Thanks a million for sending me the SHADOW--and remember you are not alone--the fellows here won't forget either.
Sincerely, David Kemmerling
#104380B6
Box B, Anamosa, Iowa 52205

SHADOW Press,
Hello, I'm a prisoner here in California, and just recently the prison mailroom told me I couldn't receive your newspaper because "newspapers must be sent by the publisher or vendor only, and not from private parties".
As far as I'm aware, don't you publish the SHADOW? Shit, even a few months ago, SABOTAGE BOOKS sent me a SHADOW! Please try to send it to me again and include a notice that you are the publisher.
Thanks a bunch.
In Solidarity,
Joe Williams



A BULLETIN RELEASED TODAY BY LIBYAN PRIME MINISTER KHADAFI ANNOUNCED THAT THE LIBYAN NAVY IS CONDUCTING NAVAL EXERCISES 250 MILES OFF THE FLORIDA COAST IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS.... THE BULLETIN EMPHASIZED THAT THE CURRENT EXERCISE AND THE PRESENCE OF THE LIBYAN SUPER AIRCRAFT CARRIER "AL-SNEBAZ" IS IN NO WAY INTENDED TO INTIMIDATE OR TO INSINUATE THAT THE U.S. CHEMICAL PRODUCING WAR-FARE PLANT IN TAMPA MAY BE A POSSIBLE TARGET BY AIRCRAFT FROM THE CARRIER....



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Dear Editor,
Now that homeless panhandlers are required to have begging permits, it follows that real estate panhandlers who seek tax abatements must likewise have permits. The fact that their panhandling is conducted secretly behind closed doors and not in bus terminals is totally irrelevant.

America is a classless society where all beggars are created equal and where Harry Helmsley and a homeless man are guaranteed the inalienable right to pay the same subway fare.
Discovery,
J.Arthur Pretzelburger

POLICE VIOLENCE: WHAT CAN WE DO?

By A.Bertoli

Reforming or limiting police violence through lawsuits, civilian review boards or special prosecutors has proven itself a hopeless dream. The evil of police violence is rooted in the specific needs of capitalist rule in the US, the need to crush those who threaten peaceful rule by the rich. It is too important a weapon in the arsenal of the ruling class to be subject to parliamentary control. The police are occupying armies in the streets of poor communities. They can't be reformed anymore than the US Marines.

Attempts at reforming police violence which are oriented towards "making changes at the top" undermine the strategic importance of BUILDING OPPOSITION TO POLICE VIOLENCE AT THE BASE, in the neighborhoods in which the violence takes place. Rather than hierarchically, the problem of police violence should be seen horizontally. We must attack police violence where it happens: in the streets of our neighborhoods!

We must go into the streets, in Bushwick, East Harlem and the Bronx, in Queens and the Lower East Side, in all the communities ravaged by police killings. We must encourage the people to BREAK OLD HABITS, old habits of relying on the police to protect us, of calling on them (911) when there is a conflict in our community. We must learn to solve our own conflicts and break the control of the police in our minds!

Through the creation of COMMUNITY BASED CENTERS FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION, staffed by competent, capable people, we can break our addiction to "the man". We must stop inviting the enemy into our community, welcoming him with open arms as he prepares to kill us. We can solve our own disputes, diffuse and re-orient emotional conflicts, resolve disagreements without calling on the police to do it for us/to us.

Self-preservation is a biological necessity, self-defense is a human right. WE MUST DEFEND OURSELVES, our families, friends and neighbors against rampant-trigger happy police violence. Using any and all means available, we must organize ourselves for COMMUNITY SELF-DEFENSE. There is no reason to allow some bully cop/thug to rough up, if not murder, a resident of our community while hundreds of us stand around watching! Through discipline and training we can respond effectively to prevent police violence and implement our just self-defense. We must develop popular military tactics designed to NEUTRALIZE THE VIOLENCE OF THE POLICE, to protect the people, to guarantee the safety of our neighborhood. COMMUNITY PATROLS, armed with legal and moral force, can directly confront the enemy in the community with the aim of monitoring police behavior and preventing community abuse by the police.

Knowledge is power, information is strength. We must EDUCATE OURSELVES regarding the real history and political function of the police. Know your enemy. Through the use of posters, art-work, pamphlets, radio, public forums, we must clarify and de-mystify who and what the police really are, subverting the authority they claim and abuse with a badge. STOREFRONTS, centrally located in communities where police violence is a problem, should be acquired and operated as SCHOOLS OF POPULAR EDUCATION regarding the role of the police (and other agents of the State) in that particular community. These storefront centers can also serve in the areas of conflict resolution mentioned earlier, as well as centers for propaganda, art-work, and literature regarding the police and the resistance to police violence.

Through popular pressure and legal tactics, the NAMES, ADDRESSES AND PHOTOS OF COPS linked to local precincts should be acquired and published throughout the neighborhoods. This is especially important in regard to key police leadership, particularly violent cops, undercover agents etc. There is no reason why every cop who walks (stalks) or rides through our community with a weapon of violence in his or her hand, is not known to us.

The place for MASS RALLIES AND DIRECT ACTION demonstrations in opposition to police violence is not One Police Plaza or City Hall. The most effective use of mass mobilizations is in tying up the local precincts, forcing changes at the weak links of police control, and raising the resistance consciousness of those who live in and around local police installations. Resistance to police violence must begin at the base!

We should CALL FOR THE DISARMING OF THE POLICE! Some say this is foolishness. Irregardless, the point is that unarmed, victimized neighborhood people, most often Black and Latino people, are being snuffed out by agents of US apartheid. Until this system takes the guns out of the hands of the racist police, WE MUST DISARM THEM OURSELVES!

Activists, committed to the non-violent approach, should be encouraged to make the issue of police violence a top priority in their work. The right to a life free of police violence implies the right to be treated non-violently, both by those who practice police violence and by those who condone this practice. We need to create ZONES OF PEACE, designated areas (parks, neighborhood streets, church grounds) in which weapons are not allowed. Remember the notion of leaving your gun outside of the saloon? MAKE THE LOWER EAST SIDE A ZONE OF PEACE!

To conclude: We should push for a CITY WIDE ACTION CONFERENCE ON POLICE VIOLENCE IN NYC, at which time we will share ideas, tactics and experiences with others from around the city and devise solutions to the evil of police violence, the tool of capitalist violence. WE MUST CREATE MANY FRONTS IN THE WAR AGAINST KILLER COPS! DON'T MOURN, ORGANIZE!

For More Reading on the Police:

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New Times Magazine, Winter 1977, article Bringing the War Home by Ron Ridenhour with Arthur Lubow.

Stop Killer Cops, John Brown Anti-Klan Comm., PO Box 406, Peter Stuyvesant Station, NYC, 10009.

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Note: All the above except for The Iron Fist and the Velvet Glove are available thru SHADOW Press-- P.O.Box 20298, New York, N.Y. 10009

IT COULDN'T HAPPEN TO A NICER GUY!!

DAILY NEWS

Police captain re-reassigned

By JOHN MARZULLI and DAVID J. KRAJICEK
Daily News Staff Writers

The captain who was a key figure in the 1988 Tompkins Square Park riot is being bounced from his Queens precinct command for failing to detect a \$25,000 overtime scam.

Capt. Gerald McNamara, head of the 110th Precinct in Elmhurst, will be transferred Monday to what is considered a career-ending post as a fill-in supervisor in Brooklyn South precincts.

McNamara, a cop for 20 years and a captain for four, was criticized in an internal report for being asleep at the wheel as three officers and a lieutenant, all on the verge of retirement, padded their overtime by a total of more than \$25,000. The extra pay would be a key factor in determining the size of their pensions.

Two of the officers retired without being charged. The lieutenant retired after forfeiting \$4,000 in pay. The third officer, who is accused

of writing bogus red-light summonses to fulfill overtime quotas without leaving his desk, must face charges.

A 'breakdown'

"My review of this investigation discloses a complete breakdown in supervision, if not a conspiracy on the part of some supervisors to abuse overtime," Internal Affairs Chief Daniel Sullivan wrote in his report on the case. "The subjects of this investigation took advantage of Capt. McNamara."

McNamara, 46, declined comment. He was a provisional captain and commander of the East Village's Ninth Precinct during the Tompkins Square riot on Aug. 7, 1988.

While he was credited with taking charge of the situation, he was faulted for tactical errors, including ordering mounted cops to charge a crowd of demonstrators and sounding an urgent call for reinforcements that sent hundreds of unsupervised cops rushing to the park.

He was transferred to the 110th about six months after the melee, which resulted in 52 injuries, 125 complaints of brutality and criminal or departmental charges against 17 officers.

The chief said McNamara was unaware of the scam, but his failure to detect it was an indication of lax supervision. "He trusted his personnel, and they took advantage of him," Sullivan said.

5 cops target of \$50M suit

By RUBEN ROSARIO and RUTH LANDA
Daily News Staff Writers

2/23/90

Nearly four years ago, a lawyer-activist and a deacon's son cowered in a car, praying, as a group of men opened fire on them on a Coney Island street.

Gerard Papa and James Rampersant said the gunmen — who did not identify themselves — shot at them, beat them and arrested them.

The gunmen were cops. Police called it a case of mistaken identity, saying Papa, now 36, and Rampersant, now 27, resembled a holdup team.

Yesterday, the two sought justice in Brooklyn Supreme Court. Their \$50 million lawsuit charges five police officers and the city with false arrest, negligence and use of excessive force.

"This case is about the right to get home safely without people firing shots at you," Papa's attorney, Harvey Weitz, told the four-woman, two-man jury on the first day of the trial.

On the night of March 12, 1986, Weitz said, a witness called 911 and said: "You better get some police here. They're shooting out there like the OK Corral."

Papa, of Bensonhurst, had spotted Rampersant, an acquaintance, on the street and offered him a lift to his Coney Island home.

Papa's blue Lincoln Town Car had just turned onto Bayview Ave. when

he saw "a car facing the wrong way with its headlights on," Weitz said.

"There's a car behind him," the attorney said. "Looking back to the car in the front, he sees that there are men, and now they're on the street."

Weitz said the men, in civilian clothes, approached with guns drawn. Papa and Rampersant ducked as the men opened fire.

Pointing to several of the defendants, Weitz told the jury: "They will tell you that they used deadly physical force because people were pointing guns at them. What did these brave heroes find in the car? A hairbrush."

The suit charges that the cops beat Papa and Rampersant with fists, nightsticks and "their service revolvers," and jailed them for two days. They suffered bruises, concussions, "post-traumatic stress syndrome" and other injuries, the suit said.

Charges dismissed

Papa and Rampersant were charged with assault, reckless endangerment and criminal mischief. The Brooklyn district attorney dismissed the charges for lack of evidence.

The police defendants in the civil case are Officers Arthur Williams, Patrick Boyle, Anthony Giallombardo, John Hunt and Gary Trapani. All but Giallombardo, who retired on disability in 1988, are still on the force.

Guy Trebay

Bullet Park: O.K. Corral on the Lower East Side

It's *Rashomon* time in Alphabet City. Everybody knows the story or part of the story. And everybody saw what happened from a different point of view. This much is certain: on Monday, March 5, state police officer Joseph T. Aversa, 31, of Sparrowbush, New York, was shot in the eye during a buy-and-bust operation on the Lower East Side. He died, leaving a young widow named Eileen.

The other events of that frightening afternoon are open to anyone's interpretation. The two suspects were certainly young Dominicans from Brooklyn. The two other detectives on the scene were shot. In early reports the story was a tidy case of dealers who got spooked and offed a cop. By Wednesday it became clear that state police officer Joseph T. Aversa hadn't been killed by any Dominican from Brooklyn but by a bullet from a gun belonging to a fellow policeman. It also became clear that Joseph T. Aversa shot a fellow officer in the thigh before he died.

Maybe it was accidental. And maybe, as some neighborhood people suggested, the cash-for-drugs transaction had become a double cross. A popular theory on the street after the tragedy had the cops shooting it out between themselves for the cash. There was no proof that the theory, which slugged a dead man, was true. But on East 6th Street undercover officers aren't generally held in high regard. "A lot of these undercover cops are down with the dealers," said 27-year-old Rubiel Rivera, an electrician's assistant who lives in one of the Jacob Riis Houses, where the shooting occurred. "They're drinking with the dealers, they're fucking and sucking with them, too. They get chicks. They play that whole game. Maybe they even take a little sniff and they get delusions of grandeur, you know?"

Nobody was sure who shot the third detective, Joseph Mendez, in the left thigh. No one was sure who shot one of the suspects, Oswaldo Santana, in the left foot. The official version proposed that Mendez had accidentally blasted himself and Santana with a single stray bullet. Santana was allegedly biting Mendez's scalp at the time.

It was a story whose details were picked out in weird enlargements. One of the officers was driving a Pontiac Firebird Formula 350 with tinted windows. The Dominicans came from Greenpoint, Brooklyn, just over the Williamsburg Bridge. The second suspect, 20-year-old David Hernandez, had been carrying a .357 Magnum which he had fired once or more than once. Maybe Hernandez hadn't been carrying any gun at all. The Associated Press reports were based on accounts by tenants at 749 FDR

Drive, who were able to watch the grisly shootout and the post-melee siege of helicopters, police personnel, and ambulances from their apartment windows. One woman told a reporter the gun battle looked just like a TV show.

In the police reports the shooting began at 3:30 p.m., an hour when local children are still straggling home from school. Hernandez and Santana had allegedly tried to rob detective Joseph Mendez, who had arranged with Santana and a third man to buy two kilograms of cocaine for \$42,000 in cash. The cash was in the trunk of the car. The detective had popped the car trunk open and flashed the money to Santana. Mendez then followed Santana into the basement hallway, where Hernandez was allegedly waiting with a gun.

The basement hall is at the bottom of a short stair, the exit of which was blocked. Even without knowing that Mendez was a policeman, or that he had two heavily armed colleagues standing by, the two Dominicans must have been suicidal or profoundly stupid, since the trap they laid left them without any means of escape. Even the boiler room windows were fastened shut.

In accounts given to the dailies, the police department claimed Hernandez had put a gun to Detective Mendez's head. Mendez had pulled his revolver and fired four shots. Hernandez had bolted through the door and into the courtyard as two backup officers ran in. A third detective, 41-year-old Craig Moruzzi, had fired at least six rounds from his Glock 9 millimeter semiautomatic pistol, hitting the fleeing Hernandez in the left elbow and the stomach. And state policeman Joseph T. Aversa had fired two rounds from his .357 Magnum, one of which struck detective Moruzzi. Aversa himself was hit by a bullet from what may have been a police weapon and stumbled through the door, onto the blacktop and a patch of dirty ice between the building and a chain link fence. Detective Mendez also made it out of the building and collapsed. Santana stayed behind. He was found a short while later cowering, still weaponless, in the boiler room hall.

At a later news conference, David Dinkins looked sorrowful as he said, "This is further evidence that police officers—women and men—put their lives on the line every day for us."

As far as anyone knows, Dinkins made no public comment on the botched furt of events. Or about the dangers of doing Dodge City-style police work in city housing projects. Buy-and-bust is a fact of life for the nearly 6000

who live in the 19 buildings of Jacob Riis Houses, since the location of the buildings on the FDR Drive makes them ideal for drive-through sales. Before Operation Pressure Point swept through the project in the late 1980s, the courtyards around Riis Houses resembled a drug version of Supermarket Sweep. Heroin was the prevalent drug of the period. Crack has replaced it and, curiously, heroin is said by street hawkers to be in very short supply.

None of this helps the lives of ordinary people forced to live with the skirmishes. "We've been putting up with the drugs all along," said Sharon Wright, a resident of the nearby Lillian Wald Houses. "That subjects us to enough stress. We don't need to have cops putting our lives on the line. I'm sorry the guy got killed. But, shootouts? I have to ask, why are they pulling buy-and-busts of that magnitude in the middle of the day?"

Another longtime resident of the building stopped outside her front door to gaze at the crime scene, where shreds of orange barrier tape still clung to trees and fencing. "We have kids living here," said Mary McDonald, a Riis Houses resident for 20 years. "It's not the place to be doing that kind of stuff. Children are out playing. We don't need cops playing O.K. Corral."

In the aftermath of the shootings, Riis Houses were tomb-quiet. Alternate-side-of-the-street drug trade was temporarily suspended. The courtyard and pergola outside 749 FDR Drive were unusually empty. A woman joked loudly that a police officer had been shot with his own gun. She laughed bitterly, for the benefit of reporters nearby. The few other pedestrians seemed in a hurry to get home. "Since the shooting, they've had cops all over the place," Rubiel Rivera said. "All kinds of people have been busted in the street. If you're hanging out, they bust you. A lot of people are scared to come out now because they might be wanted on an old bench warrant."

Three days after the shooting, the frozen ground outside the basement door was still littered with medical trash. It was the only visible clue that anything unusual had gone on. Along with the crack vials at the building's foundation, there were half a dozen used surgical gloves, gauze pads, sponges, an extrication collar, an air mask, and a ventilator tube caked with blood. On a post by the basement whist, the policeman was shot and killed someone had tied a modest spray of white carnations and baby's breath. A note card attached read, "Joseph Aversa, Rest in Peace." The story going around was that dealers put it there.

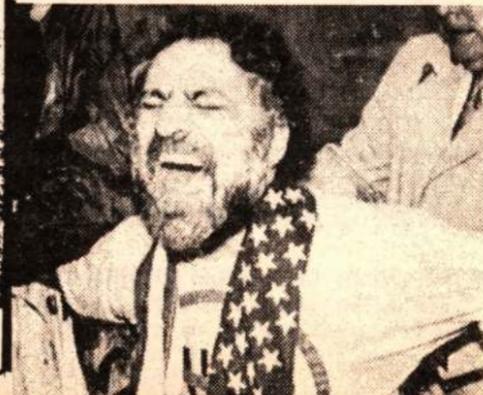
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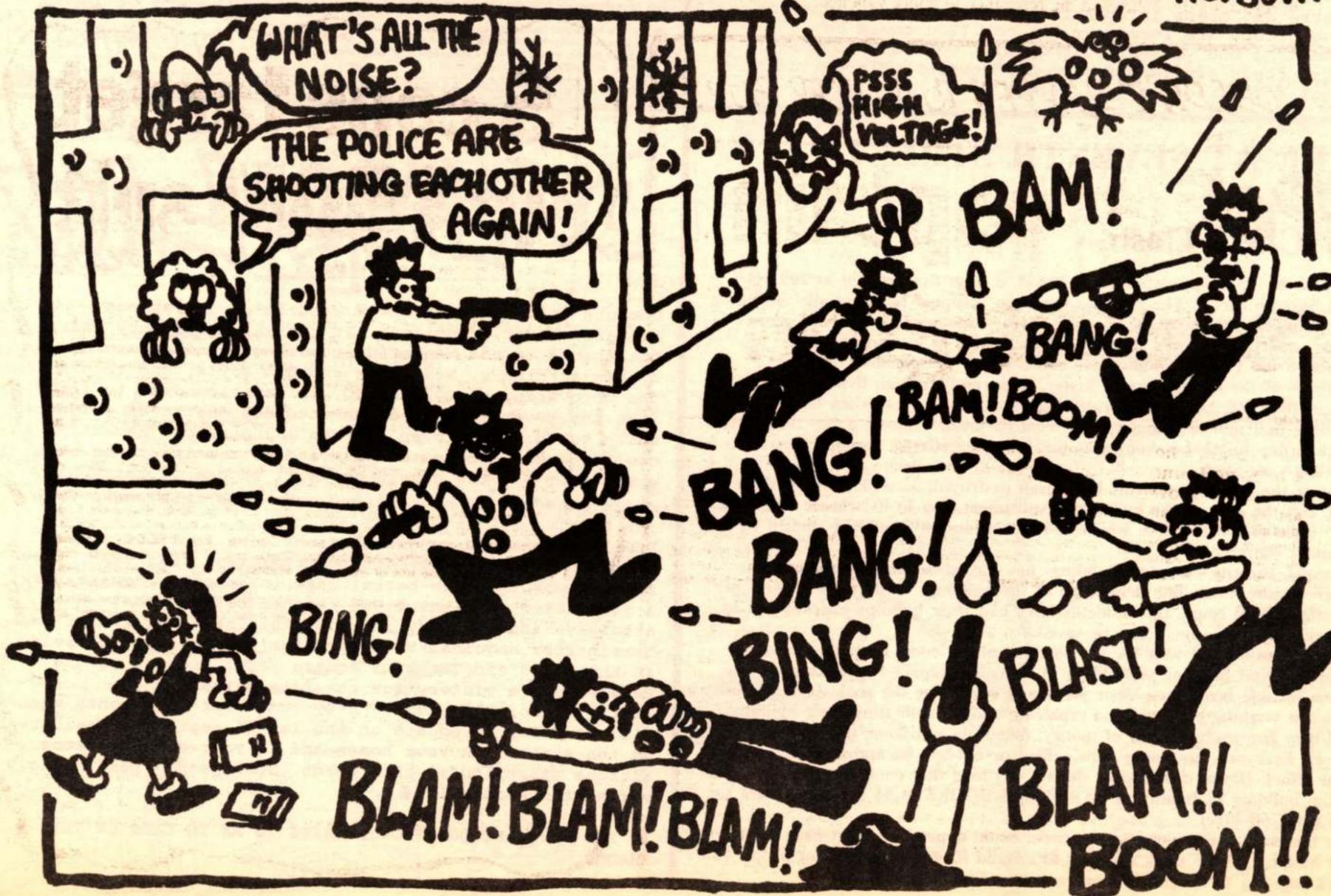
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Hoffman was still fighting in 1987

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EARTH DAY:1990

BY
DAVID
SORCHER

Well, the weather's been fine this year, if not somewhat unusual. But after a week of 80 degree temperatures in mid-March, I just gotta ask ya, "Do the words GLOBAL WARMING TREND mean anything to you?" And while brainwashed human robots tan in the rays of a custom-made corporate summer, the President tells us it's not necessary to do anything about the GREENHOUSE EFFECT yet--it can wait! And hey, come on in, the water's fine too. That is, if you don't mind a little 10W40 in your bath, courtesy of our friends at Exxon.

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This year's organizers of Earth Day (trademark?) are seeking to inject a sense of hope and renewal into environmental organizing, but will they expose the causes behind our ever-worsening ecological crisis? I doubt it. Especially since they intend to include corporate booths at their street fair, allowing the very perpetrators of the hideous rape of our Mother Earth a venue for the insidious lies that any public relations campaign by the likes of Exxon, Dupont and Dow Chemical must include.

Many of the worst corporate offenders seem to be trying to buy allies in the environmental movement. Arco, British Petroleum, and Chemical Bank are major contributors to the Sierra Club. The Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Waste Management Inc, General Electric, Chevron, Dupont, Dow Jones, Exxon, Ford, and IBM, all contribute to the Audubon Society. The National Wildlife Federation lists Amoco, Dow, Dupont, Exxon, GE, General Motors, IBM, Mobil Oil, and many others as major contributors. Are these companies attempting to buy their way into environmental Heaven?

This is why many people are seeking an event that will compliment the mainstream Earth Day activities. The EARTH DAY WALL STREET ACTION (no trademark, thank-you!) is targeting the root of the evil, namely CORPORATE AMERIKKA. Let's face it folks, Wall Street is killing us, and for every piece of nature that dies, the corporate world reaps the profit.

The EARTH DAY WALL STREET ACTION will attempt to drive home this corporate connection to our dying Earth. The military-industrial complex of both the East and West must be stopped. If not, there will no longer be a forum in which to debate the question. The Wall Street area will be heavily leafleted in the week before the action. Workers are not the target of the shutdown, they are only dupes. It will be suggested that they call in sick or arrive late for work on Monday, April 23. Participants will gather at 6:00AM. The idea will be shutting down the Stock Exchange, with affinity groups converging on the Exchange to form a blockade. Street theatre and press information is planned for lunchtime. These groups are forming right now. (You could be organizing one yourself). They will work autonomously toward their single purpose--the complete disruption of normal activities on Wall Street.

This action is being planned by a large and diverse coalition of activists. The idea of groups from many ideological backgrounds implies many surprises throughout the day.

More plans are being made as of this writing, so look for up to the minute information. Meetings, rallies, civil disobedience training and concerts will be taking place in coming weeks. Believe it or not, you can make a difference! For more information, call the NYC office for the Earth Day Wall Street Action at: (212)925-7976. Remember: THE SOLUTION TO POLLUTION IS REVOLUTION!!

NONVIOLENT DIRECT ACTION

EARTH DAY Wall Street Action

Who is destroying the Earth - Are we all equally to blame?
NO! We say go to the source. We say: Take it to Wall Street!

Monday April 23, 1990



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FIRE AT SEVENTH STREET SQUAT: By Chris Flash

On March 14, at approximately 7:30AM, a flash fire erupted at 209-211 East Seventh Street. The building has been occupied by 21 people, including four families with children, for over 5 years, making it one of the more stable squats in the area. Luckily, all were able to get outside safely. Although the Fire Marshalls have called this a "suspicious" fire, the residents of the building know better. Apparently, a man living on the second floor left an electric heater with faulty wiring on when he left the building that morning, and sparks from the heater caused a fire that spread quickly, due to what is known as the "chimney effect", through the building's air shaft.

Most of the front apartments have been destroyed, as well as most of the roof, but the rear of the building is still intact, due to its' classic "dumbell flat" style of construction, which in effect means two buildings linked by a common staircase.

As usual, the city's Dept. of Buildings has wasted no time in obtaining an order for the immediate demolition of the building. While their lawyers are fighting this in court, the residents have had their building checked out by an architect who says it can be saved.

Rather than sit and wait for the outcome of the court case, they have already begun building scaffolding in order to prepare for making repairs, which include laying new floor joists and rebuilding the roof. At this point, they are working every day on repairing and rehabilitating their building, and they can use every bit of money, materials and labor they can get--and more!! Everyone, no matter how skilled or not will be appreciated in this joint effort. If you can help or donate anything that could help, please come to the building or inquire at SABOTAGE BOOKS at 96 St. Marx Place (or call (212)260-4010).

The future of the squatter's movement could depend on what happens to this building. If we work together to rebuild it, it will prove that people can work together to rebuild the entire Lower East Side!!

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DOWN BY LAW..

Dhoruba was arrested, tried, and in an outrageous kangaroo court, convicted. It took almost twenty years, but thanks to the wonderful commitment and determination of his attorneys, Rose Fink and Bob Boyle, and thanks to the uncovering of COINTELPRO, information came to light that the government lied, cheated and destroyed evidence which could have proven Dhoruba's innocence. Recently, a new trial was ordered for him and it remains to be seen whether or not the government will choose to retry him. He is expected to be released some time this week. Free the Land!

Finally, a second congratulations goes to TSLDC, the Tompkins Square Legal Defense Committee. This week, they finally won the fire barrel case in Tompkins Square Park. A stipulated settlement was reached between their attorneys and the City in which the Parks Department is hereinafter enjoined from interfering with fire barrels in the parks and Tompkins Square Park. Victory to the People, and a victory for the fire barrel. That's it for this month; stay tuned for next month when I'll be doing an update on the law of search and seizure on the street, in your homes and in your cars. Remember, actions speak louder than words. Some people read history while others make it.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, WRITE TO ME IN CARE OF THE SHADOW.

THE PEOPLE'S PLAN FOR TOMPKINS SQ. PARK FOR THE 1990'S

By Kenny Means Necessary

Why are the people of the neighborhood organizing to take over the planned renovations of Tompkins Square Park? This park's history is unique among New York City's parks as the site of neighborhood organizing, protests, and riots against injustice, since before the Civil War. Perhaps this is partly due to the park being located in an area where the people have been traditionally poor and working class. The movements that have sprung up in the park have always been a barometer of the mood of the nation and of the world at large. The Civil War Draft Riots; immigrants demonstrating; worker protests; police riots; hippies dancing on the grass--all have swept through the park in their time.

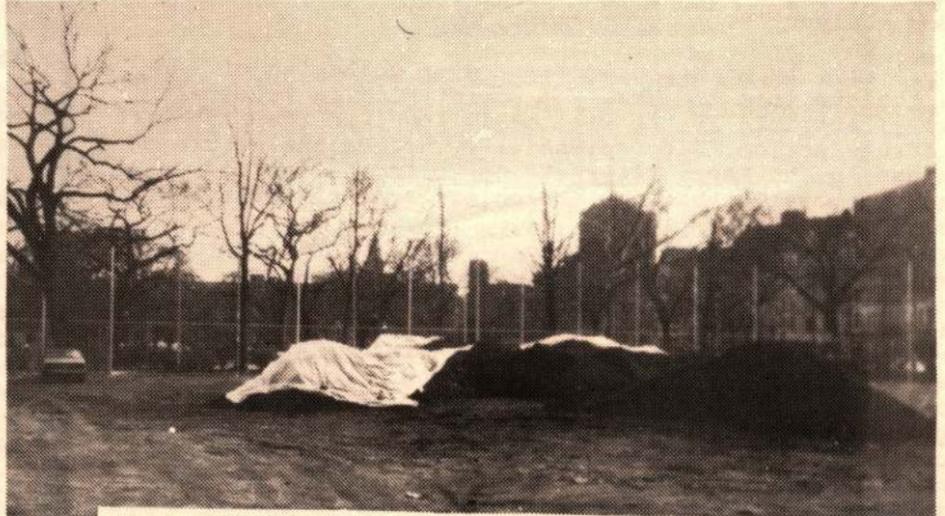
In the most recent wave of protests, neighborhood residents have stopped a planned curfew of the park by battling police riot squads in the streets, and have defended the homeless residents of the park against the city's implementation of a genocidal shelter policy. Since then, people all over the world have heard of the clashes between the rich and poor over the gentrification of the Lower East Side.

Last February, in an effort to prevent history from taking it's due course, the city announced a multi-million dollar "renovation" plan for the park that would effectively close off most or all of the park throughout the summer months when the largest number of people would be using the park.

- As a result, people in the community have organized and are calling for the takeover of Tompkins Square Park. Items in the "People's Plan" include:
- setting up a People's Council with public meetings to run the park.
 - immediately rebuilding the basketball and handball courts and the ballfield that have been destroyed by the Parks Department's "destruction" crews, using local construction crews and persons needing work.
 - replanting the park with meadows, flowers and fruit trees.
 - treating the great elm trees for Dutch Elm Disease.
 - rebuilding the Avenue B playground, (also destroyed by the Parks Dept's crews), with new equipment and sprinklers.
 - stopping demolition of the Avenue A playground and refilling the sand boxes.
 - establishing and upkeeping a dog run.
 - providing an area in the corner of the park where the homeless can sleep undisturbed, to be maintained by neighbors and the homeless themselves.

The alternative to the Tompkins Square People's Park Plan is the sanitized Union Square Park. Better known as

"Commuter Park", the trees have been cut down, benches and walkways have been removed, the grass fenced off, and 24 hour flood lights installed. The only "service" to the community there is the massive underground police station. A commuter park, as it is, is the exact opposite of a community park--it is meant to be walked through, not lived or played in. (Strangely, Union Square was one



THE REMAINS OF THE BALLFIELD IN THE PARK AS IT UNDERGOES "RENOVATIONS"!!

WHY DOES IT TAKE A D.O.T. CREW ONE DAY TO RE-PAVE ALL OF SIXTH AVE, YET IT TAKES THE PARKS DEPT. ALMOST 6 MONTHS TO RESURFACE THE PARK?

of the only other parks well known for political demonstrations, union organizing and rallies.)

Today's historic "renovation" attempts are a great opportunity for our neighborhood to take over, plan, build and run our park. If it can be done anywhere, it can be done in our community. We can end the vicious cycle of Revolution and Renovation in the park by taking it out of the hands of the City Council, "Community" Board 3, and mob-associated "construction" companies, and giving it back to the people of the neighborhood. So, we have a choice: Tompkins Square Park as an autonomous People's Park, or as a CONCRETE POLICE STATE PARK!!

THE CONTINUING SAGA OF OFFICER LACKEY

AS YOU REMEMBER, "OUR HERO" HAD A DREAM IN WHICH HE WAS CAPTURED BY THE ANARCHIST UNDERGROUND IN THE LOWER EAST SIDE AND INVITED TO DRINK A QUART OF FRESH-SQUEEZED LSD! GOSH WAS HE GLAD IT WAS ONLY A DREAM..?

POOF WHEW!

GOSH! AM I GLAD IT WAS ONLY A DREAM

GULP GULP

...WELL, ITS TIME TO GET READY FOR "THE JOB"...

YEOW!!!

WHY ME? WHY ME!!? HELP! MOMMA!! THE ANARCHISTS HAVE TURNED ME INTO A COCKROACH!..HUH?

TO ARMS!! TO ARMS!! THE YUPPIES ARE COMING!!

WHO THE... WHAT THE FUH... WHO WAS THAT!?

WHO ARE YOU?

JUST CALL ME POPPA ROACH!

BURP!

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS IS HAPPENING!

BELIEVE IT!!

ITS ROACHES TO REVOLUTION!! WHEREVER WE FIND A YUPPIE ESTABLISHMENT, WE WILL DEPLOY OUR ORGANIC KAMIKAZE KOCKROACHES!!!

PATIENTLY THEY CLING TO THE CEILINGS OF YUPPIE GOURMET SHOPPES, POISED PRECISELY ABOVE EACH TABLE... AT THE APPROPRIATE MOMENT, THEY DIVE BOMB INTO A YUPPIE'S DRINK!

..MEANWHILE, OUTSIDE, OUR HIGHLY TRAINED MARCHING ROACH SQUADS WILL PERFORM INTERESTING AND CREATIVE FORMATIONS TO GREET THE YUPPIE PUBLIC...

Le Gourmet SHOPPE

OTHER ROACHIES WILL RETALIATE BY LAYING MILLIONS OF ROACH EGGS IN THE ARMPITS OF GAP SHIRTS!!

HEE HEE

OUR UNDERCOVER ROACHIES WILL RIDE HOME TO YUPPIE CONDOMINIUMS, MAKE THEIR WAY TO THE BATHROOM AND WAIT TIL A YUPPIE SITS ON THE TOILET... NOTHING LIKE A LITTLE ROACHIE CRAWLING UP BETWEEN YOUR BARE LEGS WHILE YER POOPIN'...

WARNING!! BEWARE OF UFO'S (UNIDENTIFIED FALLEN OOPARTS)

LOOK, ED ITS ONE OF THOSE UFO'S!

HOLY CRUMBS! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

are Forever!!

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GOTA LIGHT?

ROACHZILLA! ...OUR SECRET WEAPON!

(DIARRHEA IN NO TIME)

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CALLING ALL ANARCHISTS

CALLING ALL ANARCHISTS!!
(From Tompkins Square to Gdansk)
-Bob McGlynn

There will be an historic first ever gathering of Anarchists from the West and Soviet-bloc in Trieste, Italy, April 14-16. It will be followed on the 17th with a street action. Discussions will include the nature of change in the East, Alternatives to Capitalism/Communism, and co-operation between Anarchists from the East and West.

Over the years there has been a significant amount of networking and solidarity between East and West Anarchists, ecologists, anti-nuclear activists, and other alternative oppositionists. North Americans have had a prominent hand in this. NYC-NENW (Neither East Nor West) was able to get Polish Anarchists and others to write solidarity appeals, protest letters, and petitions against the attempted bicycle ban in New York City, NYC's poster law, the Tompkins Square Park Pig Riot of 1988, and a statement in support of 1988's blockade of the Pentagon protesting U.S. imperialism. The poles have also picketed the U.S. embassy in Warsaw. NYC-NENW also helped the poles in their successful campaigns for the release of draft resisters and for freedom of travel. NYC-NENW would like to send a representative to the gathering, but we need contributions for travelling costs. Please help by sending a tax-deductible contribution made out to the "Aspect Foundation", to: "On Gogol Boulevard", 151 First Ave, #62, New York, N.Y. 10003. Also, write us if you'd like to go to Trieste, Italy.

SHADOW RECIPE OF THE MONTH:

MAGGIE'S MENSTRUATION MIRACLE MARIJUANA TEA

MAGGIE'S
MENSTRUATION
MIRACLE MARIJUANA
TEA:

(This homemade remedy is good for when you feel heavy cramps)

- Ingredients:
2 Parts Marijuana leaf
1 Part Yarrow (Milfoil)
1 Part Cohosh (I use black, but red or blue will do)
1 Part Red Raspberry Root (leaf is okay)
1 Part Uva Ursi
1 Part Spearmint or Peppermint (for taste)

All of these ingredients are available at Angelica's (East Ninth Street and First Ave) and Penny's General Store (East Seventh Street, between First and Avenue A), except for the marijuana, of course!!

Say To Marijuana...
 Yes!!! Redeemer of Sin
 giver of Life
 magical medicinal herb



ANTI-MILITARISM PROTESTORS ACQUITTED!!

ANTI-MILITARISM PROTESTORS ACQUITTED By JOHN LEELÖCK
(Special report from Amherst, Mass.)

On February 28, four anti-militarism protestors were unanimously acquitted on charges of Trespassing and Disorderly Conduct brought against them by the University of Massachusetts at Amherst last April. The four students, all members of "People for a Socially Responsible University" (PSRU) were arrested on April 25, 1989, after they and 100 other students occupied Memorial Hall for 30 hours in protest of Department of Defense-funded research at the University.

Three of the students, Jay Allain (age 30, U-Mass graduate student), John Langford (age 50, U-Mass graduate student), and Jon Leavitt (age 23, U-Mass undergraduate), were arrested inside the building after police issued a final warning to leave. The fourth student, Randy Viscio (age 22, Hampshire College undergraduate), was arrested outside the building when he and 33 other students blocked a police bus from leaving the hall.

Anti-Defense Dept protests rocked the University of Mass. at Amherst last April and May when the student group PSRU organized six building occupations and a hunger strike in which over 150 students were eventually arrested. This trial was the first in a series, and students were elated with the verdict of "not guilty". Since last Spring, PSRU has set up two more chapters at nearby Hampshire College and Amherst College. All three chapters are currently engaged in anti-militarism projects at their schools. Defendant and National Co-ordinator Randy Viscio said "We're happy with the verdict and assume that many more of the trials will have the same outcome. But our work is just beginning...we're presently trying to set-up a national PSRU organization with chapters throughout the country. At the same time, we're planning a Spring offensive and more occupations are probable."

All four defendants acted as their own attorneys during the trial and consulted with official attorneys. Upon hearing the verdict, the packed courtroom broke out in cheers.

For more info about PSRU, write or call:

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REMEMBER KENT STATE

MAY 4, 1970
13 SHOT! 4 KILLED!!



ON THAT DAY, FREE SPEECH & FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY WERE MASSACRED!

THE RECENT EVENTS IN CHINA AND EASTERN EUROPE BRUTALLY POINT OUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN GOVERNMENTS ARE WILLING TO USE EXCESSIVE FORCE ON THEIR OWN PEOPLE. THE HORRIBLE INCIDENTS IN TIANNAMEN SQUARE AND TIMISOARA, ROMANIA, ECHO THE MAY 4TH, 1970 SHOOTINGS AT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, WHERE THE OHIO NATIONAL GUARD OPENED FIRE ON DEMONSTRATING STUDENTS...KILLING FOUR AND WOUNDING THIRTEEN.



SINCE THAT TIME, MANY ATTEMPTS TO SOMEHOW MEMORIALIZE THOSE WHO WERE SLAIN AT KENT STATE WERE TURNED DOWN OR OTHERWISE BLOCKED BY K.S.U.'S ADMINISTRATION AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

- REQUESTS WERE MADE TO NAME UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS AFTER THE FOUR MURDERED STUDENTS. THE UNIVERSITY REFUSED. NO BUILDINGS WERE NAMED.
- THE MILDRED ANDREWS FOUNDATION OFFERED TO DONATE A MEMORIAL SCULPTURE BY ARTIST GEORGE SEGAL. THE UNIVERSITY WOULD NOT ACCEPT IT. THE SCULPTURE IS NOW AT PRINCETON.
- ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO DECLARE THE SITE AS AN HISTORIC LANDMARK. LANDMARK STATUS WOULD HAVE PRESERVED THE SITE'S INTEGRITY. INSTEAD, IN 1977, K.S.U. ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD CONSTRUCT A GYMNASIUM AT THE SITE. IN SPITE OF COMMUNITY OBJECTIONS, THE GYM WAS BUILT AS PLANNED.

WHEN THE TRUSTEES FINALLY AGREED ON A DESIGN FOR A MEMORIAL (BY ARCHITECT BRUNO AST), THEY CLAIM THEY WERE UNABLE TO RAISE THE REQUIRED FUNDS, AND USE THIS EXCUSE TO BUILD A VERSION SCALED-DOWN BY 93%. THE UNIVERSITY HAS CUT FROM THE PLAN AN INSCRIPTION EXPLAINING WHAT HAPPENED AND WHO WAS KILLED AND WOUNDED.

THE KENT MAY 4TH CENTER INC. IS A GROUP OF CITIZENS AND ALUMNI WHO FEEL THAT THESE DELAYS AND CHANGES HAVE RESULTED IN AN INAPPROPRIATE MEMORIAL. WE WANT THE ORIGINAL BRUNO AST DESIGN CONSTRUCTED AND URGE THAT AT THE VERY LEAST ANY STRUCTURE BUILT WILL INCLUDE AN EXPLANATION OF WHAT HAPPENED AND WHO WAS KILLED AND WOUNDED THAT DAY IN MAY. AT THIS TIME, THE UNIVERSITY WILL NOT ALLOW THAT.

THE "TIRED OF WAITING" CONCERTS ARE BEING HELD AROUND THE COUNTRY TO PUBLICIZE THE NEED TO BUILD A MORE ADEQUATE MEMORIAL. THE ORGANIZERS KNOW THAT PEOPLE DO SUPPORT THE BUILDING OF THE ORIGINAL DESIGN AND THAT THE MONEY CAN BE RAISED.

WE'RE NOT DISCOURAGED...WE'RE JUST TIRED OF WAITING.

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COMMUNITY RECONSTRUCTION

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Obviously this legislation is doomed from the start. This leads to another question: Why are knowledgeable and experienced people leading the housing movement into a dead-end alley? The pitiful quality of empty speech-making at the recent anti-warehousing march indicates opportunism on the part of its leadership. People need information, analysis, and debate, not empty speeches. The only 'bright spot' in this dark night of obfuscation is some peripheral talk of using the idea of 'Eminent Domain' to seize the warehoused apartments and use them to house the homeless. One of the problems with this approach is the price that would have to be paid for these apartments, 'fair market value' according to established interpretations of constitutional law, that would be astronomical in the present monopoly controlled 'fair' market. In any event, the 'eminent domain theory' will not be seriously pursued except in street-corner conversations between the devious and the powerless, and the devious are designing the project.

50/50 PLAN: A LIE FROM THE START

The 50/50 PLAN is the name given to the 1987 agreement between Koch and CB3 concerning urban development on the Lower East Side. The term '50/50' generally indicates that equal portions are being split between two parties. In fact, this is nominally true of the 1987 agreement. In Phase One of this plan, developers are allowed to build 192 units of luxury housing on three separate lots, thereby breaking the zoning limit, and the City will choose and pay favored contractors to rehabilitate 192 units in abandoned city-owned buildings for 'low-income' housing. Actually, the 'low-income units' will be the only housing affordable by 80% of the New York public. Unfortunately, the so-called 50/50 PLAN completely ignores the tremendous amount of *private development* that is taking place all around it. Close to 192 units of luxury housing *have already been introduced into the neighborhood by just two recent projects*, Red Square on Houston Street and another luxury building on Avenue A between 5th and 6th Streets. It's as if someone had a plate of food: turkey, dressing, salad, potatoes, and carrots. They eat the entire plate and give you half the carrots. See! This is the 50/50 PLAN. We gave you precisely 50% of the carrots. When it becomes clear to people that half the carrots are going to 80% of the public, they'll put a stop to this extortion and demand **COMMUNITY RECONSTRUCTION, NOT GENTRIFICATION!**

COMMUNITY RECONSTRUCTION!

On a recent visit to the Tompkins Square Park 'Help Center', baloney-sandwich distribution outlet for lower Manhattan, a homeless construction worker applied for a job. An interview was set up for this workman *two months* from the date of his application. As a matter of fact, if the workman does not succumb to homelessness, frustration, and lack of food, he will be interviewed by the firm on April 19th at 8 o'clock in the morning. In the meantime, at least 100 decaying buildings are in need of repair on the Lower East Side. While the City has agreed to renovate a portion of these buildings, it has introduced *systematic gentrification* into the process by linking the renovation of these properties with the sale of major parcels of land to New York Real Estate developers. In addition to this, the City has reserved the right to appoint, without second bids, its favorite contractors to the lucrative business of renovating these buildings at \$80,000 per/unit and up.

As this business-as-usual proceeds, hundreds of homeless men and women struggle to survive on the streets, many of whom are willing and able to help rebuild what the City has destroyed. They need homes and New York needs another 500,000 units of housing to, 1) create a completely new Alternative Housing System and, 2) bring down rental rates within the decaying system to reasonable levels. In addition, hundreds of youth on the Lower East Side need cash and job training. Construction skills are readily available within the squatter housing network, as well as in the community at large. Why is it then, that the Lower East Side is being sold down the East River by good-old-boy networks of corrupt politicians, 1970's housing policies, neglect, sabotage, and disregard for human realities?

ALL DEVELOPMENT ON THE LOWER EAST SIDE MUST COME TO A HALT until a general plan of COMMUNITY RECONSTRUCTION is agreed upon by the Lower East Side community itself. Just because this kind of neighborhood control has never before been successfully implemented, doesn't mean it can't happen here!

What 'develops' on the Lower East Side sets a major precedent for many other neighborhoods, because this community is *on the cutting edge of gentrification*. The word, gentrification, is simply a contemporary euphemism for what used to be known as a 'land grab'. One tribe or nation steals the land of another. Spears, swords, bayonets, and machine guns were the usual means employed. In many parts of the world these practices continue. As I've said, in modern urban America these means are entirely unnecessary, *because a deliberate Governmental process of destabilization was set in motion over twenty years ago to depopulate*

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SLANTED FACTOR

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The plan sponsored by NYFSC would be to create a facility containing more than 80 units of temporary housing for the elderly. NYFSC would operate the facility as a social service agency, but it would not provide permanent housing. However, the NYFSC plan is just a drop in the bucket. The city shelter system is already facing growing numbers of people suffering from the AIDS virus.

THE OPPORTUNITY

One NYFSC board member is Congressman James H. Scheuer, who founded the group in 1968 as the "Bronx Foundation For Senior Citizens". Other members include Ann D'Amato (mother of the Senator), Alma Rangel (wife of Harlem Congressman Charles Rangel), Richard A. Brown (Rangel's campaign treasurer and congressional consultant), Joan Finkelstein (sister-in-law of City Council President Andrew Stein), Deborah Smith Bernstein (a former aide to Sen. D'Amato), and Anthony Gleidman (former head of HPD, now working for real estate developer Donald Trump).

While two-thirds of all Section 202 Housing loans approved in New York State had a contribution to Sen. D'Amato involved in the deal, the NYFSC has itself received more than \$20 million in Section 202 Housing funds from HUD since 1981.

Another benefactor of the HUD/D'Amato connection has been JOBCO, a Great Neck, Long Island construction company that has donated tens of thousands of dollars to Sen. D'Amato's campaign. JOBCO has managed to land \$20 million in HUD work even though the company's work has been considered "incompetent". (JOBCO recently pulled out of another Section 202 project scheduled for the site of a community garden and children's playground known as "La Plaza Cultural". They were chosen by a development group "Casa Victoria", now headed by right-wing CB3 member Antonio Pagan, who has been working to get homeless people removed from the neighborhood).

THE COVER-UP

In 1987, the city's Department of General Services authorized a sealed bid for a lease on the P.S.105 (ABC) building, effectively avoiding the Community Board's requirement for an RFP.

The CB3 Chairman at the time was Luis Nieves, who is now under investigation by the FBI for his role in the HUD/D'Amato scandal which came to light last October. Nieves received a letter in May of 1988 from the city informing CB3 that NYFSC was the successful bidder. The lease term is 25 years, with an option for a 10 year extension. But an option that allows NYFSC to buy the building after 5 years at "current fair market value" circumvents the established political process.

Without a "Request For Proposal", the sale of the ABC building could be closed without going through the public scrutiny of the ULURP process for sale of city-owned land, a process that begins with hearings before the Community Board in the area where the project is being proposed.

The ABC Community Center was going to go to the New York Foundation For Senior Citizens whether the people of the Lower East Side liked it or not. Burned by their rejection by Community Board 11, the honchos of NYFSC went for a fait accompli on the Lower East Side.●

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targeted areas through such practices as saturating neighborhoods with heroin in the '60s and cocaine in the '80s, driving out small landlords through over-burdening tax assessments, redlining, arson, massive demolition, and the warehousing of buildings and lots; and this process has worked quite well. In short, the destruction of America's inner cities was deliberate. (more on this in articles to come)

Now that the fruits of these labors are ripe for picking, the new tribe is ready to stroll into the promised land, parasols in hand, without firing a shot. They will redevelop this area, now 'publicly' owned, not for the public, but exclusively for *their* tribe, the upper-income 10% of American society; the pathetic posturing of the local Community Board notwithstanding.

Like a cancer, the process of gentrification will eventually eradicate the ethnic character of the Lower East Side and eliminate the majority of its present residents through ever-rising rent levels. Of course, this process is already well underway. Unless widespread opposition is *organized*, the economically enforced exodus is going to accelerate to the point that it will become unstoppable. *A series of Public Assemblies is required* to define general principles and formulate an alternative plan of COMMUNITY RECONSTRUCTION based on the simple idea that public property belongs to *all the people*, therefore housing developed upon it *must be available to all the people*, whatever means are required.

\$80,000 units are not affordable by any stretch of the imagination to the majority of the public. Therefore, it is going to be necessary employ completely new systems of construction to bring down the per/unit price to affordable levels. If squatters are able to reconstruct severely deteriorated buildings, without the benefit of either bank loans or public subsidies, at \$10,000 per/unit, why could such means not be employed by homeless people and unemployed young people to reconstruct the abandoned properties at affordable levels both for themselves and others unable to perform construction work?

Impossible? It is incumbent upon the slightly disorganized activist community to put forth political initiatives that will attract the labor, capital, and widespread support necessary to directly implement the true program arrived upon through democratic anarchist means: those means directly involving all sectors usually excluded by the completely bogus system of 'elections' that fool the public into both believing in and deferring to the dictates of a financially manipulated 'Representative Democracy' without root or foundation in direct, democratic community control. It's 'Western-style Democracy', a hovering, disembodied double-faced ghost now claiming sovereignty worldwide. Election rituals now being introduced into Eastern Europe will soon become what they are in the United States and Western Europe: a kind of public castration and perennial mass surrender of responsibility unto the vampiristic entities invoked by these rituals. That people still believe that *this is democracy* is truly amazing.

The #1 political issue of the 1990s: How to release or create at least 500,000 units of permanent affordable housing throughout the city within a completely new Alternative Housing System, not subject to the manipulations of the speculative real estate market. *Expansion of supply lowers price.* The successful implementation of this plan frees hundreds of thousands of people from a major facet of the economic coercion they and their families have been subjected to all their lives.●

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(2) It is selectively "turning a blind eye" to those individuals who have acquired property from the City with the understanding that it would be used to enhance the quality of life for poor and minority groups living in the East Village. These individuals paid a pittance for their properties; they have done nothing to support quality of life issues, and are now free to sell those properties at a handsome profit.

(3) (Although the City claims to encourage homesteading programs), it is strenuously resisting, with force, all attempts by the homeless to rehabilitate any of the multitudinous properties in the East Village which the City has acquired under In Rem and left to deteriorate. On block after block, row upon row, one can observe these abandoned structures, with the following lie-legend stencilled on their facades:

"This building under management of the Department of Housing Preservation and Development"

Whenever DHPD becomes aware of homesteaders who have opted to make these buildings their temporary living quarters, "arsonists" suddenly appear to burn the 'steaders out. Immediately thereafter, DHPD hires a demolition crew to tear the buildings down. The vacant lots are then added to the City's ever-burgeoning real estate portfolio for possible future sale to an upscale yuppie developer.

(4) It is failing to enforce the confiscation of property under the doctrine of In Rem when it applies to a "favorite son." All of us are painfully aware of the fate of 316-318 East 8th Street -- and 319-321 East 8th Street-- each of which were homesteader occupied. The City chose to expend a fortune (in police overtime and demolition costs) to destroy four wonderful buildings which could have been saved. Yet, the abandoned synagogue at 317 remains untouched -- a sacred cow -- despite the fact that its owners failed to pay Real Estate taxes for more than five years! This building lies fallow; its owners should be compelled to convert it into a facility for community service.

The vacant lots created by the unconscionable demolitions at 316-318 and 319-321 East 8th Street have now been taken over by the "independents" who have set up shop with the tacit approval of DHPD. According to this perverse formula, everyone gets a piece of the pie: the "independents", the arsonists, the police, the firemen, the wrecking crews, the City Slumlord, DHPD, and the developers -- everyone, that is, except the homeless.

Judge Lewis Friedman, who delivered the opinion in Artis, summed it up best in just a few words:

"The City has become the landlord of last resort for the homeless and others . . . it has also become the slumlord of last resort." (emphasis supplied)●

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

FROM PAGE 15

Dear Editors:

There is a great illusion that life for the homeless is better on this side of the Hudson. As the Paterson reporter for an idiot shopper newspaper based in Wayne, I see things that none of the weeklies or dailies dare print, police antics and parade of sadness that connects New Jersey's homeless with other parts of the country. With the notorious and controversial Mayor (and State Senator) Graves' death, life is even more frightening for those who walk the streets. Paterson is a battleground of conflicting political structures, the council dividing the city into little empires, drawing cash and services to those with the most clout. The traditional Hispanic and Black organizations that serve the homeless in other cities in other states are part of the problem, complaining more about who gets what slice of the pie rather than who they can help.

Most of the homeless are equated with the criminals. A recent fire in the so-called historic district was blamed upon them, and not the developers who left the land vacant. While new buildings are rising over the dead lots of the old city, little is being done to improve the shelter system. There is one free food center called Eva's Kitchen and three shelters, one of which is even reasonably inhabitable.

In Paterson, it becomes much easier to ignore the problem. One man spent six days living on the Municipal building steps with police officers, judges, and even the mayor stepping over him to come and go. In that time, the man's money was stolen, as were his cigarettes and his shoes.

Aids Testing Total Sham UPDATE

Concerning what we suspect is a City Health Department effort to identify and list the addresses of all persons testing positive for AIDS at the City's 'Anonymous' Test Sites (see Shadow #9): A friend of the editor of the local 'snot rag' recently received a verbal denial from the Health Department that the 3 crucial pieces of data we claim are being requested at 'Anonymous' Test Sites, namely birthdate, birthplace, and zip code, are actually being requested. We are therefore printing a copy of the current forms being used by counselors and placed on permanent file at 'Anonymous' Test Sites, with the following explanation:

For reasons of 'plausible' deniability, these shifty geniuses have substituted the words, 'Age at last birthdate' for birthdate on the form. Clever work! However, counselors are instructed to ask for BIRTHDATE, which they use in addition to the random number code, to 'make sure' the person returning for results is the same person who gave the blood sample.

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UNION OF THE HOMELESS

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We were required to participate in a national day of action. Across the country, Union chapters were going to seize vacant houses and occupy them. Plans were not made with the intent of permanently holding the property (which requires careful scoping out, etc.). Arrests and clashes with the police were expected. The purpose, of course, was publicity. The Union has excellent media contacts and they were alerted. In several big city newspapers across the country, there were little articles about the Union of the Homeless seizing a building, then getting kicked out. The message was clear: "DON'T TRY TO SQUAT, IT WON'T WORK." This type of negative publicity must not be made light of.

L.E.S. squatters had put up a fight against the C.L.P. decisions and control. Squatters stopped participating in the Union at this point because they would not support "sham" squatting events. Squatters had proved squatting worked and advocated it at the meetings. The C.L.P. members, all with nice apartments of their own, openly opposed this.

By now, the Union had a bad name in the shelters and hotels. In spite of the original fanfare, the Union of the Homeless became an organization in name only, without any base in grassroots work. Pressing issues of abuses in hotels and shelters were not dealt with. Endless meetings and speaking engagements did not focus on actual organizing but just talking. It is one thing to talk about homelessness, another to actually do something about it. It is the difference between giving a speech about shelter abuses and actually sitting down with others in the shelters and organizing a force to end the abuses. Our previous organizing was disrupted, with our most dedicated people immobilized by becoming ensnared in the Union of the Homeless. People were discouraged and the grassroots struggle in general was set back tremendously.

Our NYC Union President, Alfredo Gonzales, previously a shelter resident, refused offers to join the C.L.P. and ran head-on against the C.L.P. backers. The NYC chapter of the Union of the Homeless dissolved only a few months after it began because Alfredo refused to buckle under to them.

The two National organizers who came to NYC to set up the NYC Chapter were Chris Sprowl and Ron Darnaby. Sprowl was the National President of the Union of the Homeless, as well as a leader of the C.L.P. At the time, he was also on the national board of the Coalition for the Homeless, an organization whose campaigns are about "A Right To Shelter" (not "A Right To A Home"). It is they who sued the government to renovate unused military facilities for housing homeless people. Rather than working toward returning people to their homes, the Coalition advocates their "right" to go to shelters and military camps.

After being exposed and discredited in their first attempt, it has taken the Union of the Homeless 3 years to be able to return to New York City. This time around, Sprowl is not the National President, but he is still a leader of the C.L.P. In a 1990 document entitled "National Housing Takeover Campaign", the Union of the Homeless lists types of properties to seize. The "most desirable" of these are "military bases with existing vacant housing, land, office facilities, etc. and homes in very good shape and would take very little cosmetic work to make ready to occupy." (No thanks, CLP! We're not going to make our own concentration camps!)

The CLP, along with the Union of Homeless, is now planning for another nation-wide housing takeover on May 1st, better known as May Day. While we will support any meaningful action designed to help the homeless, housing takeovers designed merely as media events are not enough and can actually be damaging to those who have proven that taking back our neighborhoods is possible. Any serious attempt at squatting by homeless people is certainly supported by the Lower East Side squatters community. That's why we support the efforts of Tent City of Tompkins Square Park in their direct action to end homelessness through squatting.

A successful solution to homelessness requires that we become a creative collective power to resist the pressures to displace us from our neighborhoods, and not be dominated by national unions with questionable political agendas that have no identity with us. ●

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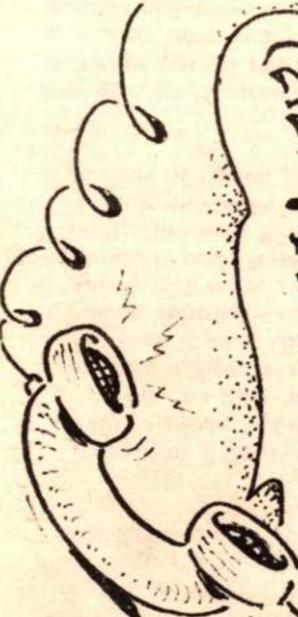
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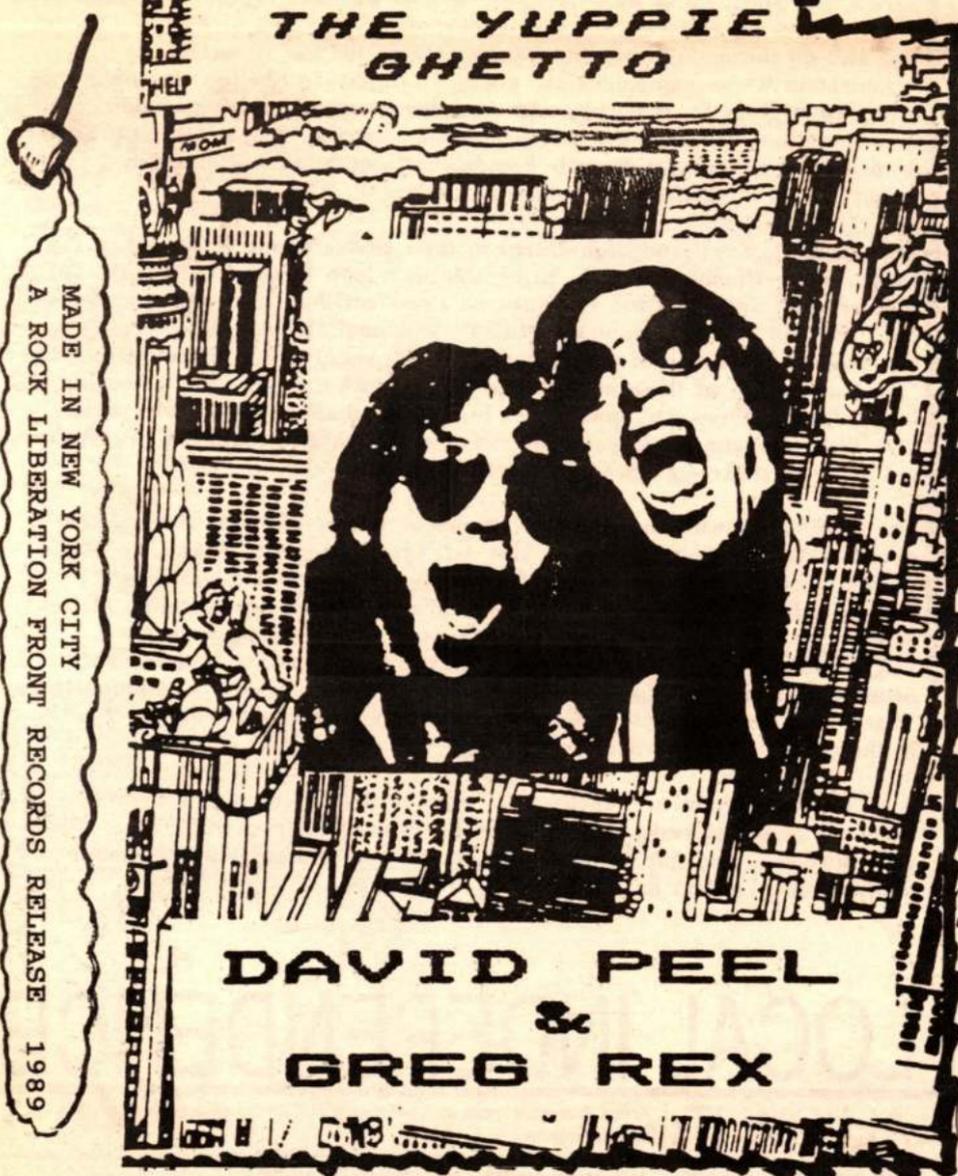
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