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Tompkins Square Neighborhood Coalition Creep SUSAN LEE LIKE Convicted of FRAUD!!

by Nashua

The founder and former director of Good Old Lower East Side (GOLES), a neighborhood tenant rights group on East 6th street, exhausted her last appeal on fraud charges before an Administrative Court Judge in February. Leelike must now repay \$6,000 in Unemployment Compensation benefits to the New York State Department of Labor. Money that she had collected after resigning from GOLES in September of 1989. Unemployment benefits are paid only to employees who are fired from their jobs and cannot be paid out to people who merely resign.

According to SHADOW sources, Leelike intimidated a former GOLES employee into intercepting mail deliveries to the GOLES office, preventing the organization's director from learning that Leelike was fraudulently receiving unemployment benefits. Another former GOLES employee originally hired by Leelike was suspected of having falsified verification that Leelike had been fired, a criminal offense that GOLES has declined to prosecute.

The fraud was discovered in late February, 1990, after Leelike had been receiving Unemployment benefits for about 5 months. The State of New York and Leelike were notified and a hearing was scheduled. Leelike told GOLES staffers that if GOLES didn't attend the hearing and let the matter drop she would do the same and discontinue accepting further payments.

One source says GOLES "naively" agreed and missed the hearing. But despite her agreement, Leelike did attend the hearing where she was represented by attorney and notorious real estate speculator Sam Turvey, a crony of Leelike and founder of the right wing, anti-homeless Tompkins Square Neighborhood Coalition, a group seeking removal of the homeless, squatters and poor from the area.

Turvey, a Yuppie originally from Queens, made more than \$100,000 on a condo in a building at 72-74 East 3rd Street that was sold by the city for a mere \$10.00 with "no resale" restrictions to private developer and Right-To-Life (death) mayoral candidate Henry Hewes. Turvey then bought into a former low income co-op turned luxury at 131 Avenue B, across from Tompkins Square Park. Recently, he has spearheaded a drive to force out dog owners who use the parks dog run.

More hearings were scheduled on the allegations and Leelike's final appeal on the fraud charge was exhausted last February. During the appeals process, Leelike tried to change her story about the reasons she left GOLES. Leelike argued that she was pressured to resign from GOLES. According to a source, Leelike was even "agitating" for reinstatement as GOLES director.

Leelike's argument was rejected by the judge, who quoted from Leelike's own letter of resignation to GOLES stating that she was leaving the organization for personal reasons.

Organizers who know Leelike say the purpose of her fraud was to collect Unemployment benefits so she could dedicate all of her time to the Tompkins Square Neighborhood Coalition and the election campaign of her guru, right wing real estate developer and Community Board 3 member Antonio Pagan.



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TOMPKINS SQUARE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION CREEPS SUSAN LEELIKE AND ANTONIO PAGAN

HPD MEETS CB3: SQUATTERS' FATE DISCUSSED IN SECRET MEETING!!

By Chris Flash

On February 14, members of Community Board 3 (CB3) met secretly with Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) Commissioner Felice Michetti at HPD headquarters at 100 Gold Street. Among the CB3ers attending were Rick Carman (CB3 chairman), Anne Johnson, Francis Goldin, Carol Watson, Luis Nieves, Marion Fox, Martha Danziger, Lisa Kaplan, Elaine Chan, and right wing fascist Krystyna PiorKOWska, all of whom have shown their hostility toward the squatting community on the Lower East Side. Also present were HPD henchmen, including Kathleen Dunn (who presided over the eviction of the ABC Community Center in October 1989), people from the Division of Real Property, and city lawyers. Outside, several squatters rallied to protest the secret meeting inside that didn't allow them to present their side of the issue.

The meeting began with Carman explaining why CB3 requested the meeting. He wanted to "move forward on the squats", how it would happen, how to stop new squats, and where HPD and mayor Dinkins stood. CB3's concerns were described to Michetti: to develop property, deal with squatters "in a humane way", sealing vacant city-owned buildings to prevent squatting, and getting other city agencies to help, since the police won't help evict squatters due to the 30 day occupancy law. Michetti responded by saying that the squatting situation on the Lower East Side "is more complicated" than in the South Bronx, where, she said, squatting is only "a recent phenomenon". She admitted that squatting was the neighborhood's way of protecting itself against gentrification to "hold housing". She added: "Now that there is a housing program, the squats are at risk".

Discussing the Bronx squatters, Michetti claimed that reports on those made homeless in recent evictions of squatted buildings there are "distorted". (See Page 4 of this issue--Ed.) Michetti explained away the 31 families made homeless in a recent eviction, claiming they were "mostly single people". She added that in the Bronx, squatting is "less complicated and less political", and admitted that the strategy for the eviction of two



FLASH FOTO

WILLIE (LEFT) PUSHES COPS OFF STAGE TO BEGIN THE
MAYDAY PIG RIOT IN TOMPKINS SQUARE PARK--(5/1/90)

WILLIE BUTLER: 1950-1991

Willie Butler was the bravest man I've known. He was absolutely militant about who he was. A *no retreat* individual - he was under almost constant threat by all manner and sort of violent ignoramuses, and more than once the victim of attack, but he never backed off. He'd blow them kisses. Not that he was ever reckless about his safety, but he wasn't intimidated either.

He lived on the front line. He moved into 319 East 8th and took on anybody who'd step into the ring with him, from HPD and their convenient slips with the wrecking ball to the kids selling crack and heroin on the corner. He could live on nothing and share that! He had a remarkable ability to "solicit" what he needed from those that had it to give and then share what he got with those that had no way to get it. I once saw Willie lead a march right down the middle of St. Marks Place while all the time looking after an old friend who had also been diagnosed as AIDS positive. "You've got to start taking better care of yourself, Jeffrey! Have you joined that support group yet?" he advised his friend. "The people united will never be defeated!" he was shouting, his fist in the air. Willie was an "all the way live" guy; that's why I still can't believe he's dead.

He stood beside me on MayDay when the cops stormed the stage of the Resist To Exist concert, and he led much of the action through the night. He fought with us when they evicted the ABC Community Center. He helped liberate the park from the curfew. I remember when they were about to demolish his squat. A lot of us were pacing around frustrated, evicted, angry... Then Willie ran past the barricades and climbed into the building, putting his body on the front line, and suddenly we all had something to cheer about. The demolition crew tried to get him out, but he stood on the fire escape and poured piss bottles on their heads - behind him were painted the words, "This building means love." At the time, I thought it was an odd thing to pour piss on people in the building that meant love, but I have come to share Willie's conviction that sometimes loving someone or some place means having to defend it.

When he was diagnosed as having AIDS he fought even harder. He attended conferences, demonstrations and teach-ins. He stopped everyone who possibly knew anything about research into a cure. He poured through magazines and books to get more information about treatment. One day, I went to visit him at St. Vincents, and I admired the beautiful flowers in the vase behind his bed. He told me about how the man he had been sharing the hospital room with had been found dead earlier that morning. The dead man's lover came in during visiting hours with flowers, and when he found the bed empty, Willie told him the sad news. They sat on the bed and cried together, and when he left, the man gave Willie the flowers he had brought for his lover. I looked at these beautiful lavender tulips, and I all I could see was the tragedy of this man's death and the inevitable tragedy that would befall my friend. But Willie was happy to have the tulips and to have helped comfort the visitor. He was not about to let these small pleasures go by.

I will remember Willie most for the tenaciousness of his love and the strength of his character: his revolutionary spirit and his human compassion. It's colder now that he's gone. Those of us who knew Willie must now pull up the slack and try to love each other all the more to make up for the love that left our lives with his passing. *Forward Ever! Backwards Never!!*

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PHOTO BY JACK DAWKINS

THE WAR AT HOME!

ATTACK ON SOUTH BRONX SQUATTERS BY A. BERTOLI AND CHRIS FLASH

Under the cover of the massacre in the Middle East, Mayor David Dinkins has unleashed a series of brutal police assaults upon squatters in the South Bronx, known as the Inner City Press Collective/Community on the Move. This has resulted in over 100 families being made homeless, more than 300 Black and Latino men, women and children forcibly evicted from buildings they had claimed and renovated into housing over the past three years.

The Inner City Press began three years ago as a neighborhood newsletter, promoting self-help and independence from government institutions, working with six families to rehabilitate a vacant city-owned abandoned building at 1724 Crotona Park East. The Inner City Press has now grown to an eight page newspaper with 200 families working on ten buildings in the South Bronx, teaching poor people to take over city-owned buildings and fix them up for themselves.

On the morning of December 4th, 1990, hundreds of armed riot police invaded an Inner City Press squat building at 1728 Crotona Park East, three days after a suspicious fire broke out in a top floor apartment next door at 1724 Crotona Park East which did not affect 1728. After an hour, they removed 52 poor families who had created beautiful homes for themselves through their own efforts.

Waves of riot police forced about 50 squatter supporters off the block and what little resistance there was was soon crushed. Surrounded by wall to wall cops, there was little that could be done. The night before, some Lower East Side squatters came to offer support and to help build barricades against the expected raid the next day, but the barricades didn't help much. After the evictions, residents were not allowed to get their belongings, except what they could carry in their arms. Personal possessions were taken away by moving company mafia men hired by HPD, (the mis-named "Dep't. of Housing, Preservation and Development"), who were on the scene by mid-day. They have yet to return the people's belongings. Remaining belongings were tossed out the rear windows as HPD crews gutted the buildings at a cost of \$4.8 million, undoing the work that had already been done by the homesteaders.

Two days later, on December 6th, Inner City Press members returned to their storefront office at 680 Courtlandt Avenue to find a new lock on their gates. After gaining entry, they discovered their office had been broken into and trashed, with files gone through, furniture destroyed, and the phone jack pulled out of the wall. They quickly fixed up their office, which they have been renting in a privately-owned building for almost 2 years. A week later, the office was again broken into, with the same results, but this time the phone jack was smashed as well. Once again, the office was quickly restored.

On the morning of January 29th, hundreds of riot police surrounded 975-981 Home Street, another of the Community on the Move homestead buildings. They closed the street to traffic, cut the lock to the building and roused the residents for a surprise building inspection. The cops were accompanied by inspectors from the Department of Buildings and moving trucks for removing residents' belongings. By 10:00 AM, an Order to Vacate had been signed by the inspector, citing a few missing steps on the fire escape, a missing ladder on the rear escape, and a few wooden steps on the interior stairs, which was technically in violation of the city code and justified the eviction. Before this sudden attack, there had been no previous attempt by the city to inspect or evict the building.

Later that day, a van used by the homesteaders to remove rubble from the building was stolen from the vacant lot next door, as was an Inner City Press member's car, which had been parked next to a police car watching the building. It was found torched a few blocks away days later, with the battery and tires still attached.

In spite of a Temporary Restraining Order issued by State Supreme Court Judge Alice Schlesinger with a court date set for February 6th, the city acted quickly to partially demolish the top of the building on February 4th. On February 6th, Judge Schlesinger said that since the demolition had begun, the case to stop the demolition was a moot issue. She said that the city's eviction of the Home Street residents was in violation of due process and added that the door is open for Inner City Press to sue for damages. There is now a motion pending to find the city in contempt of court. The next day, HPD returned to Home Street with their heavy equipment to finish the demolition. Thirty two families were sentenced to shelters and the streets.

Well in advance of the attack on the Home Street squat, Mayor Dinkins (who was in Israel at the time) had press releases ready for distribution at the eviction site stating his preference for middle income housing on that site, housing sponsored by the New York City Partnership (a group founded by David Rockefeller in 1970), housing for people who make \$50,000 a year. Approximately one week later, the Bronx Beat quoted Executive Director of the New York City Partnership Catherine Wilde as saying "Whether or not the building came down was not critical to this project...the controversy was really between Inner City Press and the city--it had nothing to do with us."

General Dinkins' chief flak catcher, Michael Kharfen, stated in September that the city was devising a new strategy to deal with squatters. Peter Cantillo, special operations man for HPD squatter evictions and "relocation" collected intelligence prior to the assault on 1728 Crotona Park East. He may be implicated in the arson of 1724 Crotona Park East, the pretext used to vacate both adjoining buildings, since he warned the squatters months earlier that they would be evicted on the day the fire took place. Valerie Bradley, who let it be known that Lower East Side squatters "have been known to be quite violent", is HPD spokeswoman on forced removal and relocation to shelter camps. Both she, Cantillo and Kharfen shared the limelight with Bronx Borough President Fernando

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THE ROLE OF FEMA

BY A. BERTOLI

"Our people are outraged to tell you the truth." said Matthew Lee,
"Maybe our members were politically naive. We're not naive anymore."
(Newsday, 12/20/90)

THE NEW YORK TIMES METROPOLITAN TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 1991



Don Hagar Charles, The New York Times

Anti-Terrorist Command Post Is Set Up in New York

As the Persian Gulf war deadline neared, law-enforcement agencies set up a joint anti-terrorist command center yesterday in New York City.

Police Commissioner Lee P. Brown officially opened the center at Police Headquarters, but

stressed that the measure is purely precautionary and that there are no known terrorist threats.

The police are sharing the post with 15 other agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Coast Guard.

The war spectacle on our TV sets is reflected in the militarization of our streets. The cops, like the US military, rely on sheer numbers to enforce their will. Using the courts and the laws to their advantage, they target the poor who are building resistance to dehumanization. They target autonomous organization, popular organization, practical organization. They send spies to gather intelligence. They assign certain individuals the role of managing, or attempting to manage the resistance. They attempt to discredit the leadership. Once the proper conditions are achieved, a consensus among the bosses is arrived at: the contract is let out. Target: the squatting movement.

Overall planning and strategy, particularly military strategy, evident at these recent Bronx eviction/demolition actions, is being coordinated by the city's Office of Emergency Management (OEM), located in NYPD headquarters at One Police Plaza. (Telephone number: 212-374-5500). One Police Plaza is coincidentally also home to the recently-unveiled Anti-Terrorism Task Force, ostensibly set up to deal with pro-Iraqi forces in NYC. Video trucks, bearing the ornate insignia of Emergency Management, were present at both Crotona Park East and Home Street evictions, videotaping the police attacks along with popular reaction. Their presence at these eviction/demolitions has been confirmed through conversation with a member of the so-called emergency management team at One Police Plaza.

The Office of Emergency Management is the administrative arm of Mayor Dinkins' so-called Emergency Control Board, about which little is known and even less is forthcoming from the Mayor's office. Most of his aides claim they know nothing of it. One aide told the SHADOW that yes, in fact such a Board exists, meets regularly, and has members "which are designated by the mayor", but their identities remain secret.

What is known is that the Office of Emergency Management grew out of the Civil Emergency Agency in the 1950's, when the rage was civil defense against nuclear attack. Today, adapted to local settings and the needs of the national security state, they are part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Run by military men skilled in techniques of martial law, OEM is a leading member of the Federal Interagency Council on the Homeless. Established in 1987 by the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Act, the Council is composed of, among others, the heads of 10 Cabinet Departments, the Veteran's Administration and Postmaster General. It's job is to gather intelligence related to the "homeless emergency", intelligence necessary in order to design effective strategies of social (shelter system) control. Further, the Director of FEMA is the chairman of the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program, which has been the recipient of hundreds of millions of dollars since 1988. This Board, composed of representatives of the American Red Cross, Catholic Charities USA, Council of Jewish Federations, National Council of Churches in the USA, Salvation Army, and the United Way of America, oversees the distribution of monies to the shelter system.

SQUATTING IN BRAZIL

KOPS! SHOOT AND KILL TWO SQUATTERS IN VILLAGE!

(Exclusive report by COSMO from below the Equator)

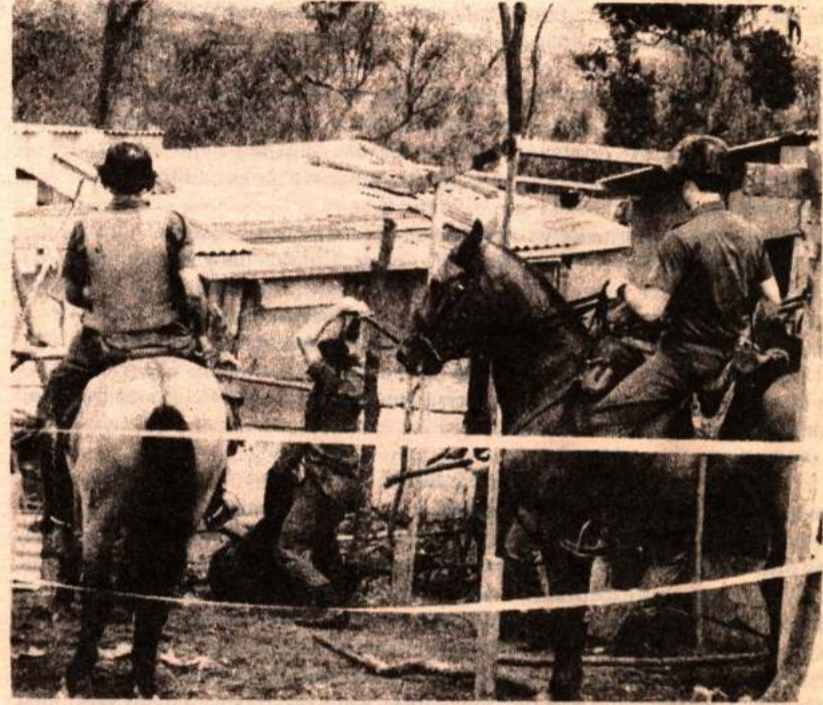
Dec. 11, 1990--Diadema, Brazil (a township south of Sao Paulo): When the smoke cleared, there were two squatters dead, 47 injured, 23 arrested and a town council member with his right hand chopped off. It was an incredible battle, as men, women and children fought back against an attack on their squat village by 400 members of a Brazilian state police unit called "Tropa de Choque" (Shock Troop!) armed with guns, clubs, protective shields, bullet-proof vests, horses, dogs, and tear gas. The "shock troops" arrived to evict the more than 2,000 residents of "Vila Socialista", a sprawling 720,000 square foot squatter village resting on so-called "private land". Here in Brazil it's not unoccupied buildings that the homeless seek, but unoccupied and unused land to live upon.

Up until the assault by the shock troops, there had been several months of intense negotiation between the squatter village and the Diadema town council--an effort supported by the office of the newly elected state governor, Luiz Anotonio Fleury, who had promised months earlier in a campaign speech to work to guarantee the squatters the right to live on this land. During these negotiations, the so-called landowner, Pedro Simoes, came up with a promise of his own to the town council that the "invasores" (invaders!) could buy "his" land, but only after first withdrawing from the land, and that all "barracos" (squatter homes constructed of cardboard, wood, stones, bricks, plastic, etc.) and other possessions would be "left untouched until the conclusion of business." The squatters rejected this offer, for obvious reasons--had the homeless the money to purchase land, they certainly wouldn't be looking to squat on unused and open land areas! (Note: In Brazil, the powers that be, as well as the media, always refer to squatters as "invasores", or invaders, and their squatting as an invasion.)

These negotiations continued for several more weeks, as things heated up, and it was not until this newly elected governor suddenly changed his mind, broke his campaign promise (does this sound familiar?), and removed his support for squatters rights, that negotiations broke down and came to a halt, allowing the state police action to proceed.

When the state shock troops appeared and began their attack on the village with tear gas bombs, they were immediately answered with a volley of stones. In many instances, brave little children could be seen hurling back tear gas cannisters! The battle raged on as the squatters defended themselves with fierce resistance from behind barricades with nail-studded clubs, machetes, pitchforks, shovels, and stones. It was a valiant effort, until the police used deadly force, shooting to death two squatters, only one of whom has thus far been identified: a 32 year old man by the name of Milton de Souza.

In a statement to the press, the state chief of public security, Antonio Mariz, claimed that "unknown persons" fired shots at the kops from a "beige car" and that this was the reason for the use of deadly force. Further, the head kop went on to say that the squatter village had been "infiltrated" by "strangers" and "outside agitators with the purpose of provoking violence"! (Does this also sound familiar?) One cannot help but ask what were the kops doing there but in fact provoking a violent confrontation? No kops, no riot!!



Durante o conflito, policial agride com cassetete um invasor caído

CAPTION READS: "During the conflict, police using a club assault an invader on the ground."

Although forced from the land, the people have vowed to return. All over Brazil there is the plight of the poor, the unemployed, the countless homeless in search of just a little space of land to live upon. On the other hand, there are the selfish few who have the most in money, resources, political connections and savvy which enables them to grab vast areas of land, motivated by nothing but greed and future profit. This shit can't go on forever! Even as I write these words, less than half a mile from where I'm now staying (in Salvador), yet another battle is about to take place! 400 squatters have moved onto unused "private" land in an area called Pituacu. The landowner is threatening to bulldoze them. The squatters vow to stand and fight. I'm on my way over there this afternoon. Tompkins Square Everywhere!

Fotos Matuliti Mayezo



Policiais durante a ação de reintegração de posse de um terreno particular em Diadema enfrentam invasores (ao fundo) com bombas de gás

"Police advance during repossession action of private land in Diadema, confronting invaders (in background) with teargas."

ANTI-WAR DEMOS IN WASHINGTON D.C.

Analysis and coverage by A. Kronstadt

WHY DEMONSTRATE?

What is the purpose of a demonstration? Many participants in recent demos against the oil war in the Persian Gulf would say it is to show the government how many people are opposed to the war. While, of course, it doesn't hurt to show the predatory scum at the top of the pyramid that not everyone is fooled, the mere presence of crowds in the street never stopped a war. War has never had anything to do with democracy, except perhaps as its gravedigger. War is declared by the few; the same few who benefit from it. Nobody asked any of us to vote on this war, why should the oligarchy in power care whether we march in the street? They've got their high-tech weapons and their professional army-we don't have to like it.

Why then demonstrate? Is it merely to express moral outrage, a catharsis? To sell newspapers? To meet old friends? The role of the demonstration changes as the crisis which provokes them evolves. What starts out as an act of self-expression or as something intended for the eyes of the government unfolds into a revolutionary act. Massive demonstrations have been the key to every revolutionary transformation in history. People start out filling the streets peacefully, petitioning the government. The government fails to respond, then tries to disperse the crowds. People fight back and zap, society becomes ungovernable.

PEACE OR ELSE

Of course, this didn't happen this past January 26 in Washington D.C. What did happen was that a very diverse crowd of about 300,000 amerikans assembled in what they assumed was *their* capital, to tell what they thought was *their* government "Peace Please". It was, with a few interesting exceptions, a very polite crowd of people. There were lots of amerikans flags around, and a lot of yellow ribbons. Greenpeace showed up with a huge inflated globe; big church delegations marched behind banners that said "Thou Shalt Not Kill", and there were speeches by liberal politicians and Conscientious Objectors. The Bread and Puppet Theatre group had rambling Uncle Sams on stilts, and many costumed people engaged in street theatre.

The size of the demo was really impressive--the largest seen in many years. It was much bigger than the Workers' World/Ramsey Clark demo (using the COALITION AGAINST US INTERVENTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST as their front) which had taken place a week earlier, perhaps by a factor of ten. The guiding force in the January 26 demo was the CAMPAIGN FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, a broad group of traditional peace activists which successfully managed to network many campus and community groups to bring the march together. Some groups marching included Vietnam Veterans Against The War, Jews, Muslims, Grey Panthers, and even a contingent of surviving members of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade who fought the Spanish fascists in 1936-39.

A large number of anarchists and squatters from the Lower East Side made it to the demo, many of them leaving from Tompkins Square Park the night before. At the assembly point, the Lower East Side activists started a speakout on the side of the Capitol reflecting pool where none of the demonstrators were supposed to go. They took over one of the war memorials and unfurled a banner which showed Saddam Hussein transmogrifying into George Bush and back again by way of a series of grisly skulls. Another banner read: "Down with the New World Order". People came up and spoke from the top of the war memorial, and the far side of the reflecting pool became a staging area for a large anarchist contingent of perhaps two or three hundred.

The anarchists included a "black block" of people who were dressed in black and marched close together for security, as well as a lot of plainclothes anarchists swarming around, amoeba style. As the march progressed, people in and around the anarchist contingent did various things to liven things up. A construction fence around the FBI building suddenly came crashing down, subversive graffiti appeared out of nowhere on the immaculate walls of government buildings, smoke bombs went off, and the Treasury Building was pelted with paint bombs and rocks by an affinity group of faceless elves. Then, someplace near the White House, a wild breakaway contingent ran up a side street, smashing some bank windows and spraying graffiti, until a contingent of Federal motorcycles and cop cars herded the nasty fringe elements back into the main crowd. The one attempt at an arrest by cops ended in a perfect "un-arrest" as the intended victim's friends pulled him away from the pigs and deep into the mass of demonstrators.

For more than four hours, hundreds of thousands marched steadily past the White House, followed by only a handful of flag wavers who shouted pro-war slogans. When asked why they didn't enlist, none would answer. Back at the Ellipse field behind the White House, where we all ended up, the Lower East Side people brought out a bullhorn and held an open-mike speakout around a barrel fire which ended up being put out by what appeared to be the entire Washington D.C. fire department.

Around the corner at Lafayette Park, more than a thousand demonstrators played drums, banged on pots and pans and busted up the little wooden fences which the Federal Parks Department was trying to build around them. The drumming had actually started on the night that war broke out, initiated by a Rainbow encampment set up in the park. The bang-in, which was plenty loud enough to be heard inside the White House, continued for over a week after the demo, prompting some nasty remarks from the rattled Commander-in-Chief.

Various participants in the demo took exception to the more aggressive tactics of the anarchist contingent. Of course, none of these actions amounted to "violence", and nobody was hurt. A demonstration, however peaceful, is a warning to the State of the chaos which can result if it continues to fuck with people. A handful of protesters who are willing to break the law at this stage of the game give a hint of the thousands who will snarl up the system when the war party goes sour.



PHOTO BY DAVID SORCHER

PIGS FREAK OUT AT GROUND WAR DEMO!!

By A. Kronstadt

On February 25, after the rather disappointing ending of the first big demo protesting the commencement of the ground war in the Persian Gulf, a small group of demonstrators led by an elderly woman piled bales of garbage and trash cans in the middle of Seventh Avenue. A couple of piles of refuse were set on fire before the demonstrators retreated. This demo met with more flak from the cops than previous marches. It was much smaller than it should have been, since the organizers left ambiguous messages on WBAI and pulled the group out of Times Square at 6:00 PM when people were still showing up. The fact that the antiwar establishment failed to take the initiative and postponed the protest until fully two days after the beginning of the ground war detracted from the drama. It seemed as if the police brass sensed all this and took the opportunity to show people who was boss. At one corner, cops formed a phalanx and blocked the march from proceeding across Fifth Avenue. The marshals helped them by linking arms and keeping anybody from locking horns with the cops. It seems that the pig brass was quibbling about a small picket line in progress around the Philippine Embassy being held by a Workers World front group. They didn't want to risk having the two marches coalesce, even though the smaller demo consisted of only about twenty people.

Workers World, which was controlling security at both actions, placated the police by dissolving the smaller demo. Then the cops let people move, but only a few feet before another cop phalanx stopped the march. This time the provocation was too obvious, and a pushing and shoving match ensued. Horses were brought around to intimidate people, but the crowd eventually plowed through the line and took Fifth Avenue. There were numerous clashes between cops and protestors over the presence of barricades throughout the route, and four brutal arrests.

If the war continues much longer, there will be more repression, more demos, and more people who will become convinced that resistance is necessary. Even if the U.S. achieves its immediate goals in the Gulf, the moral imperative of these demonstrations is not wasted. We will be disorderly, irrational, even crazy--but we will never be sheep!



PHOTO BY DAVID SORCHER

ANARCHISTS MARCH IN WASHINGTON, D.C. JAN. 26, 1991



THOUSANDS MARCH AGAINST THE WAR!! SWP ATTEMPTS TO TAKE OVER DEMO!!

By A. Kronstadt and Chris Flash

A final planning meeting for the February 21st student walkout and anti-war demonstration was held on February 19th at City College. A diverse sampling of activists was present, including members of Students Against War and participants in the Earth Day Wall Street Action, as well as activists from the Lower East Side and some student anarchists. Scattered within the meeting were dozens of members of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP); enough to constitute about a third of those in attendance. One after another, they got up and pushed for an agenda which included:

-No direct action or civil disobedience to take place anywhere near the march, which is to be strictly legal and worked out in advance with the cops.

-Most of the demo to consist of standing in one place listening to 50 speakers. The high school students were so incensed at this attempt to turn the raucous angry demo that they were envisioning into a hellishly boring talkathon that they insisted on giving up their own speaking slot.

-Marshals to be led by "experienced" people, presumably their own members.

The SWPers would sometimes identify themselves as such, and sometimes not. You'd see their senior member raise her hand to vote and a whole bunch of people would look over and raise their hands too. It was like "Invasion of the Body Snatchers".

The SWP is a splinter group from the U.S. Communist Party which originally took the side of Trotsky against Stalin. They advocate a society where the government, dominated by their own party, controls everything. The government in the world that they most admire today is Cuba. They practice an internal system of discipline called "democratic centralism", where everyone must uphold the party line to the outside world (though some internal discussion and criticism are permitted). The party is everything, and building the party is the main object of everything that everybody does. The group had lost most of its members in the early 1980's and the 200 or so "cadre" had been confining themselves to publishing and distributing their paper "The Militant" for years. With the outbreak of war, they seem to have sensed the opportunity to emerge from the woodwork. They have never had any qualms about packing meetings with their own members, since they believe that anything that advances the interests of their party is justified.

Led by the high school students, advocates of direct action argued that a demonstration is not just about numbers--that a real threat of disruption had to be there in order to get the attention of the war-mongers. The party bureaucrats defended their inflated speakers list by trying to guilt-trip everybody else, saying that they had worked so hard on it and now we were all just trying to poke holes in everything. An unexpected move of the high school activists in giving up their own speaking slot to protest the storm of hot air tripped up the SWP plans and the list was pared down. Their plan to control the marshaling of the march was thwarted by students who argued that empowerment for students meant that students had to control their own demonstrations, and the meeting voted overwhelmingly for all-student marshals. The one point where the SWP won was on the issue of separating the direct action from the demonstration as a whole, so as to avoid scaring off the more timid participants in the demo.

Of course, the people at the demo turned out to be less timid than the SWP expected. After listening to many speakers at a rally behind FBI and FEMA headquarters at 26 Federal Plaza, thousands of marchers, composed of students and members of the SWP and WWP (Workers' World Party) using several front groups, began their march downtown toward the financial district. After a detour to the World Trade Center, where a large pig pen composed of barriers had been set up in advance, the marchers stood by as a second wave of boring speakers took chances at the SWP's sound system on their flatbed truck. At each stop, SWP and WWP members quickly set up tables stocked with their boring literature. Items that sold best were pamphlets with quotes from Malcolm X. In spite of the agreed upon marshaling by students, SWPers kept their "security" detail in front of the march, telling people where to move, stopping photographers, and generally trying to act tough as they were escorted by uniformed and plainclothes cops. They could be seen huddled several times with Inspector Gilmartin and Chief McCabe, getting police approval of the parade route.

When the march finally got under way again, over 100 students and Anarchists broke away from the march down Broadway and in a "direct action", hit the American Stock Exchange building on Trinity Place, trashing as they went. They later met up with the "legal" march, which by then was standing at the steps of Federal Hall at Wall and Broad Streets, listening to a third wave of speakers. The New York Stock Exchange nearby was neatly blocked off by cops.

After the speeches, the march made it's way to City Hall park, walking with traffic, as ordered. As the marchers entered the intersection of Broadway and Park Place, cops tried to break them up to allow traffic through, but suddenly the students protested, with some staging a sit-in. When cops, led by Captain Frey, tried to arrest them, the crowd erupted and began to unarrest people and push cops into the street. For the next half hour, a pushing match ensued between a mass of cops and a larger unmoveable mass of people. Some cops hit people with clubs and some people hit back, taking a cop's hat off his head. (He didn't get it back!!)

Later, what was left of the march split up between the ACT-UP demonstration in Times Square against Inspector Jonach's ordering cops to beat gays at a recent peaceful demonstration, and another demonstration outside the 7th precinct on Pitt Street, where those arrested were taken.



PHOTO BY JACK DAWKINS

SWP "SECURITY" PLOTS PARADE ROUTE WITH COPS

NATIONAL KAMPAIGN FOR PEACE IN THE MID-EAST MARCHES ON MACY'S

BY ISSAR

Sunday, February 17, 2:00 PM, Times Square. A city-wide demonstration against the Persian Gulf War is assembling in Times Square. As approximately 8 thousand people gather to hear the initial speeches, hundreds of new arrivals are turned away from the area facing the stage. Even though there's plenty of room, NYC cops encircle the crowd with dozens of blue barricades and close them completely. Let's call it Pig Pen #1.

Cops are ordering arriving persons across 44th Street to another corral. Let's call it Pig Pen #2. As the new pig pen is filled all the way to the next block, Pig Pen #3 is set up across 45th Street. Once the pig pens are closed by the cops, no one is allowed to enter them, so it's impossible to move toward the stage to hear the speeches, which are inaudible from Pig Pens #2 and #3. Everyone on the sidewalks is ordered to keep moving.

Some people walk between the pig pens and exhort the crowds to demand the removal of the barricades. They're met with helpless stares behind rows of blue uniforms. No acknowledgement of this overt violation of the constitutional right of public assembly is forthcoming from the National Campaign for Peace, which controls the stage.

None of the people in Pig Pens #2 and #3 can hear anything, so about 4 thousand people are standing there for over an hour--talking, smoking, and shuffling around in the cold. They don't miss much. Former Congresswoman Bella Abzug is the headliner. She delivers a boring, unreal speech.

Everyone's waiting to march to the United Nations--1) an international body of over 150 member states, of which exactly 12 voted to "authorize" the United States Government to slaughter some 80,000 Iraqi soldiers and civilians so far, 2) a body established after WWII to "promote the peaceful resolution of international conflicts"--which by 1991 had been turned into an international businessmen's club, politically approving, directing, and choreographing theatres of warfare for profit at the behest of those willing and able to pay publicly acknowledged bribes to its key member states and, 3) which despite its charter to "promote the peaceful resolution of international conflicts", is now refusing to endorse a ceasefire in one conflict on the grounds that one of the parties to this conflict is insisting that its own public declarations calling for a peaceful resolution in another nearby conflict be observed in reality...

With this in mind, 8 thousand people are standing in pig pens in Times Square--ready to march to this respected and renown Institute of Peace standing tall upon the windy shores of New York's clear, pristine, and unpolluted East River, where "the flyin' fishes play". As the pig pens come down and we start moving, a rumor suddenly spreads through the crowd that we're not going to the UN after all. We're going to Macy's. Macy's? What did they do? Prices too high? Is this Thanksgiving?

If you blinked, you missed the whole march--even if you were in it. Ten minutes after we start, all 8 thousand people are 7 blocks south on 35th Street, all marching straight back into brand new little pig pens. As soon as we get back inside the new barricades, cops with bullhorns start walking up and down, ordering interested passersby to keep moving. Anyone stopping for a moment to listen to any of the new speeches is immediately driven off by the cops.

As if this abortion wasn't enough, one of the directors of the National Campaign for Peace, Leslie Kagan--who apparently failed to obtain a marching permit to go to the UN--gets up on stage and starts telling people that we marched to Macy's in order to proselytize the shoppers: "We came to Herald Square to talk to people. It's important to talk to people. There's more people here than at the UN."

Not only did these jerks allow themselves to be bluffed out and bullied by the blowhards of the NYPD, they lied about it to the crowd in order to cover up the fact that it was the cops themselves who told them where to march to and how to act once they got there.

The only redeeming part of the day was the breakaway anarchist march afterwards. Approximately 50 people sallied down to the sally gardens completely unchallenged for at least an hour, from Herald to Washington to Tompkins Squares--rearranging all the sidewalk furniture along the way--to shocked looks from the other patriotic pedestrians.

The anarchists are like an alarm clock for their fat, drunken, lazy couch-potato Uncle sleeping it off in front of the boob-tube, which is showing real scenes of horror and genocide--now that he's fallen asleep. The anarchists are like a wake-up service.

Time to wake up and smell the coffee assholes! The reflection of the guy dragging the holy-of-holies-American-flag through the muddy puddles on Broadway is a cipher--a reflection in your own morning shaving mirrors. The rolling can of garbage in your street is your own society.

There are only two reasons Americans support this war: Ignorance or Racism. American patriots! Take your pick.



ART BY ERIC DROOKER

ANTI-CENSORSHIP PROTESTORS HIT BIG THREE TV STATIONS IN ABC

BY FLASH

On January 30, after a rally outside Radio City Music Hall at Rockefeller Center, approximately 1,000 demonstrators converged on NBC studios to begin a march targetting other television stations, including CBS and ABC, to protest the mainstream media's self-imposed censorship and misreporting of the war in the Persian Gulf and the anti war protests across the nation and around the world.

The march was set up spontaneously and planned only a week earlier by media watch dog group FAIR (Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting) and alternative news group Paper Tiger Television. They were joined by other alternative media like Deep Dish TV, WBAI radio and others. Also participating were members of ACT-UP (AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power), NY Mobilization for Survival, and Anarchists and squatters from the Lower East Side.

Organizers expected only 400-500 people to participate and were surprised by the huge turnout, indicating the extent of the shared frustration and anger over the lack of proper war coverage by the mainstream media. Conspicuously absent were camera crews from the television stations targetted, but this was more than made up for by the abundant presence of the alternative media and press, all armed with their own cameras, tape recorders and notebooks.

After hitting NBC just before 5:00PM, the marchers made their way toward CBS-TV on 57th Street, increasing in size and number as more people and bystanders joined them enroute. They were escorted by police vehicles and at least one hundred cops trying to keep the march contained in only a few lanes of the street. Also following were plainclothes cops, members of the NYPD's Taping And Recording Unit (TARU) with cameras and cam-corders in hand (in violation of the Handschu Agreement, which prohibits police from filming political demonstrations), and top cops from police commissioner Lee Brown and mayor David Dinkins' offices. Soon, the march stretched four blocks long with 1500-2000 participants, including a brass band, theatrical groups, people wearing flag hats, television sets, and carrying banners decrying the media censorship.

Outside CBS's broadcast facilities at 524 West 57th Street, marchers rallied, chanting slogans against CBS's lies ("Censorship is a crime; Peace deserves equal time"), projecting images on the side of the building, and smashing television sets before setting them on fire with a pile of meat, a radio and a few American flags thrown in for good measure. At first, cops tried to break up the bonfire, but wisely chose to back off in the face of overwhelming numbers. A mock press conference was held by a caricature of President Bushit, attended by members of ABC, CBS, NBC, and CNN, all wearing dunce caps and echoing every word of the "president". A Latino woman played a member of the alternative press asking serious questions about the U.S. support of Hussein, the number of troops and civilian deaths, etc, was quickly hushed up and shouted down by "Bush" and members of "the press".

The march then proceeded up Tenth Avenue to WNET on 58th Street, (Channel 13, the local Public Television affiliate in NYC). Cops scrambled to regroup and follow the marchers, who they thought were marching to ABC-TV. Outside WNET's building at 356 West 58th Street, the march stopped momentarily to chant "Hey hey ho ho, censorship has got to go". One demonstrator told cops who pushed him away from the building entrance, "Thanks for not beating me up-this time". One cop responded, "The night's not over yet", and another added, "Next time, maybe you'll be bleeding". For the most part, cops following the marchers joked and laughed among themselves the whole way. Other cops laughed when a SHADOW reporter pointed out that being a cop is a good way to avoid getting drafted!!

Heading up Broadway to ABC-TV on 66th Street by 7:00PM, the marchers were accompanied by even more cops as their numbers grew to their largest yet. The march headed down the block, stopping at several ABC broadcast buildings chanting "No Blood For Oil, We Won't Go", "One two three four, Tell the truth about the war, Five six seven eight, Separate the press and state". Cops dutifully guarded entrances to the buildings as ABC workers stood by, enforcing the image of the police state media. Some ABC personnel flashed peace signs from their windows, but seemed unaware that the protest was as much against ABC as it was against the war. A group scream then led to chants of "Shame", as the marchers filled the entire block.

Speakers included legendary poet Allen Ginsberg, who said "the media has taken a spin toward the war party at a time when the military has seized control of Russia and America, both at the same time". He finished with a group "Ommm", that was joined by the crowd. Other speakers included Ed Sanders of the Fugs, who sang "Shame"; a member of ACT-UP; WBAI radio's Robert Knight of the radio shows "Undercurrents" and the "Contragate Team", both of which report the hidden news about the war and government. He said "the Pentagon has it's air war, but now the people are waging war against the air that lies to them."; Mike Gordon, who told of the more than 100 people in the "Gulf Peace Camp" in Jordan, standing between the U.S. and Iraqi troops; a member of the "Camcorder Commandos", who said "TV is being held captive. It is our mission to liberate it", adding "We are America's angriest home videos"; and a Lower East Side squatter who told of the eviction of Bronx squatters the day before that went unnoticed due to the gulf war coverage.

As speakers continued, projections of "Cut the Strings, ABC/CIA" and skelton hands in hand cuffs were played on a nearby ABC building as an ABC camera crew filmed the crowd below from their safe window. NBC finally sent a crew to the scene, interviewing a few people, and at one point, ABC's Peter Jennings of "World News Tonight" came to the edge of the crowd, standing behind a police barrier. He was quickly converged upon by members of the alternative media, who turned the tables on him by confronting him in

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ACT-UP DECLARES WAR!!

by Peter Piper

Act-Up proved once again they are organizers par excellence of pandemonium and chaos with their January 23rd assault on Grand Central Station. This followed two other highly successful strikes within 24 hours, all of which are making a strong link between the AIDS activist and anti-war movements.

The Grand Central mayhem began when three people descended the main staircase into the terminal, carrying fists full of helium balloons. On the main floor they attached a 10 x 20-foot sign reading, "Money For AIDS, Not For War", which floated to the top of the 100-foot ceiling. A 500-person "Die-In" soon followed, but this crowd was too pissed off to play dead for long. People began wrapping the entire information booth in brown paper and climbing on top of it to deface the clock with stickers.

The five hundred soon became a thousand, and decided to occupy all the space in front of the ticket windows, preventing the railroad from selling any tickets. (Too bad no one brought a hammer to smash the windows). Word had been out for days that the main target was to stop commuter traffic by occupying the train tracks. Some people threatened to chain themselves to the track and trains. From the other side of the terminal, it looked like suicide. The mob approached the track entrances determined to burst through the line of riot-equipped pigs stretched arm-to-arm, two deep, with riot clubs drawn, blocking entrance to the tracks. The pigs prevailed.

Feeling frustrated at both the pigs and the daily red tape AIDS-affected people face trying to acquire life-saving drugs and decent medical care, red tape was distributed and the police and station were plastered with the tape, effectively closing some porkers behind the doorways they were blocking. Red blood was smeared on the floor while others gained access to the arrivals and departures board, draping a large sign on it reading "One AIDS Death Every Eight Minutes", and punching out some of the numbers on the board.

Since the police had prevented ACT-UP from getting on the tracks, another disruption was needed to provoke arrests. The people blocked the hallways leading to the subways, confronting irate brige-and-tunnel wage slaves trying to get home. "You are trapped by the AIDS epidemic" and "It's like waiting for health care" were chanted at the commuters who tried unsuccessfully to break the lines.

The police were hard to provoke into making arrests this time, unwilling to give ACT-UP the threatening image of strength and numbers in the media. This was unlike the debacle that resulted when the Yuppies staged a Grand Central takeover in the sixties, resulting in a massive and vicious pig attack. Neither did the city want another repeat of a subway takeover like Al Sharpton's, which garnered mega-publicity and the fear that it would become the modus operandi for any protest group intent on shutting down the city. People finally decided to take over 42nd Street with a Die-In that resulted in about 200 arrests.

The night before, AIDS activists staged the ultimate coup by taking over national news broadcasts of CBS, NBC, and PBS's MacNeil-Lehrer News Hour. On CBS's Nightly News with Dan Rather, three activists invaded the studio during the live broadcast chanting "Fight AIDS Not Arabs". They were on the air for ten seconds, then the screen went black. Finally a commercial was thrown on and they arrested the protestors. These actions were performed by ACT-UP affinity groups known as "Action Tours" and the "Bloody Marys".

During the morning of the Grand Central action, a crowd estimated at 2000 by the media began the "Day of Desperation" by picketing the Wall Street Stock Exchange (home of the profiteers of war and overpriced AIDS-fighting drugs). The picket turned into a march, stopping first at the Department of Health and Welfare, where they left coffins and dirty needles collected from drug addicts during needle exchanges. They next stopped at City Hall, where a dirty toilet bowl was left for Mayor Dinkins with the message, "Deposit your promises here".

All three actions had strong anti-war sentiments written on placards and evident in the chants of protestors. The Bush administration has found the money to run a billion-dollar-a-day war, but will not make similar expenditures to stop a virus that is strangling the entire planet. Maybe if Iraqis and AIDS patients were unborn babies, the killing would be stopped...



PHOTO BY ANDREW LITCHESTEIN

"ACTING-UP" IN GRAND CENTRAL STATION!!

GAYS POINT FINGER OF DEATH AT SEN. JESSE HELMS!!

--By Ann Ominous

(The rumblings in the Lesbian and gay underground are becoming louder and louder that Senator Jesse Helms must be eliminated. The word on the street and in the progressive gay press is that we have suffered enough under the government's ineptness and apathy in dealing with the AIDS crisis and it is time to strike back.

One hundred thousand dead in the U.S. alone, homeless people with AIDS, life-saving medication too expensive to buy and not enough drug trials for possible new drug therapists is creating a very desperate population.

Author/playwright Larry Kramer, founder of ACT-UP and Gay Men's Health Crisis has been stating publicly for a year that the time for violence has come. We can no longer afford to be docile protestors chanting in the streets. He says we must become a mass of powerful people that is physically threatening to politicians that threaten our lives and to the "health care" system that is more interested in sucking profits out of our suffering than it is in finding a cure.

The following excerpts are from a leaflet handed out anonymously at January's Day of Desperation protests. The storm is gathering. It is a strong wind that is blowing against the empire....)



ART BY ANDREW WENDEL

On the same night last month, Vito Russo died from AIDS and Jesse Helms was reelected to another six years of power. Vito was a visionary, a warrior, a survivor of AIDS, a sweet, gentle man who showed off his faggotry like a prize--a hero to queers. And on the night he died, near the exact hour his radiant soul flew out of his body, one of their heroes stood in the blinding lights of their adoration and snorted his victory: "Six more years!" Helms may well have been carving up Vito's devastated body and eating it for dinner.

Vito is dead and everything remains the same. I thought I might go to sleep the night after his death and wake up to find the city burned to the ground. Of course in the morning everything was left standing. And yet everywhere I go in the queer community, people are talking about assassinating Jesse Helms in conversations filled with laughter or in tones so sincere and convicted that I am frightened. But we haven't picked up arms. Instead we stare and stare at each other's feet, can't look into each other's eyes. How ashamed of myself I am.

There couldn't be a simpler, clearer declaration of war. I believe with all my heart that Jesse Helms killed Vito Russo. And I believe without question that when I was queer-bashed, Helms was as responsible for my injuries as if he had inflicted the wounds with his own hands. I fully imagine in a meeting with Helms he would have the blood and flesh of dead dykes and fags dripping from his hands and mouth. And I hate him and I believe he is a threat to my very existence and I have every right to defend myself against him with any amount of force I choose.

What we must do becomes very clear in our dreams, very simple. Gangs, cops, so many straight men with guns, are trying to kill us--and they will succeed--unless we take some action to save ourselves. We must kill or be killed--and so we kill them, or we wake up before the dream ends, can't let ourselves, even in dreams, carry out a murder. Do we hate ourselves so much that we believe the violence against us is beyond reproach and revenge? It is as if we are all standing in a circle with our backs turned to the world, huddled close, debating in an endless conversation whether or not we should pick up guns at some hypothetical point in the

future, while all along the men, the haters, the powerful ones, have surrounded us and are silently picking us off one after another. In the midst of all this hatred and violence against us, we have done the most beautiful thing--we have fallen in love with each other.

But our visions always return, each time more extreme, more desperate. Violence may be necessary to ensure our survival. Every bashing is an irrational act of violence against us. Every AIDS death is an irrational and senseless murder committed by legislators, researchers, pharmaceuticals, insurance companies, ordinary citizens, TV personalities, and even our blood families who by their overt bigotry or simple failure to understand or prevent this crisis are to be blamed for such waste and loss of life. It's all madness--heartless indifference or savage hatred. But to speak of violence initiated by us, by our beloved community, is to speak of necessary violence. The acts of violence we may commit will be acts of defense, entirely thought-through, ably executed, taken on with complete responsibility and commitment.

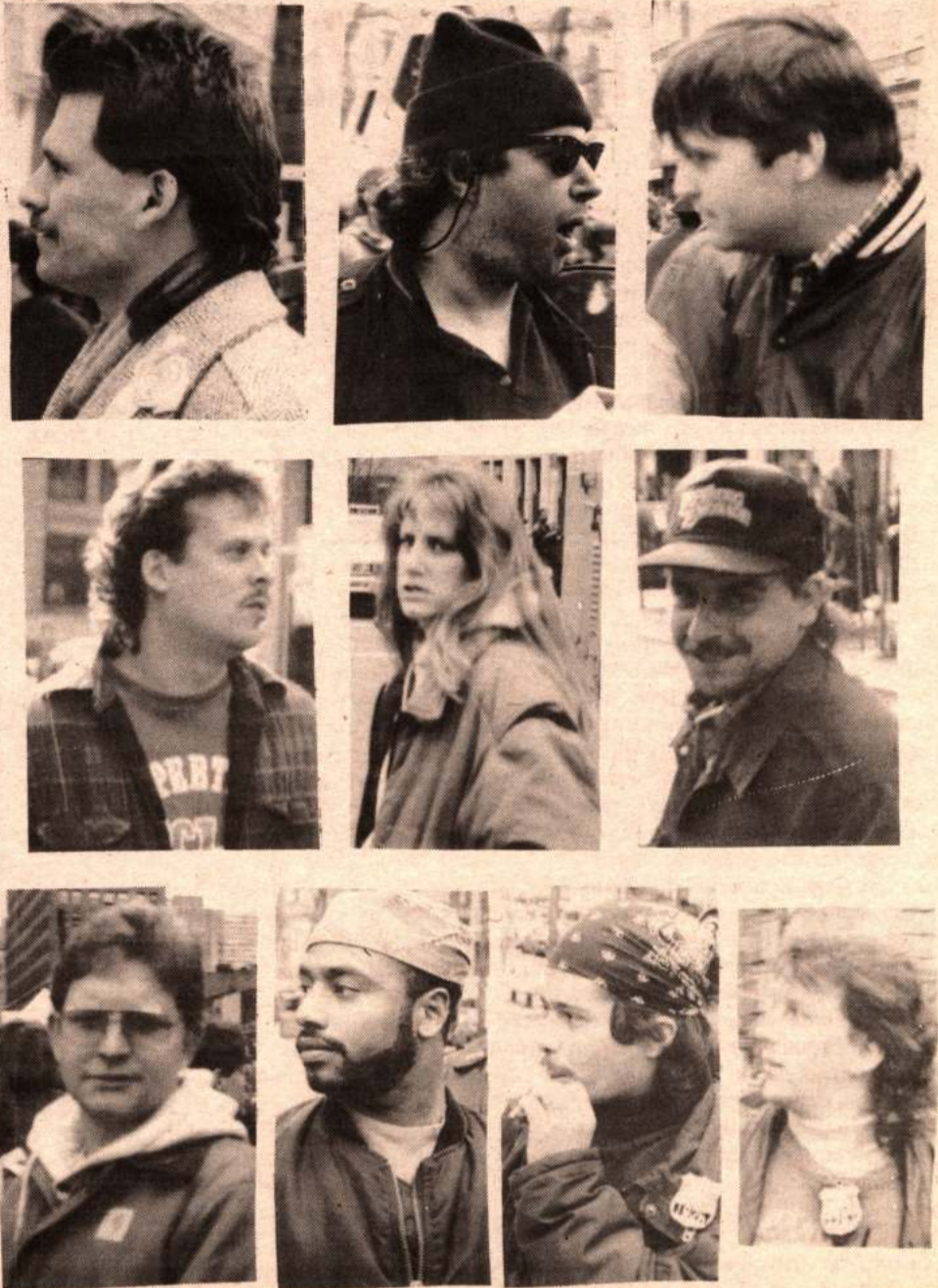
We are losing our lives and the straight world condemns us for even making an uproar about it. No matter how successful our organizations are at lobbying for reform, demanding drug trials or anti-discrimination laws, these reforms are too slow moving and frighteningly temporary. We have come to an impasse where our efforts, though sometimes considered shrill and inappropriate by straight people, in no way match the violence of the attacks against us.

I tell you, I will find out who knocked you to the ground and beat and kicked you unconscious and hand them over to you for whatever act of revenge that will satisfy you. I will not have you hurt or taken from me now that we've begun to know each other and how much pleasure can be ours. I will not have you die now that we've begun to break free of the self-hatred instilled in us. So now I put the question to you: If I am ever brave enough to murder Jesse Helms, will you hand me the gun to carry out the deed?

Will you hide me from the law once it is done?



These cops were seen at the downtown anti-war rally on Feb.21:



Well, here we are again!! It seems like the hiring of the thousands of extra kops is just in time for the massive anti-war demos all over the city. We wonder what will happen to all those new kops when the war is over. Maybe they can be trained to put out fires, filling the void left by closed down firehouses, or teaching in schools to replace laid off teachers! The kops at the 9th precinct seem to be taking the government media-inspired threat of "terrorism" seriously. Since the war, they have been keeping a kop posted outside their front doors, regardless of the weather. (Doesn't the 9th precinct claim to be short on manpower when faced with neighbors' complaints of drug gangs taking over their blocks?) If a kamikaze with a dynamite-loaded truck tries to ram the front of the precinct, one kop standing outside can't do too much about it!!

So far, no sign of newly-installed commanding officer Captain Esposito in the 9th precinct neighborhood. Where former C.O. Julian at least appeared to make some sort of an attempt to meet neighborhood groups from different sides of the political spectrum, Esposito has so far only met with ultra-right wing slimeballs like Kate Walters and her St. Mark's Block Association who haven't stopped trying to make the Lower East Side safe for would-be yuppies and developers by removing the homeless and street peddlers from the area. It looks like Esposito is already showing the neighborhood where he is coming from!

Here are some kops seen at the anti-censorship demo on Jan.30:



Off-Duty Cop, Pal Charged In Theft Try

By Mark Lowery
STAFF WRITER

An off-duty transit police officer and his girlfriend were arrested yesterday morning in the Bronx on charges they tried to rob a man at gunpoint, police said.

Joseph Lewis, 37, a seven-year officer, was suspended without pay after he and his girlfriend, Wanda Adams, 39, were charged in the early morning robbery in the Melrose section, authorities said.

Police spokesman Sgt. Norris Hollomon said Jose Fonseca, 29, was walking near 161st Street and Walton Avenue at 6 a.m., carrying a bag with car radio equipment, when Lewis and Adams approached him.

Fonseca told police that Lewis demanded to know what was in the bag. After identifying himself as an officer,

Lewis pulled a gun, hit Fonseca in the face and tried to take the bag, Hollomon said.

Fonseca escaped and flagged down a police car a short distance away, Hollomon said.

Police returned to the area near the robbery scene and spotted Lewis and Adams, both of 70 E. 162nd St. in the Bronx. They were arrested without incident, Hollomon said, and Lewis turned over a .22-cal. gun believed to have been used in the attempted robbery.

Lewis and Adams were charged with attempted robbery, assault and illegal possession of a weapon, Hollomon said.

A Transit Police spokesman, Al O'Leary, said the department's Internal Affairs Unit would investigate. He said that Lewis was assigned to District 2, at Columbus Circle in Manhattan.

This piggy was seen at the anti-Bush rally on Sixth Avenue outside the Hilton on Feb.6:



Thanks to the new Cop-Watch contributors, as well as those who have been keeping their eyes on our brave girls and boys in blue. If you have any info or photos of the kops that you want to see published and added to our mug books, please send what you have to the SHADOW at: P.O.Box 20298, New York, N.Y. 10009. Now more than ever, keep on watching those kops!!

DOWN BY LAW...

YER GOING TO COURT!

By RON KUBY (Office of William Kunstler)

In our last column, after describing the arrest procedure in New York City, we left you in a crummy little holding cell at 100 Centre Street, where you had been for almost two days. Finally, you get moved upstairs to an even smaller cell. A court officer calls your name and opens the cell door. **YER GOING TO COURT!**

For those folks that have been put "through the system", your court is at 100 Centre Street. You will be brought to one of the "arraignment parts"--Room 129 or 130 on the first floor, or Part AR-2A on the second floor. The purpose of this first hearing is to plead innocent or not guilty, and to set conditions of your pre-trial release.

Hopefully, your solidarity group has been successful in contacting an attorney, and that attorney will come to see you a few minutes before your hearing. If not, you will have to accept a Legal Aid lawyer, or a private lawyer (known as an "18B lawyer"), who is paid a small fee by the State to represent you. Like other generic products, these lawyers are suitable for everyday use, but vary widely in quality. Some are truly committed trial lawyers with excellent skills. Others are hacks who eke out their meager living by doing high volume court appointments. All, however, are overworked and do not have a great deal of time spend on any individual case.

Make sure that your lawyer knows that your arrest was part of a political demonstration involving an issue of great social importance. Politicals have a much better record of showing up for their court dates than ODCs (Ordinary Decent Criminals). Briefly tell your lawyer things about you that make you a good risk for bail--you have a job, are a student, have strong ties to New York City, military veteran, friend of the President, etc. If you expect to see your supporters in the courtroom, tell your attorney so he or she can tell the judge that people care enough to come to court for you. The actual facts of your case are not particularly important at this stage, so summarize them very briefly. Shortly after you talk to your lawyer, your case will be called.

Almost half of the misdemeanor cases in New York City are disposed of through plea bargains at this first appearance. You have very little time--sometimes only a minute--to make a decision. Sometimes, very good offers are made at arraignment--one-day only deals. Usually, however, the offer remains the same or gets better in the course of subsequent proceedings. If you feel too pressured and cannot decide, then don't. Enter a plea of not guilty and make the decisions after you have had a shower, a good night's sleep, and a chance to talk to a lawyer of your choice.

The best deal you can get is an **Adjournment in Contemplation of Dismissal, or ACD**. An ACD means that the case is taken off of the court's calendar for six months. If the District Attorney does not make a motion to restore the case during this time, all charges are dismissed and the record is sealed. An ACD is **not** a plea of guilty and does not constitute any admission of wrongdoing. The fact that you have taken an ACD cannot be used against you for any reason whatsoever. The only right you lose is the right to sue the cops for false arrest (you do not lose the right to sue them for brutality). In theory, if you get arrested again, the case may be restored to the calendar. This has happened once in the history of New York State. Even if you are the second person this millennium to experience a restored ACD, you still haven't lost anything. The case picks up where it began, and you can proceed to trial. An ACD is almost always a good deal and should be taken when and where offered.

Sometimes, the prosecution will request an ACD with Community Service for a day or two. Ordinarily, community service means picking up trash with the Parks Department, as opposed to trashing the Parks Department, the form of community service that may have landed you in jail in the first place. However, we have had good success in designing community service packages that comport with a more progressive view of service. The courts have approved community service stints with housing groups such as GOLES (Good Old Lower East Side) as well as with Father George at St. Bridgid's church. If you decide that you are willing to do this kind of community service, you probably will not be able to arrange it at arraignment. You should enter a plea of not guilty and talk to a progressive lawyer about putting a community service package together.

It is usually unwise to accept any other sort of plea at arraignment, unless you have had full consultation with an attorney. The only exception is when you are offered a plea of guilty to time served and you have reason to believe that you will not be released on a bail that you can afford. Then you have to face the choice of spending more time in jail to fight the charges than you would if you were convicted of them. The way this often happens is when you have a warrant out for a prior offense (Oh shit! I overslept and missed my court date), and you get arrested agin. The prosecution may request some type of monetary bail unless you take a "time-served" sentence to cover pleas of guilty to both charges. (Another good reason to make sure your squat's alarm clock is battery-operated.)

If you plead not guilty, bail will be set. If you are charged with a violation or misdemeanor (trespass, resisting arrest, minor property destruction, disorderly conduct, simple assault), you will probably be released on your own recognizance (receive an ROR)--upon a simple promise that you will appear for your next court date. This is particularly true if you have some ties to the community. Quite often, even felony charges growing out of demonstrations get ROR treatment. Judges know that most of these charges get knocked down to misdemeanors after the heat of battle has past.

With your ROR granted, you march out of court with your friends. Don't forget to be back on the next date.

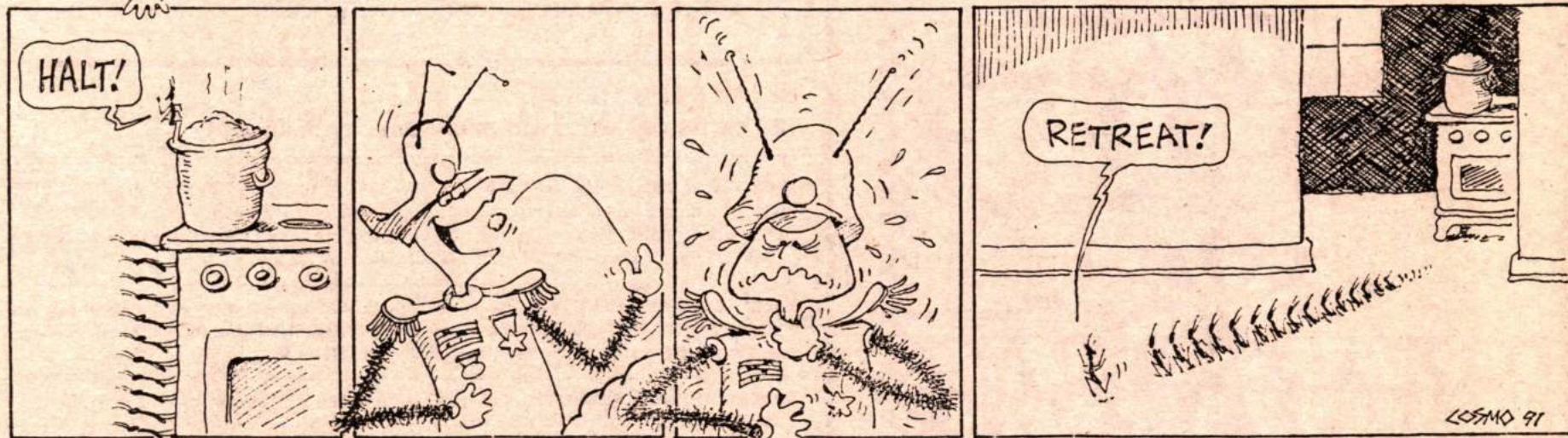
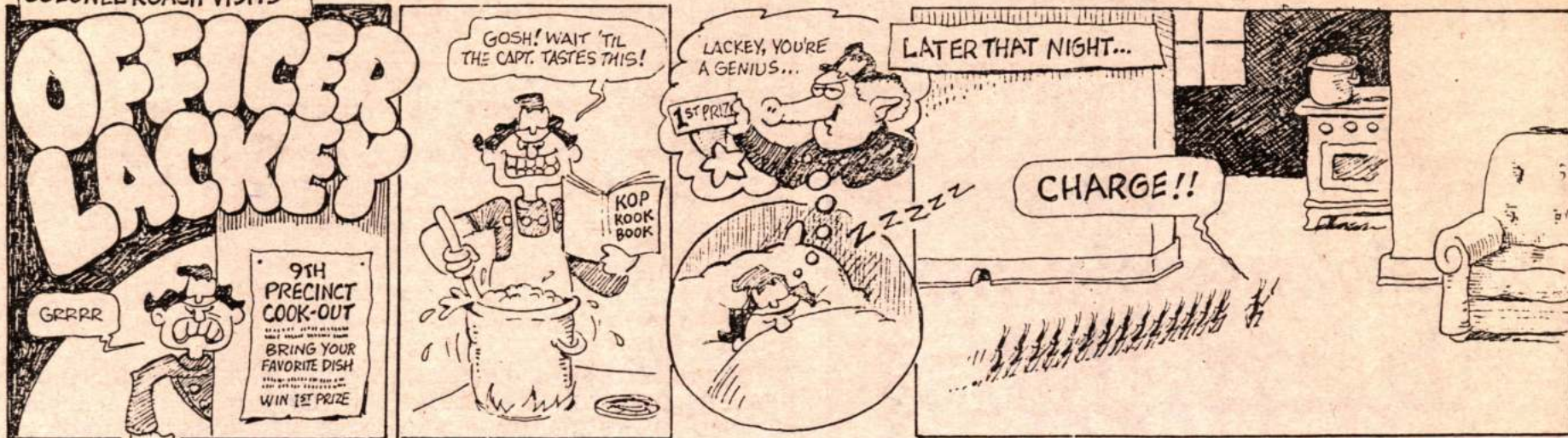
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Dear SHADOW,

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I want to write about the editorial "No Blood For Oil" by Nashua in SHADOW #15. Let me tell you some facts about my country.

We have lived under military governments three times during the last 40 years: 1961, 1972, 1980 respectively. Each time, there was a finger of CIA, each time there were movements for some liberations which scared the US government. Turkey, accepted as a watchdog for a possible war threat from the USSR, a pawn to be wasted first, had to feed the largest army in NATO. About 56 percent of taxes are wasted for the army. The civil governments between military dictatorships are just dummies.

Have you ever heard about an election system where a party, only receiving 34% of the votes can have 2/3 of the chairs in the parliament? The truth is, CIA, pentagon, US government and some arms dealers rule my country. 87% of people in Turkey don't want to go into a war with Iraq.

Would you please write the truths about this war? Can you please write the simple dialectic which led the US troops to the Saudi desert? Everything needs its contrary for existence, nothing can survive without it's opposite. How did Glasnost threaten the existence of pentagon and arms factories, etc? How much do they need an enemy to survive, not to become useless, not to be forgotten? How much did the US government need such a situation to hide the economic fall, poverty, inefficiency, etc? Will you please write how much they are afraid of peace?

(Name withheld to protect writer's identity--Ed.)

The SHADOW,

How is everything going in New York concerning the war? Around here, it seems to have divided everyone into their own little camps. There is of course the antiwar Anarchists (the best kind), the "patriotic" idiots who wear shirts with slogans like "try to burn this one" with an amerikan flag on it, and there are those who are confused so believe everything the television tells them. I think we, as Anarchists, must exploit this crisis, and expose the government as the war mongering oppressive greed system that it is. The time for education and action is now. United Anarchist Front, Whittier, Calif.

Dear SHADOW,

Things are heating up here real fast. The cops started using mace and the long baton on folks. We were caught off guard but made up for it later that night. The blockade of the Fed building on Jan.15 came off real well. There were about 5,000 people that showed up. As usual, the Women were the true front line warriors. It was overwhelming to see all of their anger unleashed. ACT-UP was out there in force doing a Kiss-In, and being their normally rude selves. The church folks stopped whining and snivelling long enough to tear down the barricades set up by the cops and rushed the door. After the blockade, 2,000 people shut down the Bay Bridge. What's unusual is that it was the Autonomous community which proposed it and the rest of the folks went along with it! Normally we find ourselves isolated in our affinity groups, with folks criticizing our work. The Resistance continues to build and each step becomes more and more militant. M.L., San Francisco, Calif.

SHADOW:

Deserving of comment are the courageous recent acts of resistance in Eugene. The firing of the military Reserve Center buildings and the IRS office, plus other imaginative actions before and since, tell us that intelligence and ethics continue to live in this stupefying society of work-and-pay-and-watch-TV.

Of course, the peace police are off into paroxysms of outrage, the only time they exhibit any passion at all. They will, apparently, always counsel everyone to be peaceful forever, the logic of the obedient, serene slave. During the long Vietnam War, one is reminded, these cops worked overtime to neuter protest, while 3 million Asians were systematically snuffed. And while a significant fraction of those involved in Operation Desert Sheep are both young and poor, here is a sad parallel to those nearby who do the timber corporations' bidding in destroying the last traces of free nature. "We're here to do our job", "We have a job to do", "Getting the job done", etc, etc. Under the influence of the social disease known as work, in Saudi Arabia or the Northwest, the responses sound the same.

Conform and consume, or, inspired by the continuing acts of honor around you, fight the society that would destroy you. AAA, Eugene, Oregon

PRISONER MAIL:

Dear SHADOW,
Greetings from the warehouse! If you got my friend's letter, you'll know that the SHADOW is on it's way to Columbus (the state capitol) to be "screened"; it seems that new people work in the mailroom and the SHADOW offended them. Hey, after all the trouble and expense you go through getting it to me I couldn't just give in, besides I'm a fighter; I am however, worried that this might follow me to the parole board.... "Keebler", London, Ohio

Dear SHADOW,

I was pleased to see A.Kronstadt's article "Anarchists Turn up the Heat at Anti-Bush/War Rally" in SHADOW #15. Anarchists certainly did turn up the heat at that demonstration, and are doing so throughout the entire anti-war movement. I was puzzled, however to see the Anarchists present referred to as an "affinity group of Lower East Side activists". There were, in fact, over 100 Anarchists at the demonstration, most from the LES, but many from other boroughs, nearly 20 from Toronto, and several visiting from other places out of town. Many of those present had responded to a well-publicized call endorsed by 9 groups, including the SHADOW, for the formation of an explicitly Anarchist contingent at the demonstration.

The fact that there was an organized contingent was not mentioned in the article, and it is not clear that there were so many Anarchists present. The concerted work of many is effectively misrepresented to sound like the work of only a handful, through the use of the term "affinity group", usually used to denote a close group of between 5-25. It's important for Anarchists to know that Anarchism is a living, growing, active movement, yet this article serves to obscure that reality.

Matt Black

While I do not dispute that there was an Anarchist contingent present at the Waldorf demo, "organized" or otherwise, I stated that it was the Lower East Side activists who knocked over and burned the cop barricades. I clearly wrote "activists" rather than "Anarchists" because we are not sectarians and you do not have to sign an Anarchist loyalty oath to be involved with us. The "explicitly" Anarchist contingent numbered at most 50 people, and was nowhere to be seen when the barricades went down. Some of these explicit Anarchists showed up around the bonfire on Park Avenue later on and posed for photo-ops behind that black banner which they always schlepped around. If I did not mention the explicitly Anarchist contingent, it is for the same reason that I did not mention the Workers' World or the Marxist-Leninist Enver Hoxha contingents: they didn't do anything very interesting.

I also take exception to comrade Matt's attempt to define "affinity group". It is this kind of hair splitting Talmudism which threatens to turn Anarchism into a sect rather than the "living, growing movement" which he envisions. Anarchism is as Anarchism does!
A. Kronstadt

SHADOW,

Re Issue #14, you ran a piece which was way, way too nice to JFK. Again you brought up his presidential order to withdraw troops, even though I pointed out (in an earlier letter--Ed.) that move was suggested by Defense Secretary McNamara and Joint Chiefs Chair Taylor as a propoganda move. You completely ignored JFK's role in planning the Diem assassination, designed to increase the legitimacy of the war effort. And you quoted JFK as to preserving South Vietnam's "independence", as if that was a legitimate goal in the first place. LBJ kept the Kennedy Vietnam team intact; none of these people, all intimate Kennedy friends, have ever renounced the very idea of U.S. intervention, only the particulars. Not even Bobby Kennedy ever went beyond the idea of "negotiations", as if the U.S. had a right to negotiate over the future of Vietnam.

You quoted JFK in opposition to tax breaks for oil companies. You must have missed the fact that this was in the context of Kennedy's massive corporate tax cut, in the wake of which he believed the oil industry no longer needed special treatment. You also missed the 1963 campaign of terror against Cuba, which was directed by Bobby Kennedy as part of his duties as Attorney General.

You say Kennedy could've moved in different directions, even though he was a politician. But the problem goes way beyond his being a politician. He operated within a class structure which requires the repression of the vast majority of people both here and worldwide. That's how the social system functions. That's why even "socialist" governments cooperate with the monied elites. This isn't a matter of a "correct line", but of understanding the society we live in.

Jack Straw, Collide-O-Scope, Berkeley, Calif.

Mr.Straw never addresses the facticity of the JFK troop withdrawal plan, but prefers to "point out" its true intent, ie. its supposed propoganda effect. No problem. The point though is that the person who drafted the relevant National Security Action Memoranda, Col. Fletcher Prouty, was also aware of intent. His testimony, that the effect of the Kennedy plan may have been his murder, is convincing.

For someone who is so fond of pointing things out, Mr.Straw misses the point of the piece, namely the consolidation of military dictatorship in America as manifested in the JFK assassination and related secret team activity over the past 30 years. I wonder why that is. I also wonder how one could miss the significance, given today's events, of the Kennedy murder within the context of class society dominated by the oil and military war lords, Mr.Straws' sanitized "monied elites". Strange.

The questions surrounding the character of the Kennedy brothers liberalist politics, what they would have done etc. are not my interest. Although it is clear that their attitudes, particularly about war and race issues differed significantly from more recent heads of state, figure heads they were. And yet, whereas Nixon, Reagan and Bush are rewarded with big budgets, Mafia protection and the adoration of millions of fools, the Kennedys and King (who died a year to the day after his famous anti-war speech) are rubbed out, wasted by racism, militarism and greed. Ambushed by a conspiracy of Penatgon, Mafia, Intelligence and Big Oil operatives and covered up by Corporate Media, these killings mean something, no more nor less than other lesser known assassinations, such as the murder of Fred Hampton, but must be seen as part of a continuum, a path which I maintain leads to military/fascist dictatorship, here and now in the USA. That is the point Mr. Straw misses. I wonder why?

A.Bertoli

To Autonomous people, Greens, and Anarchists:

I am collecting information about the actions, protests, and activities of green and Anarchist groups from around the globe. The end goal is to create a directory of people with whom I and others can network and to print alternative articles on what is happening in the world. I hope to learn and be able to show others that what the international conglomerate government-influenced media reports is not all that happens.

Since the war between the USA and Iraq has started, this exchange of information is even more crucial. All that I have heard or read is just small excerpts about unruly riots and so on. If the public, and other radical groups, were to know what was happening from the point of view of the activists,

perhaps we could influence others to action. The least that will come of this will be an open exchange of information. Everyone sending information and the like will receive the networking packet and copies of the articles.

Please help fight the censored, capitalist media so that we can have a truly informed view of what is happening. Also, we need to know who to support in any way we can. Peace and Autonomy NOW!
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MILITARY CAMPS FOR URBAN POOR?

by Paul DeRienzo and Bill Weinberg

It is obvious to residents of lower Manhattan and other inner city areas that the urban USA is in deep crisis. Hundreds of thousands live in the streets. Thousands more have swamped overburdened municipal shelters. Communities are being ravaged by crack, heroin, AIDS, and violent crime. Even such poverty-linked diseases as tuberculosis, which had largely disappeared two generations ago, are once again spreading.

The idea of using military camps as a solution to the urban dilemma is being eyed with increasing seriousness by the federal government. While the liberal left has widely supported the McKinney Act, which mandates opening unused military installations to the homeless, critics have expressed misgivings about the concept.

Recent proposed legislation calls for using military bases as auxiliary prisons for drug offenders, and the suspension of constitutional guarantees which would allow for massive sweeps of decayed urban areas. Critics also point to the central role assigned to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in coordinating the national response to the urban crisis. FEMA has in the recent past been charged with the task of rounding up "aliens" and political dissidents in the event of a national war emergency.

FEMA's secretive 1984 "readiness exercise", REX-84 ALPHA, was a practice run for detaining 40,000 Central American refugees in ten designated military bases throughout the nation, in the event of a U.S. invasion of Nicaragua. An Executive Order signed by President George Bush on January 8, 1991, grants FEMA a central role in coordinating federal response to the "national security emergency" declared in response to the war in the Persian Gulf, including mobilization of "food resources", and nuclear weapons fuel for the war effort.

FEMA's role in the homelessness crisis dates to the passage of the Homeless Assistance Act (the "McKinney Act") in 1987. The Act established an Interagency Council on the Homeless, through which hundreds of millions of dollars from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are channelled to FEMA for administration of homeless programs nationwide. Much of the money was funnelled from FEMA to local operations, through charitable groups such as the United Way, Catholic Charities and the Salvation Army. By 1988, FEMA was funding 94 human services agencies operating 371 facilities, ranging from shelters to soup kitchens to liberal political groups such as the National Coalition for the Homeless.

It was the National Coalition for the Homeless which took the Defense Department to federal court under the McKinney Act for failing to move quickly enough in making unused military facilities available as homeless shelters. By the beginning of 1988, eight military bases--in Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, and Washington--were being used to warehouse the homeless.

The McKinney Act had doubtless been authored and pushed by well-intentioned liberals. But many critics were disturbed by the blurring of the distinction between homeless shelters, military camps, and prisons. In October of 1990, New York City's Human Resources Administration (HRA) closed down the decrepit and disease-ridden Bellevue Mens's Shelter on East 29th Street, giving hundreds of homeless men 24 hours

notice that they were to be transferred to other shelters. Prominent among those other shelters was Camp LaGuardia, a women's prison in upstate New York.

The move had been prompted in part by opposition to the presence of a large "intake shelter" for homeless men on East 3rd Street. Local neighborhood pressure from the conservative group BASTA (Before Another Shelter Tears Us Apart) had resulted in the East 3rd Street "intake shelter" being relocated to the Bellevue facility after the original inhabitants had been bounced up to Camp LaGuardia and the building rehabilitated.

Many homeless people maintain that New York City's shelters, with their curfews, unsanitary conditions and pervasive violence, are themselves little better than prisons. These claims sparked controversy when the administration of then Mayor Ed Koch announced its policy of forcibly sweeping the "mentally ill" homeless off the streets and into shelters and psychiatric wards, in 1987.

The trend toward a prison/military camp solution to the problem of the disenfranchised urban poor becomes more obvious with the signing of Executive Order 12682 by George Bush, on July 7, 1989. This Executive Order established an interagency Commission on Alternative Utilization of Military Facilities, made up of representatives from the Defense Department, HUD, the Prisons Bureau and the National Institute of Drug Abuse.

The Commission was charged with investigating the feasibility of using "nonactive military facilities" as "minimum security facilities for nonviolent prisoners, drug treatment facilities for nonviolent drug abusers, and facilities to assist the homeless."

More blatant still was the National Drug & Crime Emergency Bill introduced in the House by congressman Newt Gingrich last year. The Bill mandated declaration of a "national emergency" to deal with drug trafficking and violent crime, "guided by the principles that energized and sustained the mobilization for World War II."

The National Emergency was to last for five years, during which time no offenders convicted of violent or drug-related crimes would be released. In fact, thousands more would be arrested as constitutional protections against arrest without charges and unreasonable search and seizure would be severely limited.

The Bill called for removing limits on prison populations, but also charged the Defense Department with providing the Prisons Bureau and state law enforcement agencies with a list of "available military bases" for use as "confinement facilities".

The Bill also charged the President with directing "the National Guard and the Army Corps of Engineers to design and construct temporary detention facilities". The labor to build these "detention facilities" would come from the detainees themselves, under "mandatory work requirements for all federal prisoners". The prisoners would not be paid for this labor. On the contrary, all drug convicts would be fined to cover "incarceration costs" and "victim compensation", with wages and property being confiscated if the prisoner cannot afford the fine. Mandatory urine tests would be imposed at all prisons, detention facilities and even schools receiving federal funds.

SUSPENDING THE CONSTITUTION BY DEGREES

By Bill Weinberg and Paul DeRienzo

In response to the wartime "National Security Emergency", a string of Executive Orders is eroding Constitutional government in the United States. Power is shifting radically away from Congress and towards the executive branch.

The most recent of several Executive Orders which have been declared since the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait allows the Federal Emergency Management Agency to coordinate food production, civil transportation and the nation's nuclear weapons production infrastructure, "in the interest of national security".

An Executive Order is a rule or regulation issued by the President which has the effect of law without ever being voted on by elected legislators. For this reason, Executive Orders are described as "quasi-legislative".

The use of Executive Orders greatly increased in the post-World War II era, with the advent of the nuclear arms race and the national security state. The National Administrative Procedures Act of 1946 requires that all Executive Orders be published in the Federal Register for public review. However, some presidential orders are highly classified and are not available to the public.

The recent abdication of Congressional checks on executive branch powers began on August 2, 1990, in response to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. On that day, a "National Security Emergency" was declared by President Bush in his Executive Order 12722.

Executive Orders 12722, 12723, 12724, and 12725, all issued within days of the invasion of Kuwait, are related to the freezing of Iraqi assets in the United States.

Executive Order 12727, issued on August 22, mobilized the military reserves. Executive Order 12728, issued the same day, allows the President to suspend any law relating to promotion, retirement, or separation of service people. Executive Order 12733, issued on November 13, extends the period of active duty for reservists by 90 days. The few critics of these Orders in Congress maintain that they have undermined Congressional authority over the declaration of war.

Executive Order 12734, issued November 14, allows the Department of Defense to undertake construction projects in support of the war effort, bypassing Congressional authorization and appropriation of funds. Executive Order 12735, issued on November 16, declares biological and chemical weapons proliferation a national emergency, and establishes Presidential control over export of bio-warfare agents. This Order also calls for "multilaterally coordinated efforts with other countries to control the proliferation of chemical and biological weapons".

Yet the Order specifically allows cooperation with (and export of bio-warfare agents to) "friendly countries who are essential to our efforts to resist Iraqi aggression".

Bush points to this Executive Order in his explanation to Congress (published in the Federal Register) for vetoing the 1990 Omnibus Export Amendments Act, which would have placed far more stringent limits on the export of bio-warfare technology.

The U.S. has a close cooperative relationship with British bio-warfare research and development efforts, dating back to the end of World War II. U.S. bio-warfare specialists at the Army's Fort Detrick laboratory in Maryland maintain close contact with their counterparts at Britain's Porton Down lab in Wiltshire.

Other British Commonwealth nations, particularly Canada, also coordinate and share resources with the U.S., with remote areas of Alberta having served as a test ground for U.S. and British chemical and biological warfare agents.

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Pentagon Uses U.S. GIs as Germ Warfare Guinea Pigs in Persian Gulf

By Bill Weinberg and Paul DeRienzo

President George Bush says that Saddam Hussein's treatment of U.S. war prisoners constitutes a violation of the Geneva Conventions. He wants the Iraqi strongman brought before an international tribunal after the war, as the deposed Nazi leaders were at Nuremburg. But a lawsuit brought by the consumer advocacy group Public Citizen claims that the Bush administration is itself violating the Nuremburg Principles by testing experimental anti-germ warfare drugs on U.S. servicepeople in Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf without their informed consent.

Evidence also points to U.S. complicity in the development of the Iraqi biological warfare capability which the Pentagon's testing program is supposed to defend against.

The Simon Wiesenthal Center, a watchdog group on anti-semitism and genocide, cites U.S. Department of Commerce records of transactions in which a Maryland-based nonprofit group, the American Type Culture Collection, sent approximately 20 biological agents to Iraqi scientists.

The Center also cites an NBC News report from April 11, 1990, stating that the Federal Center for Disease Control in Atlanta sent three shipments of West Nile Fever virus to Iraq's Salman Pak bacteriological research station on the Tigris River in 1985.

On November 16, 1990, President Bush signed Executive Order 12735, reading "I, George Bush, President of the United States, find that proliferation of chemical and biological weapons constitutes an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States and hereby declare a *national emergency* to deal with that threat." (Italics added--Ed.)

On December 21, 1990, the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) responded by issuing an "interim regulation" allowing the FDA Commissioner to "make the determination that obtaining informed consent from military personnel for the use of an investigational drug ... is not feasible in certain battlefield or combat-related situations." This regulation allows the Department of Defense to request exemptions from the informed consent requirement on a case-by-case basis.

Shortly thereafter, the Pentagon undertook a mandatory testing program of experimental vaccines on troops stationed in the Middle East with Operation Desert Storm, the code name for the war against Iraq. On January 11, 1991, Public Citizen announced that it was bringing suit in federal court against the Departments of Defense and Health & Human Services, the FDA's parent department.

Representing a soldier stationed in Saudi Arabia and his wife, the case is a class action suit on behalf of all Operation Desert Storm troops. The soldier and his wife are being named only as John and Mary Doe. Public Citizen is seeking an injunction to stop the testing, which the Pentagon will neither confirm nor deny is actually taking place. Depositions have already begun in federal court.

Public Citizen spokesperson Bob Dreyfuss says that the mandatory testing program violates both Pentagon and FDA laws and regulations, and the U.S. Constitution. Dreyfuss says that the "due process" clause of the Fifth Amendment secures the right to refuse unwanted medical procedures.

Dreyfuss also says that the program violates the Nuremburg code established by the victorious Allies in the wake of the Nazi atrocities. "Concentration camp victims and prisoners of war were routinely experimented on [in Nazi Germany]. After World War II there was an international understanding that such experiments were absolutely *verboten*. Human beings should not be used as guinea pigs."

Dreyfuss emphasizes that Public Citizen is not advocating that servicepeople be "barred from receiving potentially lifesaving remedies to biological warfare agents. We're trying to uphold their rights by giving them a piece of paper to sign outlining the risks and benefits."

A more critical view of the program is being advanced by the Foundation on Economic Trends (FET), the Washington-based lobbying group which closed down the Pentagon's Utah bio-warfare research station, the Dugway Proving Grounds, in a 1986 lawsuit.

FET's Andrew Kimbrell says that recombinant DNA technology renders countermeasures against bio-warfare agents completely ineffective. "Genetic engineering can alter viruses in such infinite varieties that any vaccine or interventive technique is absurd."

The vaccine that the Pentagon is using is believed to be a defense against genetically altered anthrax agents which may be stockpiled by Iraq. Kimbrell says that anthrax vaccines generally take 18 months to provide any immunities, and in this case "it is uncertain that it will provide any." Like Iraq's altered anthrax viruses, the Pentagon's vaccines are probably based on recombinant DNA--and Kimbrell maintains that recombinant vaccines can actually increase vulnerability by eroding the body's immune system.

What, then, is this testing program really about? Kimbrell says that a "worst case scenario is that it is a hoax. Under the guise of national security they are using young men and women as human guinea pigs. They are using wartime as an excuse to test medicine on human subjects without their consent."

Kimbrell says that the Nuremburg proscription against such experimentation is so serious that "there is even controversy as to whether scientists today should draw on the Nazi experiments in their research." But the Nazi experiments were conducted on prisoners of war and concentration camp inmates. "They didn't anticipate that a country would experiment on their own citizens."

Prior to the Operation Desert Storm testing program, the federal government and private concerns have on occasion gone abroad or turned to clandestine operations to test new drugs and medicines. In 1986, Philadelphia's Wistar Institute, a research firm which has received federal funds, tested a new genetically altered rabies vaccine on cattle in Azul, Argentina, around 200 miles southwest of Buenos Aires, without the knowledge of the Argentine government.

In 1977, Senate hearings revealed that between 1965 and 1967, the U.S. Army conducted top-secret chemical and biological warfare tests in the San Francisco Bay area. In one incident, an aerosol-borne bacteria was sprayed from a ship in the mouth of the bay, exposing an estimated 800,000 citizens. The Pentagon claimed that the bacteria, known as *Serratia*, is harmless and that the experiments had only been aimed at tracing its flow through the population. But the release apparently led to an outbreak of rare *Serratia*-related pneumonic in the Bay area.

The Senate hearings also revealed that both the Army and the Central Intelligence Agency had conducted bacteriological and chemical tests in the streets and subways of New York City in the late 1950s.

The *Philadelphia Inquirer* recently determined through the Freedom of Information Act that from 1964 to 1968, the Army, in a joint program with the University of Pennsylvania, tested new drugs on 320 prisoners in Philadelphia's Holmesburg Prison. These were not defensive drugs, but offensive, aimed at disorienting war prisoners for interrogation. The mostly African-American inmates were paid \$25 per injection.

At a public address in New York City on September 18, 1990, CIA Director William Webster said that "Iraq has a sizable stockpile of chemical and biological weapons." Asked by a reporter to provide more details, Webster said that he could "not expand or qualify my statement without getting into classified information."

Kimbrell says it is "the height of hypocrisy to talk about biological warfare development in Iraq without even mentioning the hundreds of millions of dollars we are spending on exactly the same thing." Bio-warfare research in the U.S. today is ostensibly only "defensive", but Kimbrell believes that this is a smokescreen for offensive technology. "In the early stages, the research is identical--you have to develop the pathogen and the delivery system before you can develop the defense."

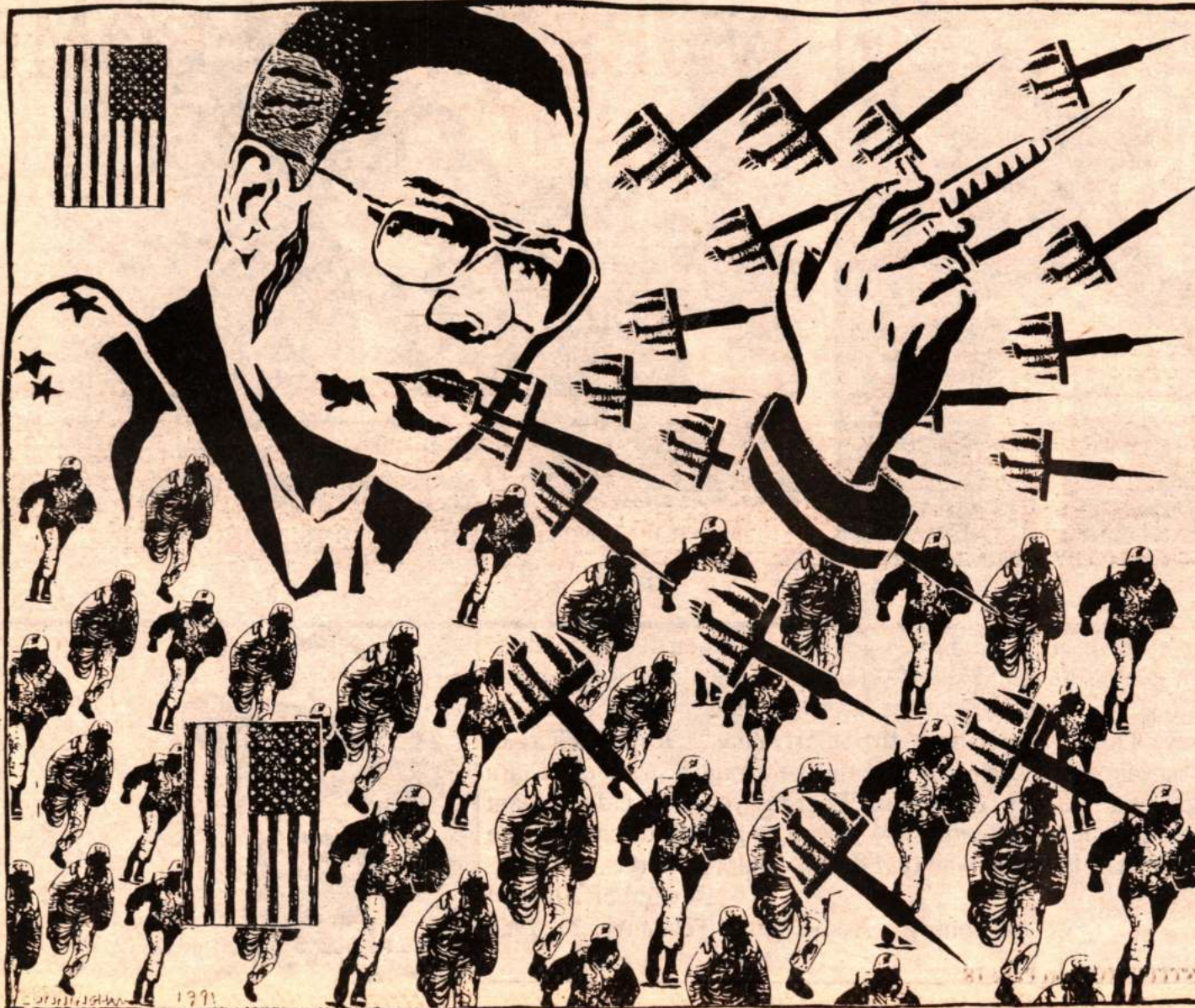
New York's WBAI radio has reported hearing from a woman who says her daughter, stationed in Saudi Arabia with Operation Desert Storm, was scheduled to be tested with the experimental vaccine when she last heard from her. She expressed her intent to resist vaccination and has not been in contact with her family since.

SAUDI FEMNISTS PUT ON HIT LIST!!

FROM "FEMINISM LIVES!"--109
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On November 6, 1990, a group of Saudi Arabian women staged the first organized protest in their country's history against the gender apartheid conditions under which they live. These include being forbidden by law to travel without written permission from a male relative, to drive, go unveiled or use any form of birth control. The women are now being severely punished by their government, but news of this is being censored by our government due to its support of the Saudi feudal theocracy in the Gulf War.

The 51 Saudi women who committed civil disobedience when they dared to drive cars in Riyadh on November 6th are under dire threat. Thirty have been fired from their jobs at King Saud University, and their passports, as well as those of their husbands have been revoked. The fundamentalist religious police that hold life-and-death rule over all aspects of daily life in Saudi Arabia have declared the women and their families apostates to Islam, which in Saudi Arabia is punishable by death by assassination by stoning. The fundamentalists have distributed leaflets calling for the women's assassination with their names, ages, work places, home addresses, husbands' names and statuses, and types of cars their families own. This is in a culture that considers it sinful to publicize a wife's name. The western press had not mentioned any of this until a story appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle on December 20, 1990. This was not entirely a press decision. Western ambassadors have summoned reporters and told them that they would immediately revoke the visa of any reporter who dared to mention the women and their protest again.



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the same way mainstream reporters should be approaching government officials. Still wearing makeup from his latest TV broadcast, Jennings took notes as he was bombarded with questions and criticisms over the government media's coverup of the news. He told the gathered reporters, "I'm here to listen to you". He was invited by Robert Knight to speak to the crowd, but he declined. Chants of "Let's put FAIR on the air" filled the air. After about half an hour, Jennings returned to the building, accompanied by a burly bodyguard.

As could be expected, media coverage of the event was mixed. NBC gave the best coverage which included street interviews, CBS and a local television station gave a short mention, but ABC completely ignored it, as did all of the city's mainstream newspapers. Even so, the story was carried by UPI (United Press International) and picked up by newspapers in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

FAIR has explained their reasons for hitting the media, saying that the peace movement has been invisible in the media for months, then only appearing in short clips of street actions and flag burnings, with no articulate spokesmen to counter the pro war speakers being interviewed on television. FAIR objects to the minimal coverage on the loss of lives and property damage in Iraq, pointing to the refugees fleeing into Jordan and Turkey who could be interviewed for the truth as to what is happening there. FAIR says the networks should add their names to the CCR (Center for Constitutional Rights) lawsuits against the Pentagon's censorship if they are serious about journalism, and then question their own internal censorship. Finally, FAIR protests the sensationalism and hysteria used by the media to push president Bush's line on "terrorism" in the U.S., that is instead causing terrorism against Arab residents in the U.S.

They are encouraging everyone to call and write to newspapers, radio and television stations to demand more balanced reporting, with equal time for alternative viewpoints. For more information on watching the media, contact FAIR at: 130 West 25th Street, New York, N.Y. 10001. (Telephone number: 212-633-6700). For info on seeing alternative media news reports, contact Paper Tiger Television at: 339 Lafayette Street, New York, N.Y. 10012. (Telephone number: 212-228-6370).



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"WORDS OF WISDOM" FROM ABC-TV'S PETER JENNINGS:

- > One man demanded adequate coverage of the dead in Iraq as a result of the carpetbombings, but Jennings could only say "Right now, I'm trying to listen to you".
- > A woman pointed to minimal coverage of the massive anti-war protests in Washington, D.C on Jan.26th, none on the San Francisco protests, but maximum coverage of a pro war demo on Staten Island. Jennings would only say "I'm not talking, I'm here to listen".
- > One man from England pointed to the international anti-war demos not covered; another asked if the press is providing a disservice to the soldiers by creating an environment of public opinion that allows the attacks to take place. Jennings said "That's quite possible".
- > Another man asked why the starvation and malnutrition deaths of thousands of children are not reported daily on TV, and Jennings suggested he ask Unicef what they thought of his coverage of children's issues, pointing out that diseases could be cured for ten cents.
- > A woman asked why the U.S. ambassador to Iraq, April Glassby, hasn't been interviewed after telling Hussein that the U.S. wouldn't get involved in his dispute with Kuwait. Jennings said "That's one I can actually give you an answer to, because we've all tried to interview April Glassby, who I've known for twenty years, but they won't let us talk to her".
- > A man complained that the war coverage has been like a football game, celebrating "victories" rather than the tragedy it is, and "the gloating and cockiness in the coverage". Jennings: "Do you think we're cocky and snide at ABC?"
- > A SHADOW reporter asked why there are no reports on FEMA and Bush's ability to suspend the constitution after declaring a National Emergency. Jennings: "I don't know anything about it."
- > A woman asked why no information has been given on how reservists can apply for Conscientious Objector status. Jennings: "Do you think it's my job to tell people how to apply for CO status?" She told him the War Resister's League would be happy to give him that information.
- > A woman with a camcorder asked: "How do you feel personally about the censorship being imposed...do you feel it's unconstitutional, have you done anything to try and stop it, or are you going to do anything to try and stop it?" Jennings: "I'm not sure it's unconstitutional, there's a suit you know, to try to prove that it is unconstitutional brought by Sidney Schanberg of Newsday, among others, and some magazines. But I think that any journalist is concerned about being cut out, and we press as hard as we can on a daily basis to get more, but in this particular war, it's been very difficult so far."
- > A man asked: "What about the report that 75% of the people in the front right now are either Chicanos, Latinos, Blacks, other nationalities...are you able to cover that or that's censored by the state dept?" Jennings: "We're able to cover that, and we've covered that aspect of it a long time, we also point out it's a volunteer army".
- > Jennings: "Every day, every piece of footage we put on the air, we say it has been passed by censors." Woman: "Why don't you protest the fact that everything has to go through the Pentagon?" Jennings: "If you follow the debate between the press and the Pentagon, you'll know there has been a very intense debate between the two of them."
- > A man asked: "Weren't we bombing fleeing refugees? Isn't that terrorism?" Jennings: "Well I guess they would think so."
- > A woman asked how he would cover this demonstration. Jennings said "What I'm trying to do here at the moment is the same thing you're trying to do, which is to cover the crowd".
- > A woman thanked Jennings for coming. Jennings: "It didn't take any guts--I came to listen to you. We're reporters, just like you." She pointed out that he is part of the machine, and said "we can't trust the machine, and that's why we don't trust you." Jennings: "Why not?" Woman: "Because we feel the Pentagon controls the media."
- > A SHADOW reporter asked: "What do you intend to do after this demonstration?" Jennings: "I don't know, think about it..." SHADOW: "Will this demonstration affect your reporting in the future?" Jennings: "Everything I cover affects my reporting". SHADOW: "Are you going to cover this demo in your report?" Jennings: "Not tonight, as I'm not doing another broadcast tonight."



FLASH FOTO

PETER JENNINGS IS QUESTIONED OUTSIDE ABC BUILDING

When the people create a program, you get action. When these "leaders" create a program, you get no action. The only time you see them is when the people are exploding. Then the leaders are shot into the situation and are told to control things...They say, "Don't get rough, do the smart thing." This is their role--they're there just to restrain you and me, to restrain the struggle, to keep it in a certain groove and not let it get out of control. Whereas you and I don't want anybody to keep us from getting out of control. We want to get out of control. We want to smash anything that gets in our way that doesn't belong there.

December 20, 1964
Malcolm X Assassinated February 21, 1965



WHO'S WHO IN THE ANTI-WAR MOVEMENT?

With the growing number of people angry over the war in the Persian Gulf, coupled with the government's indifference to the needs of the poor and homeless and those dying from AIDS, more people are joining demonstrations and marches calling for an end to this madness. Before you find yourself joining what you think is a genuine grass roots movement, no matter what the issue is, make sure you know who you are really getting involved with. Several political groups with hidden agendas have been using issues like pig violence, racism and the war to crawl out of the woodwork, recruiting and organizing unsuspecting people through a series of front groups, whose underlying purpose and leadership is never revealed.

For your information, we are listing the following groups who have been active in our area and the real organizations behind them. Some are legitimate groups seeking positive change through grassroots organizing, but others seek to control and mislead large numbers of people in order to gain power. Still others may be set up by the government, designed to ferret out anyone who might pose a threat to them, which includes just about anyone who wants to stop the war. Ostensible coalitions often have hidden leadership.

If you choose to participate in their planning meetings or demos, the SHADOW recommends that unless you know the group and it's leadership well, you should cover yourself by protecting your identity and telephone number. If any groups want you to join them, ask a lot of questions and try to get as much information about them as you can. If they hesitate, become evasive, defensive or accuse you of being a pig, you should avoid them like the plague!! If you have experienced something like this with any group, please let us know and we will report it.

NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST: Composed mostly of white Liberals who believe in working for change within the system. Includes groups like Mobilization For Survival, War Resisters' League, CISPE, SANE/Freeze, Military family support network, Rainbow Coalition, Nat'l Org for Women. Traditional pacifists, more honest than other groups. Hierarchical, but at least makes pretense of having a democratic structure, unlike the Coalition to Stop US Intervention in the Middle East.

NATIONAL COALITION TO STOP U.S. INTERVENTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST (A.K.A. COALITION TO END THE WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST):

ALL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS:

PEOPLE'S ANTIWAR MOBILIZATION (PAM):

All controlled by the WWP (Workers' World Party), ultra-authoritarian control freaks who split from the SWP (Socialist Workers' Party), due to WWP support of Soviet invasions of Hungary during the revolution of 1956 and Czechoslovakia in 1968, martial law in Poland and the Tianenman Square Massacre in China. WWP guru and present chairman Sam Marcy and his flock believe that communism is right and that Third World nationalism is always right. Consequently, they support Saddam Hussein's regime and his claims on Kuwait. The Coalition is supported by former Attorney General Ramsey Clark, who has joined them on several marches. They have a knack for getting celebrity speakers and endorsers, including Casey Kasem and Spike Lee. Most importantly, they are known to work as hard as cops in squelching militancy at demonstrations, yet they often use the image of Malcolm X to gain acceptance.

A WWP member is most likely to introduce himself as a member of one of their many front groups, not as a member of WWP. The same WWP members have been seen for years shepherding picket lines sponsored by these groups, which always remain behind police barricades and move around in circles. The Workers' World Party these days has a fetish about peaceful, legal demonstrations, just like their parent group, the SWP. They also believe that the only legitimate reason for doing anything is to build their party, and that the main reason for having demonstrations is to provide a field for recruiting members. They denounce all civil disobedience and direct action as "adventurism". WWP publishes "Workers' World News".

STUDENTS AGAINST U.S. INTERVENTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST: Group of CUNY (City University of New York) college students which members of the SWP (Socialist Workers' Party) have been trying to dominate. The SWP are pro-Castro communists, a political cult revolving around JACK BARNES. They own a building at 410 West Street, along with the PathFinder Press located there. Some of their heavy-handed methods include stacking meetings to steer voting their way. They believe their party comes first, and the individual last. As authoritarian and militant against non-members as the WWP, if not more so. SWP publishes the "Militant" newspaper.

NATIONAL CAUCUS OF LABOR COMMITTEES:

NATIONAL LABOR PARTY: Using many other names, most likely to be infiltrated and/or set up by government spies. Followers of Lyndon LaRouche, who are posing as an anti-war group, but are fascist ultra-right wing anti-Semitic cult. Noticable by heavy anti-Jewish rhetoric as opposed to merely anti-Israel bias. Publishes "The Federalist" newspaper.

STOP THE U.S. WAR MACHINE NETWORK: Another of many RCP (Revolutionary Communist Party) front groups. RCP is an orthodox and cult-like Maoist group seeking to grab power within the movement with a hidden agenda to ultimately take control of the movement. RCP also controls REFUSE AND RESIST, NO BUSINESS AS USUAL, and (VVAW-AI) VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR--ANTI-IMPERIALIST. The RCP was sued by the real VVAW who objected to the RCP's use of their name, so the RCP merely added "Anti-Imperialist" to the name they stole!! (Whenever the real VVAW marches, the VVAW-AI always leaves the scene.)

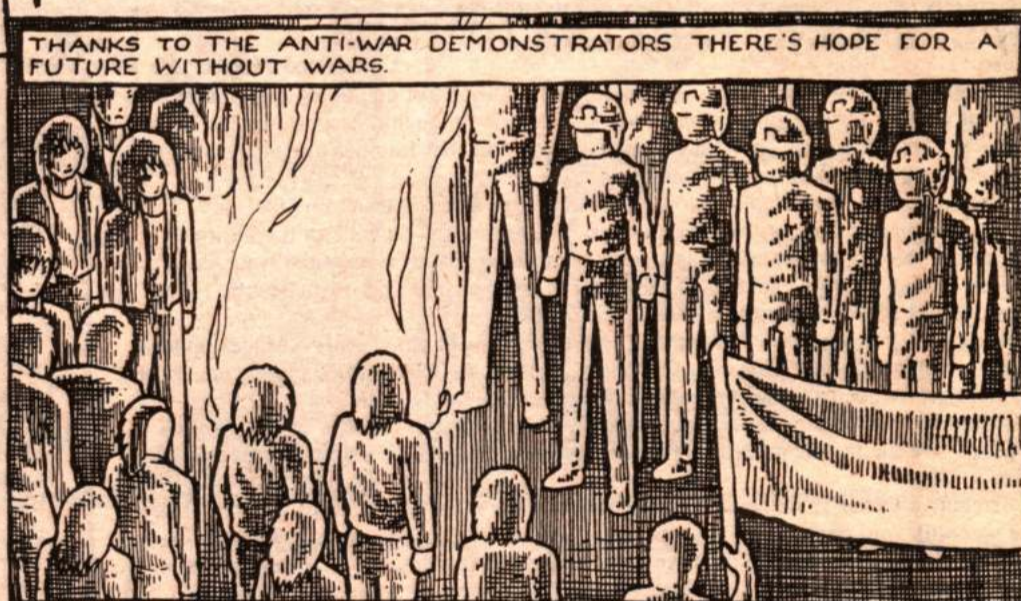
DECEMBER 12TH MOVEMENT: Militant Black nationalist group with unfortunate chauvenist tendencies toward sexism.

AFRICAN AMERICAN COALITION AGAINST U.S. INTERVENTION:

Composed of many December 12th people. Black group within umbrella of WWP's Coalition against U.S. Intervention in the Middle East.

LOWER EAST SIDERS AGAINST THE WAR (LESASW): Composed of older Communists of the LES, their hearts are in the right place. Despite leadership of CPUSA (Communist Party USA), LESASW probably doesn't have hidden agendas.

STUDENTS AGAINST WAR: Composed mostly of high school kids with a lot of energy and activism. Totally honest and pure, untainted by political groups and hidden agendas.



THE WAR AT HOME!

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HPD SLIMEBALL PETER CANTILLO (Center, with funny hat and mustache) AT CROTONA PARK EAST EVICTION--(12/4/90)

Ferrer, patron saint of Bronx gentrification, who called an "emergency meeting" and press conference to complain that the squatters should have been targetted a long time ago. Elizabeth Aivars, director of the Mayor's Office for Immigrant Affairs, recently admitted to an Inner City Press member that the city has been planning since November to retake all of the Inner City homestead buildings.

In spite of the assaults against them, Inner City Press member Matthew Lee says "Our group is not dead". While they would like to go the legal route and negotiate with the city, their demands are that those evicted from Home Street be given housing, that there are no more evictions from their buildings, that their "positive programs" be legalized, and that they get "site control" of vacant buildings in their area containing at least 150 units of vacant housing. Lee adds: "We are trying to deal in good faith with the city, but are committed and prepared to continue in any way we have to."

Carlito, evicted from Home Street: "Shoot, lets take another building...we'll just clean it out, put on windows, put on the fire escape ladders and SEE if they have the balls to come and throw us out again. And if they do, spending thousands on police and all that, we'll just laugh and go to another building. Really. Let them chase us around, like they chased around the Indians. They'll get tired, I promise you."

Inner City Press,
Feb./April 1991

(Further information on the struggles of the South Bronx squatters can be obtained by writing to The Inner City Press at: P.O.Box 416, Hub Station, Bronx, N.Y. 10455. Telephone number: 212-733-2735)

SUSPENDING THE CONSTITUTION....

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In 1989, the New York Times reported that Iran, then just ending its long and bloody war with Iraq, sought to procure mycotoxins, a poison-producing strain of fungus, from Canada. The Times cites a West German press report that Iraq has already procured mycotoxins from a German Company.

Executive Order 12735 also allows for testing experimental drugs on U.S. servicepeople stationed in the Persian Gulf. This is being done without the informed consent of the troops, ostensibly as a counter-measure against a potential Iraqi bio-warfare attack. Critics challenging this order in court charge that it violates the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution's "due process" clause.

Prior to this order, the Pentagon had conducted tests of bio-warfare vaccines on local civilian "volunteers" in China and Argentina. In 1988, 6,400 Argentine volunteers, mostly farmers, were inoculated with a vaccine developed at Fort Detrick.

While the previous method of getting around the informed consent laws in the U.S. was to move the testing programs abroad, Executive Order 12735 simply suspends those laws.

Executive Order 12742, issued on January 8, is the most important to be issued since the war with Iraq began. It allows for "rapid mobilization of resources", calling for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to coordinate the Departments of Agriculture, Transportation and Energy. The Department of Agriculture is to take responsibility for the prompt delivery of "all food resources" in the event of emergency. The Department of Energy is mandated with determining when "national security" demands prompt delivery of "materials for the Department of Energy's atomic energy programs". This is a misleading phrase because the Energy Department's "atomic energy programs" exist to produce nuclear weapons fuel for the Pentagon's arsenal.

The Energy Department's nuclear plants have been closed in the past two years, as revelations of corruption and massive contamination of the environment by radiation releases mounted. These radiation releases were hushed up by the federal government, coming to light only after public pressure succeeded in launching a Congressional probe in 1988.

New U.S. nuclear weapons are being built with fuel produced prior to the closing of the Energy Department plants -- a stop-gap measure. Executive Order 12742 points toward the re-establishment of the nuclear weapons fuel production program as a part of the war effort.

The central role appointed to FEMA by this Order suggests a shift in U.S. strategy in the Gulf War to a long-term war scenario. Recent pronouncements by government officials are preparing public opinion for a long bloody conflict, rather than the short air war originally planned against Iraq.

The Department of Defense has also issued its own "quasi-legislative" regulations in response to the wartime state of emergency, overriding Congressionally-passed legislation. The most controversial of these is the requirement, issued on January 7, 1991, that all press reports from the Persian Gulf War be subject to prior censorship by the Pentagon.

HOUSING MONEY GOES TO FINANCE GULF WAR

By Nashua

On Sunday, February 10, about 150 people protested the Persian Gulf War at the posh Upper East Side home of Congressman Bill Green, at the northeast corner of 73rd Street and Park Avenue. The demonstrators were outraged at Green's vote with the majority in Congress to support the war days before the deadline for Iraq to leave Kuwait had expired. Then on January 16, only a day after the deadline, the U.S. Air Force began the largest bombing campaign in history against the people and nation of Iraq.

Green had attended a meeting of Community Board Three (CB3) on January 22 to defend his action after receiving over 1200 postcards protesting the war from local residents. The postcard campaign was organized by Lower East Siders Against The War (LESAW).

Green spoke for ten minutes to CB3, spending much of his time justifying the war as necessary because the U.S. needs control of the region's oil supplies during the current recession. To emphasize his point, at the end of the speech he added that a federal housing program slated for the Lower East Side might have to be eliminated this year because of budget cuts.

After Green gave his pitch for the war, the Board voted 3-1 in favor of a motion written by LESAW, and read by CB3 member Sister Elizabeth Keliher, calling for an immediate cease fire in the Gulf. John Curtis, a spokesperson for the group, says the vote was a "repudiation" of Green's position on the war, and adds that "when he spoke a large segment of the audience turned their backs and he was very rattled by that."

Green, who hasn't been to a CB3 meeting in three years, represents a diverse congressional district that encompasses the eastern half of Manhattan, stretching from the luxury "silk stocking" district that has elected liberal Republicans like John Lindsay, to the tenements and housing projects of the Lower East Side.

In past years, Green has worked closely with developers in getting about \$2 million in federal money to develop "middle income" housing through the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation (NRC). In 1986 the NRC set up the Lower East Side Mutual Housing Association (LESMHA) together with former CB3 chair Luis Nieves. LESMHA is currently developing a project at East 2nd Street and Avenue B for "middle income" tenants who make up to \$48,000 per year.

Some one-bedroom units in the building will rent for \$713 per month and a number of three-bedroom units will rent for \$1,000 per month. The city considers these rents "middle income" because they maintain that the "market rent" for three-bedroom units would be \$1,763 per month.

The project is costing a phenomenally obscene \$96,000 per unit. Real estate insiders say high development costs are a direct result of massive corruption in the construction industry and among city employees who each take a cut out of government subsidy money.

Luis Nieves was seen along with CB3 manager Martha Danzinger, former CB3 chair Ann Johnson and right-wing CB3 member Julia Sanders at a 1987 reception for Bill Green. According to a former CB3 member, Nieves used his influence as CB3 chair to intimidate board members who "didn't want conflict" with him into approving the project at East 2nd Street and Avenue B.

Green has also come under fire at listener-sponsored WBAI radio (99.5 FM), where he engaged in an on-air confrontation with a member of the Palestine National Congress over the war issue. According to a reporter who was present, Green "freaked out" on the air at the Palestinian representative and has since refused to comment on the issue to WBAI.

John Curtis says that Green will be held accountable by the families of the thousands of soldiers from this neighborhood who have been sent to the Gulf. Meanwhile, Lower East Siders Against The War will be holding more demonstrations at Green's home: they plan to meet with him to discuss his vote on the war and if necessary, stage more militant protests to force Green to follow his constituents and oppose the Gulf war.

This Order is being challenged in court on a First Amendment basis by a coalition of journalists and alternative publications including The Progressive and Newsday columnist Sydney Schanberg.

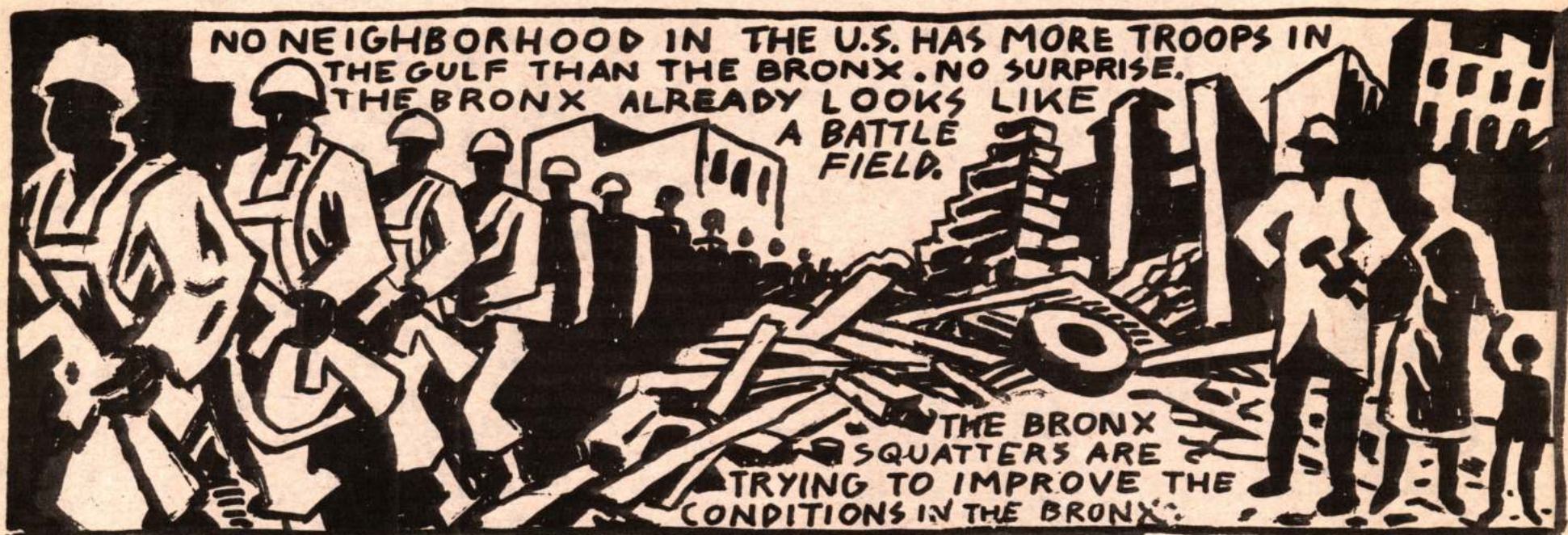
Less noticed has been the agreement between the Pentagon and the White House to waive the requirement that all military operations must undergo an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1970. The waiver has been used to increase the number of flights from Westover Air Force Base in Massachusetts, where supply planes are taking off for Saudi Arabia. This base was recently targeted in a civil disobedience campaign by anti-war activists.

The EIS waiver is also being used to test new land mine detonation techniques at an undisclosed base somewhere in the American West. Gary Cohen of the National Toxic Campaign Fund expressed his concern to the New York Times that the Pentagon might use the EIS waiver to gain an edge in ongoing battles with local environmental groups over military construction projects across the nation.

Of special concern is the Fallon Naval Air Station, a Tomahawk missile test range in the Nevada desert which is slated for expansion. Local activists have been fighting the expansion for several years, and the EIS requirement has been one of their most effective tools in slowing the Pentagon's plans. Local environmental leaders have expressed fears that the expansion could become a "fast-track" land grab by the Pentagon while the waiver is in effect. The Tomahawk is, of course, one of the most important weapons in the air war against Iraq.

It remains to be seen where this trend will end, or if either Congress or the public will launch serious opposition to it. While the media sensationalizes about the consolidation of Executive powers by President Mikhail Gorbachev in the Soviet Union, most Americans remain unaware of the similar trend in their own country.

NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM
Translation: "A New Order Of The Ages (Is Created)"--
In other words, a **NEW WORLD ORDER!!**



NO NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE U.S. HAS MORE TROOPS IN THE GULF THAN THE BRONX. NO SURPRISE, THE BRONX ALREADY LOOKS LIKE A BATTLE FIELD.

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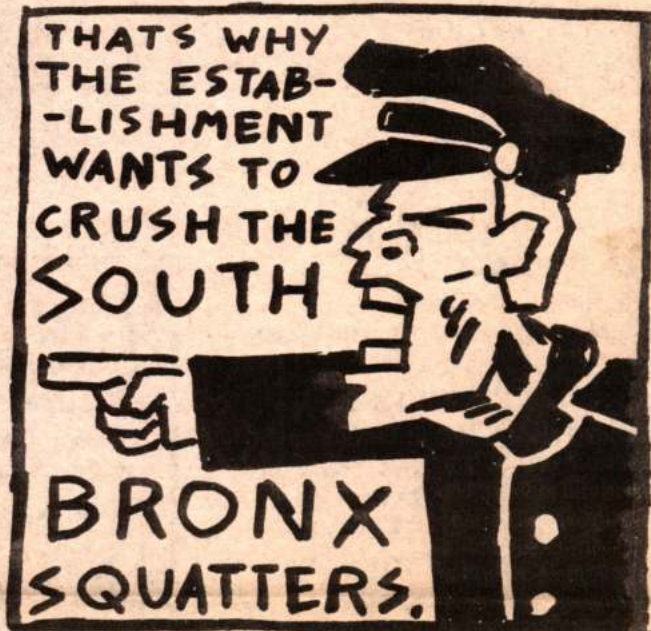
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squats on Crotona Park East by hundreds of cops on December 4 came from City Hall, which focused on getting all city agencies involved in a "co-ordinated humane effort" to minimize violence.

Michetti said there would be a different strategy on the Lower East Side due to the longer residence of squatters there and the greater violence potential. She pointed to "legal restraints", and as a result, Michetti plans to "bring a good case" against the squatters in court, starting with a "test case" that can be used as a precedent used to evict all of the squats if it is successful. She warned that the first case could take up to one and a half years.

Obviously out of touch with reality, Michetti claimed that squatters move from building to building, crashing in different squats, that some squatters "have many homes" and squat in a building just before an eviction so they can get into city shelters. She described the Fox Street shelter, to which most of the former residents of Crotona Park East in the South Bronx were taken after they were evicted as "a lovely shelter". (Perhaps if she spent a night in a men's shelter, she would sing a different tune!!)

Several CB3ers' complaints included Francis Goldin, who claimed that the community lost more buildings to squatting than could have been saved with the squats there. Michetti told them she would deal with each squat building as it came up.

On homesteading, Michetti said it is "different from squatting, since it is an organized legal movement", but then said the city wouldn't re-instate the homesteading program since there is no money for it. She failed to explain how homesteading or squatting costs the city anything.

In the end, it appeared as though the HPD is working with the city lawyers on a plan to "legally" evict the squatters from their buildings, but that they are in no rush to evict specific squat buildings, unless the squatters there are in the way of a future or current housing plan on that site. This means that nobody should let down their guard, because an eviction, backed by hundreds of cops, can come at any time!! Also be aware that many members of CB3 are actively working with gentrifiers in getting rid of the squatters who have been keeping the neighborhood together. One can only wonder whose community these "Community Board" members are representing?

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