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# SPORTS REVOLT

*Every Youth Can't Make It In Sports*

*Sports Is A Multi-Billion Dollar Business*

In the 1968 Olympic Games, John Carlos and Tommie Smith gave the clenched fist salute while getting their medals. To many this was the beginning of "politics" in American sports. But the real date goes back to the beginning of sports in the USA. Sports is but a mirror of society, with the same problems.

Black ballplayers have always had to fight to make it (Jackie Robinson, Roberto Clemente, etc.). But 1968 was the start of sports protest on a large scale. It led to well-known incidents such as Muhammed Ali's title being taken away and the expulsion of Vince Matthews and Wayne Collett from the Munich Olympics. Women are struggling to be allowed to compete in certain sports. Athletes are fighting for unions and bringing suits against football team owners who force players to use drugs (ups and downs).

Many people have written about this side of sports: Jim Bouton, Dave Meggyesy, etc.. Most of what they said was that sports and the stereotyped athlete is the perfect American Myth. The athletes are busting the myth and fantasy of sports as something divorced from the real world.

Every youth can't make it in sports! Sports is a multi-billion dollar business with the problems of racism, drugs, workers (athletes) and fans being ripped off for profits by the owners. "Politics" has always been part of sports, the politics of money, competition, national hatred as in the racism of the Olympics (allowing the Olympics to be held in Nazi Germany in 1936). The "politics" now entering sports involves the change to cooperation, enjoyment and international unity. Sports protests reflect the whole society by demanding more Power to the People. Below are a few examples of the winds of change.



## BASKETBALL AND BILL WALTON

Bill Walton, seven foot center for UCLA's '72 national championship team, was arrested last May. He took part in a building takeover on his campus, protesting US involvement in Southeast Asia. What caused the red headed, freckled-faced star, the "All-American boy", to do this? Walton's reply was, "I felt we had to raise the consciousness of the people around us. They should realize fascism is taking over and we have to stop it."

"After a game the press would say we won because of me, and it wasn't true. I figured if they printed falsehoods about me, they could print anything they want." Bill Walton feels that just because he plays good ball, he shouldn't be given special favors and lots of money. He feels we need a new system called socialism.

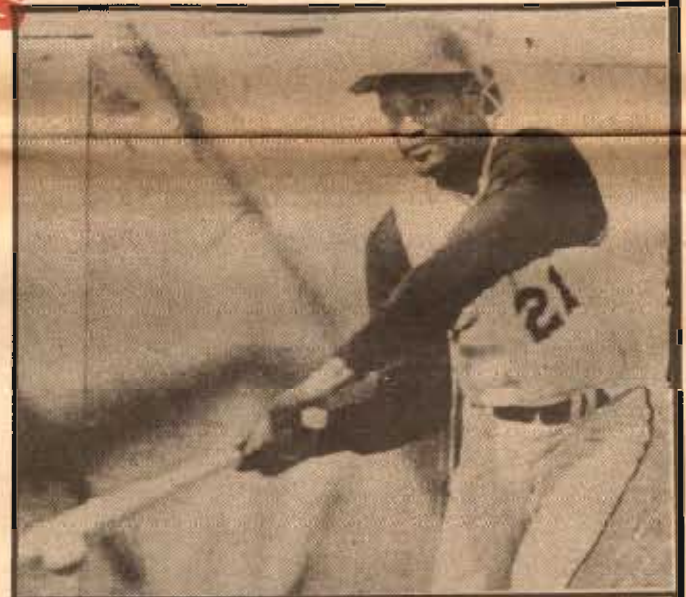
POWER TO THE PEOPLE

## FOOTBALL & DRUGS

Dave Meggyesy grew up on football; it shaped his life and controlled him. He came from a poor family and football was his way out of the life that he and millions like him were destined for. He played 7 years for the Cardinals. He describes friends being used by the coaches and shot full of novocaine when in great pain, to turn in a good day for the "team". He tells of the use of barbiturates, amphetamines, and steroids (death drugs) to keep the athletes going. "I played for approval, not for any great love of the game. I can't separate the game from the payoffs... when society changes, football will be obsolete."



DAVE MEGGYESY



## IN MEMORY OF ROBERTO CLEMENTE

Roberto Clemente was a symbol for the Puerto Rican community and all freedom loving people. He was one of the first Puerto Rican ballplayers and always a fighter against racism. He was a great player, yet the sportswriters always tried to deny this.

Clemente died on a humanitarian mission, flying food to earthquake-torn Nicaragua. His first plane load was robbed by the military regime and Samozza, the dictator of Nicaragua. So that the supplies wouldn't be robbed again, Clemente flew them personally in an overloaded cargo plane and crashed. In effect, his death was caused by the military regime just like his struggles in baseball were caused by racism. We won't forget this.

END RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

REMEMBER CLEMENTE

# PEOPLE'S GRAPEVINE

## CONDITIONS AT HAYES H.S.

Last issue we wrote about sadistic rules & punishments in Catholic schools. A brother on 198th Street told us about some of the insanity of Father Ansaldi, Dean of Discipline at Cardinal Hayes High School.

Brothers are not allowed to smoke after leaving school, until they reach 149th Street. Sisters are not supposed to wait for friends in front of Hayes. Students have been threatened with suspension for buying hot dogs from a vendor on the same side of the street as the school.

Of course, it's ties & jackets at all times--no matter how hot it is.

Students are guilty until proven innocent--that is, you can get expelled for any trouble with the cops.

Priests like Father Ansaldi want straight-laced robots as students. They must be afraid that free thinking young people would not swallow the lies and nonsense that pass for education in our schools.

**WE DEMAND EDUCATION THAT RELATES TO OUR LIVES!**



## TENANT WINS

A tenant who had no hot water for over a month has finally received hot water. After receiving a ridiculous 25¢ reduction in rent he decided the only way to get some action was to withhold his rent. He sent a letter to the landlord informing her of his action. One month and a half later, his hot water pipes were fixed.

The way the tenants can win is for us to unite and attack the slumlords where it hurts the most, in their wallets.

**DECENT HOUSING IS A HUMAN RIGHT!**



ALL POWER TO THE SISTERS & BROTHERS AT COLUMBUS H.S.!

High School  
STUDENTS  
CARE  
TOGETHER

## FOLCHI:

### "DON'T BUY THIS PAPER."

A sister who goes to Columbus High School recently told us about this incident. The principal of Columbus, Mr. Folchi, took the centerfold of White Lightning "School's A Drag" issue and put it in the hall. He put a sign above it saying, "Don't buy this paper." He put it up a few times because it was torn down every time.

We must have said something true because the truth hurts, doesn't it, Mr. Folchi?

**POWER TO THE COLUMBUS STUDENTS!  
WE DEMAND EDUCATION THAT RELATES TO OUR LIVES!**



Brothers At St. James Park

## COLUMBUS CUTS

Sisters and brothers at Columbus H.S. were really angry when they got their Spring schedules.

Because of budget cuts, many classes they wanted were axed. One sister has tried to get Modern Dance for over a year. She got gym instead and it's impossible to get it changed.

Another sister was stuck in the same stupid algebra course for the third time in a row. Many classes are packed with forty or more people.

In the words of one student, "Kids refuse to go to school because they get programs they don't want!"

## GUN HILL TENANTS

The united action of 90 families living in conditions hazardous to life & health has halted the outright robbery of our hard earned salaries every time the rent is due.

Every year we pay more rent for decreased service and no repairs. The slumlord, H. Weisner & sons, will not get his rent until the second week of this month. If he doesn't produce on his promises, he won't get the rent for March at all. City agencies have done nothing about the broken windows, leaking roof, fallen plaster & peeling paint, let alone the very dangerous condition of the elevator. After 2 years of off & on elevator service (people being trapped) there was a bad fire in the shaft on January 30th. This criminal neglect by slumlords has got to be stopped.

Joining together to fight for decent housing has broken down long barriers between neighbors of different ages & cultures. The struggle has strengthened people's feeling that in unity against slumlords, we tenants can win.

GUNHILL ROAD TENANTS ASSOCIATION

# UNITY IN THE

## RISING UP ANGRY PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY



Rising Up Angry, a revolutionary organization in Chicago, recently held a 2 day People's Assembly. 300 people from all over the country were there including representatives from Viet Nam Veterans Against The War, Kalamazoo, Mich., Waukegan Ill., and White Lightning.

RIA's Bob Lawson urged us all to, "Laugh and cry with the people, live and die with the people."

**ALL POWER TO ALL OPPRESSED PEOPLE!**

### HAYES LETTER

Brothers & Sisters,

I read the letter from the sister in Walton. She thinks she's got it bad. In addition to all the dumb subjects they teach at Hayes, I have to go by a bunch of stupid rules made by some old coot about 30 years ago. My hair has to be short. My pants have to be made of suit material. I have to wear a tie & jacket all the time.

Now we have a nazi dean of discipline. If I get caught smoking or cutting, I'll get charged with high treason. I can't leave the hole for lunch and I'm surrounded by an All-American asshole staff. This year I got busted by the pigs on some lame charge and the administration nearly croaked.

I dig reading your paper because it makes me think of how jacked up the Catholic school system is.

**MORE POWER TO YOU!**

A Brother from Hayes



### PIG SIREN

The 46th precinct recently has installed new sirens in their cars. The siren has 3 pitches and also a loudspeaker from inside the car. Ever since they've gotten the sir-



ens, the cops have played with the different sounds at all hours of the morning & night. Many complaints have been made by residents. They even whistle songs on the loudspeaker at 5:00 in the morning! This has caused many officers to be told to cut it out by the neighbors and the sergeants.

The police don't care about disturbing the community by playing with their new toys, so we must force them to stop!

**ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!**

### INTERNATIONAL WOMAN'S DAY

March 8, International Women's Day, is celebrated by women all over the world. It is a day to remember and continue the struggle for equality of women.

It is the fight for equal work, equal pay, better opportunities & an end to their exploitation by the rich which led to this day.

Sisters & brothers celebrate International Women's Day!

**SISTERHOOD IS POWERFUL!  
ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!**



### COPS BUSTED WITH ILLEGAL BLACKJACK

Two brothers, O'Neal Cox & Eldred Wallace, were waiting for a friend in Manhattan Criminal Court when two cops came by and started picking on them for no reason. The cops claimed that they were being "unruly" and so the cops decided to beat them up with an illegal blackjack. O'Neal & Eldred ended up pretty cut & bruised. To top it off, they were busted & charged with assault & resisting arrest.

But after a grand jury investigation heard more than a dozen witnesses, the cops were charged with assorted misdemeanor counts of assault, harassment & illegal weapon possession. Their trial will be on February 16.

It's outta sight that Eldred & O'Neal won, but there are still thousands of brothers and sisters that haven't had a chance to prove their innocence in many of these bum rap charges. They're still sitting in jail because they can't afford a good lawyer.

**ALL POWER TO THE LEGAL STRUGGLES OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS!**

# COMMUNITY

## 500 DEMONSTRATE TO "SHOCK THE ROCK"



White Lightning sister raps at Demonstration

A demonstration of 500 people was held on Feb. 14, protesting Rockefeller's proposals for dealing with victims of the drug plague.

The demonstration was organized by United Citizens Who Care, a coalition of working people, drug programs & community groups from all over New York, who are outraged at "our" governor's proposal to sentence so-called pushers to life in prison. Rockefeller makes no distinction between victims of the plague & major suppliers who make millions off the suffering and death of all oppressed people.

These profiteers, who can easily afford to pay off the right people & hire expensive lawyers, will not be threatened by Rocky's law.

Neither will drug companies like Lilly, Abbott & Ciba, who produce millions of barbiturates & amphetamines, knowing up front

that these death drugs will find no legal market.

On one hand, Rocky says that heroin is the main menace of our people today. On the other he supports the corrupt Thieu regime in Soth Vietnam, whose connections with heroin traffic are well known.

No drug victim was ever helped by jail. Rocky showed how he feels about prisoners by ordering the murder of 43 of our brothers at Attica.

Another bill being fought by United Citizens Who Care, requires state licensing & supervision of all drug programs by highly paid & highly ineffective psychologists. Psychologists failed to deal with the drug plague in the past. Now they shrink from a profit & they're willing to wreck the programs to make more money.

**END FASCIST ATTACKS ON POOR AND WORKING PEOPLE!  
WHITE LIGHTNING**

## MORE COPS PUSH DOPE

On Feb. 5, ex-narcotics agent Francis Waters was indicted for selling 1/2 kilo of heroin to yet another narcotics agent, Charles McDonald, in 1968.

McDonald was arrested for drug sales in 1969, sentenced to only 4 years and has since been paroled.

Waters resigned from the Federal Narcotics Bureau in Dec. 1967, during investigations of the bureau which resulted in 6 indictments and 40 resignations.

The sales made by Waters were in packages of 1/4 kilo each. One half kilo is enough heroin to kill at least 100 people.

**COPS PUSH DOPE!  
STOP THE PLAGUE--STOP THE PIGS!**

## IN MEMORY OF JOEY K.

A friend of White Lightning, Joey K., died of an overdose on January 16. He was 23 years old.

Almost everyone has friends who fall victim to the heroin plague. Our tears cannot bring them back, but getting involved in the struggle to eliminate the causes of drug addiction can save other brothers & sisters from this form of oppression where the victim pays to be killed.



Joey K.

## COPS PUSH MORE DOPE

Police Commissioner Patrick Murphy has revealed that the new total of death drugs "missing" from police property rooms is over 400 pounds, worth \$73 million, and the investigation still goes on. There is really no reason to believe that there is even a \$2.00 bag remaining in police custody out of all the drugs they've ever confiscated.

It's gotten to the point where cops no longer trust other cops, (this is common among dopepushers.) From now on, any cop who signs out drugs from the property clerk must be fingerprinted & photographed.

People should see thru this jive attempt to look good. Heroin and other drugs kill many young people every day-- over 1300 a year, and just who can the people blame for this outrageous situation, if not the cops?

Cops always cry about the lack of public support. They act like victims of unprovoked attacks.

Reality is, the people have been betrayed by the cops!

**COPS PUSH DOPE!  
STOP THE PLAGUE--STOP THE PIGS!**



Commissioner Patrick J. Murphy

But Joey, and hundreds like him, didn't just die. They were murdered. Murdered by every cop that takes bribes to let dope pushers go. Murdered by every big time pusher or smuggler who deals death drugs for profit. Murdered by the pigs who stole 400 pounds of heroin from the police property clerk's office. Murdered by a society which puts profits before human needs and drives people to use drugs.

Brother Joe will live on in our hearts. We are deeply grieved at his death. We will continue our fight with more determination, in remembrance of him.

**DON'T MOURN--ORGANIZE!**

# Lincoln Detox Developed Out Of The Needs And Strengths Of The People Of The South Bronx

Lincoln Detox developed out of the needs and strengths of the people of the South Bronx. It has become the largest and most successful drug program in New York. The drug detoxification program at Lincoln Hospital began as a continuation of the hospital protest actions of the Health Revolutionary Unity Movement (HRUM) and the Young Lords Party in 1969-71.



Workers at Detox

In contrast to Lincoln Detox, most drug programs are developed by outsiders who care more about salaries and status than about helping victims of the drug plague and their families. These programs never get involved in struggles for more decent jobs or better housing conditions. They push a rigid theory that all drug victims have character disorders and then use this theory as an alibi for avoiding the fight against the social conditions that cause drug addiction.

## 1 OUT OF EVERY 10 PEOPLE ARE VICTIMS OF THE PLAGUE

Lincoln Hospital had spent almost no money combatting drug addiction even though 1 out of every 10 people in the hospital district are victims of the plague. Victims and ex-victims living in the South Bronx joined with members of HRUM and the Young Lords to form the South Bronx Drug Coalition. Michael Tabor, one of the Panther 21 and author of "Capitalism Plus Dope Equals Genocide", spoke to the Coalition many times. In November 1971, 20-30 members of the Coalition took over the half-empty 6th floor of the former nurses' residence building of Lincoln Hospital.

The Coalition began their program with a methadone detoxification program, because (1) it gives immediate relief to a person suffering from a heavy heroin habit, and (2) a drug-free state is necessary for any person to grow stronger. In this kind of program methadone is used for only 10 days to withdraw a person slowly off heroin. Detoxing

with methadone is completely different from methadone maintenance. At Lincoln, detoxing has always been viewed as a partial measure. The lack of funds has prevented them from starting a live-in facility.

## METHADONE LIBERATION CENTER

Lincoln Detox is the only place in New York where sisters and brothers on methadone maintenance can be detoxed off of methadone whenever they want to be drug-free. Many people are forced onto methadone maintenance by judges and parole boards. Many are tricked into believing methadone is a cure and then realize their mistake. Methadone is 10 times as addictive as heroin, and therefore it is extremely painful to kick a methadone habit without help. Brothers and sisters can escape methadone slavery at Lincoln. The attitude toward methadone at Lincoln Detox is one of the many reasons the government is trying to sabotage the program.



200 addicts came to Lincoln Hospital seeking treatment on a morning two weeks after the 6th floor take-over. Acting out of fear, the administration let the auditorium be used as a "temporary" location. Just one day later--in an obvious effort to buy off the leadership of Detox--the city and state governments offered a million dollars each to the program. The newly-forming staff of Lincoln Detox, mostly ex-addicts from the South Bronx community, were never defeated by the bribes offered by health officials and corrupt politicians.

## EVERYONE WORKED 5 MONTHS ---WITH NO PAY

Everyone in Lincoln Detox worked 5 months with no pay. After publicly promising immediate funding, the corrupt officials held onto the money in the hope that the program would collapse. Then they

could set up a phoney program and feed the millions of dollars to their friends.

In those 5 months Lincoln Detox helped nearly 4,000 victims of the plague. This achievement shows the determination and strength of the workers in the program.

Lincoln Detox tries to involve victims of the plague in revolutionary struggle. Political education classes, which include a 100 people daily, deal with the nature of the



drug plague, the colonial oppression in Black and Puerto Rican communities, and the importance of unity in the struggle against imperialism. Ex-victims of the plague help set up rent strikes, fight for decent jobs for third world people, and struggle for the liberation of political prisoners. People receiving detoxification are not required to attend any of these programs, but their enthusiasm is great because revolutionary struggle combats the drug plague far better than psychotherapy.

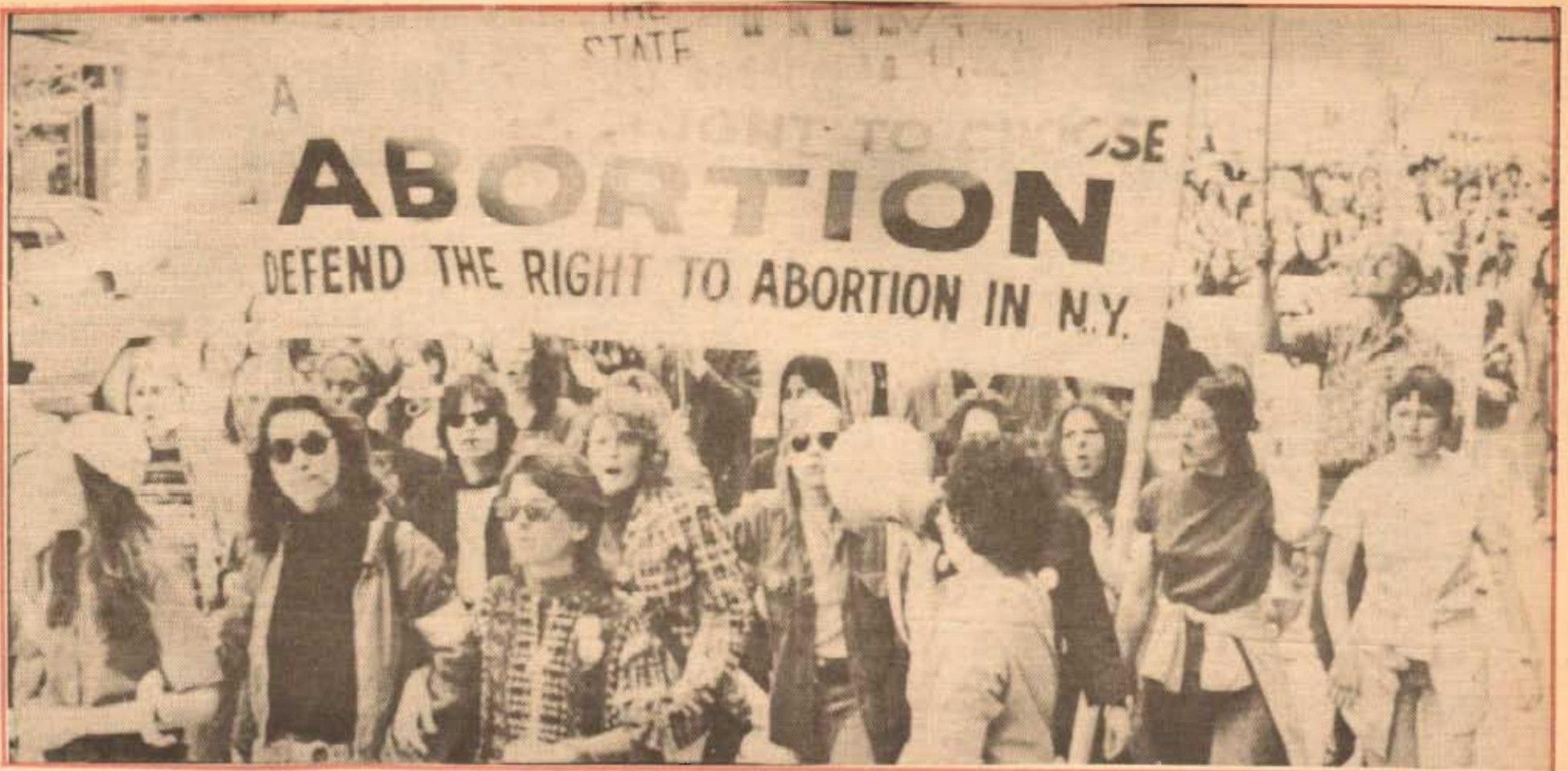
## THE WHOLE PROGRAM IS FORCED TO BE CROWDED INTO ONE ROOM

Lincoln Detox still has the same facilities it had the day it began. The hospital auditorium serves as a medical examining room, clerical intake room, waiting room, medication room, and meeting room where 3 different political education classes and many staff meetings are held daily. The whole program is crowded into one room--with a few screens to make the medical area private. It takes dedication and unity to build a program under these oppressive conditions.

For 15 months the government drug agencies have promised Lincoln Detox a large separate building. Nothing has happened. No other publicly-funded health program in this country is short-changed like Lincoln Detox and forced to operate under such harsh, degrading conditions.

Most of the 60 Detox workers came to the program as victims of the plague who were seeking help. The strength of Lincoln Detox shows THE REVOLUTIONARY POWER OF OPPRESSED PEOPLE.

STOP THE PLAGUE



# A WOMAN'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE

Whose right is it to decide if a woman has a baby or not? The Catholic Church? The State? Both are groups of politically ambitious, rich, white men who try to force their jive morality on the people they are supposed to serve. Or should the pregnant woman decide the fate of her child?

The people won a big victory when the Supreme Court ruled last week that abortions up to 3 months were legal and after that they could be regulated by the state until 10 weeks before birth. But the long years of struggle that women's organizations and pro-abortion groups had to go through should be examined. In New York, there were many busloads of women who traveled to Albany and flooded the legislative offices of abortion opponents. The women demanded, first for repeal of the ancient anti-abortion law which was victoriously killed in 1970, and then to make sure the new, liberal law was not knocked off the books by well-financed church pressure groups. The fight has always been between politicians who supported the richest & most powerful side (the church), and the women who wanted to be able to control their own lives.

## ABORTION IS A CLASS ISSUE

Abortion is really a class issue. It is the poor and working women in this country who have suffered when abortions were illegal. They have been forced to go to butchers and often ended up with serious infections. They are also the ones blamed for creating too large a population to feed (no one blames Ethel Kennedy for her 10 kids).

An abortion in New York--costing between \$100 & \$500--will always be available to middle class and rich women, but what about the working women who must struggle and save, sometimes for precious weeks, before they can get that kind of money together? And even then, they often have to go to city hospitals where health care is often degrading and poor.

Lack of interest in the health or lives of the poor and working class has created a birth control system that uses and controls people. It is a well-known fact that the testing of the birth control pill had been done for 10 years on women in Appalachia and Puerto Rico. The U.S. government clearly supported the drug companies' racist attacks on poor Third World and white women by allowing and even financing these experiments. But the U.S. has found a more effective way to control population growth of the poor and oppressed around the world--sterilization.

## FORCED STERILIZATION

In 1964, Fanny Lou Farmer, a militant black civil rights worker in the Mississippi Freedom Party, exposed the fact that as many as 6 out of every 10 black women in Sunflower County had been taken to the hospital and sterilized without consent or knowledge of the women until the operation was over! In the past few years, 9 states have attempted to pass sterilization laws--Alabama, California, Delaware, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, No. Carolina, Tennessee, & Virginia. Often such laws are link-

ed to welfare regulations so that the poor must submit to sterilization in order to stay on welfare. In Tennessee, where many poor whites and blacks are unable to find work, the legislature tried, two years ago, to pass such an inhuman law. Women with one or more illegitimate children must submit to sterilization if they want to continue to receive benefits." Due to great pressure from both men & women in the state, the bill was defeated.

## WOMEN FAVOR ABORTION

I think we all can clearly see that many of the laws that affect our lives were not made with our needs or wishes in mind. According to a Harris Poll in the summer of 1972, 50% of all Catholic women favored abortion. But church officials all over the U.S. have condemned the new liberal law. Cardinal Krol called it "an unspeakable tragedy for the nation". It was also called "shocking" and "horrifying". Supreme Court justice Byron White who voted against the reform, used words like "whim" and "caprice" to describe a woman's motive for seeking an abortion. Is it a "whim" to not want to bring up a child when you may be economically or emotionally unprepared for it?

Until every woman and her family are provided with nourishment, good health care, housing, day care, and education there will never be a completely free choice whether or not to have a baby. We must continue to fight for these rights as well as the right to free abortion.

FREE ABORTION ON DEMAND!  
END FORCED STERILIZATION!

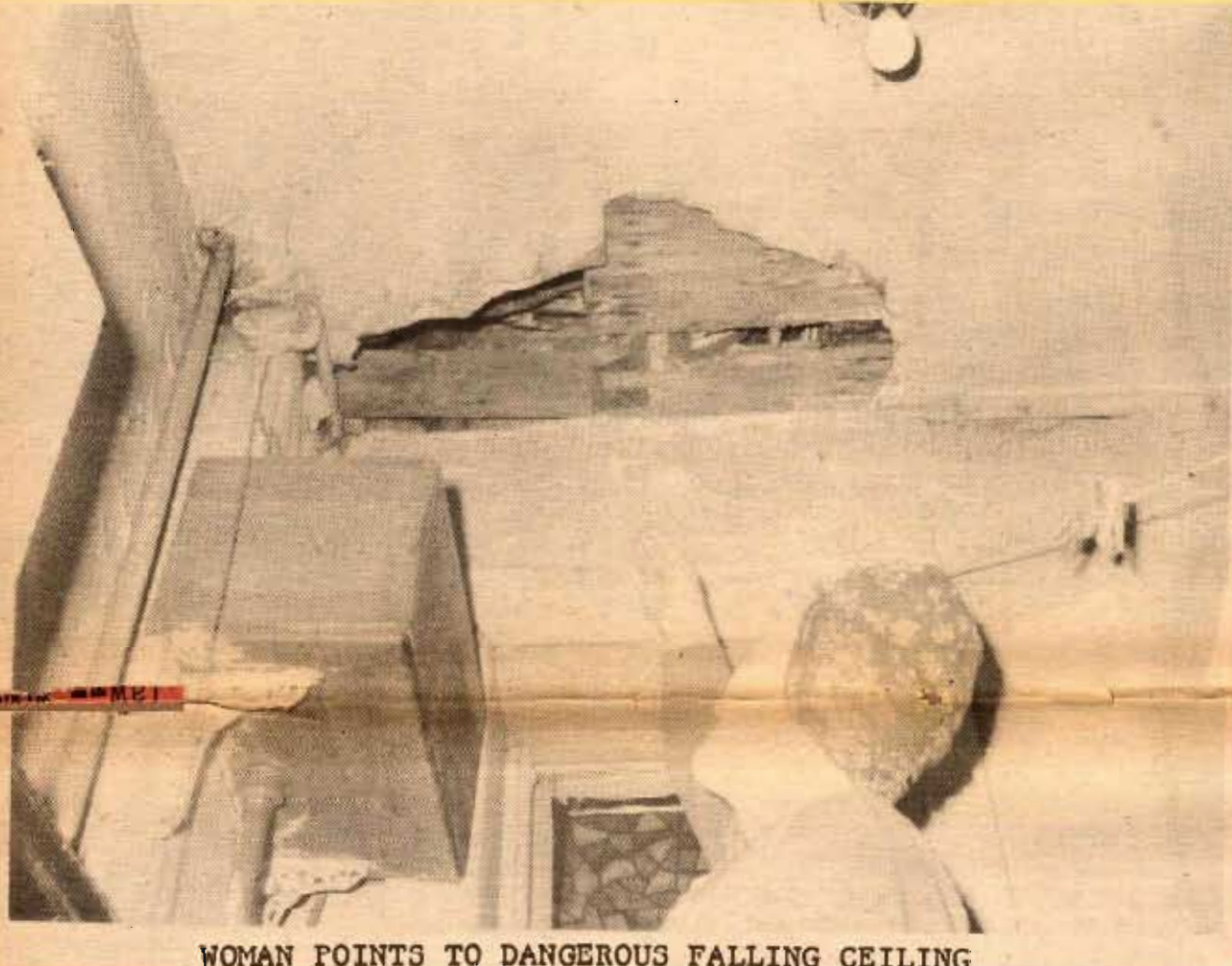
# GOOD HOUSING IS

## TENANTS

As we begin a new year, the working people of New York are faced with another 7½% rent increase to go along with the one in 1972. Housing conditions are getting worse day by day. Tenants can look forward to continued decay of their apartments without much hope of repairs, higher brokerage fees, increased rents and cutbacks in housing.

Let us take a closer look at some of these conditions and what we can do about them.

for their fee, two months security and then the month rent. That's an original layout of 5 times the rent you can afford to pay. Many of these brokers also practice racial discrimination. If you are Black or Puerto Rican you are often shown only the worst housing & told there is no thing else available. If you are on welfare, you are often told flat out there is nothing available. These outrageous fees and criminal racial discrimination make it pretty hard for working people to find decent housing.



WOMAN POINTS TO DANGEROUS FALLING CEILING

### RENT INCREASES

With the decontrolling of apartments, the rents have skyrocketed for working people. When rent control was in effect, the landlord could only raise the rent 15% when there was a change in tenants. Now there have been raises as much as 100% over the previous rent. With the wage and price freeze in effect, why was there not a freeze on rents?

A law passed last year gave the landlords the right to raise rents in decontrolled apartments 7½% in January '72 & 7½% in January '73. The law states that a landlord cannot raise rents until any violations in the apartment are repaired. But what many tenants do not know is that they had to report the violation before Dec. 31, of last year. This law was not made known to the public until the end of November. This is an example of how the government protects the landlord and not the tenant.

### BROKERS' FEES

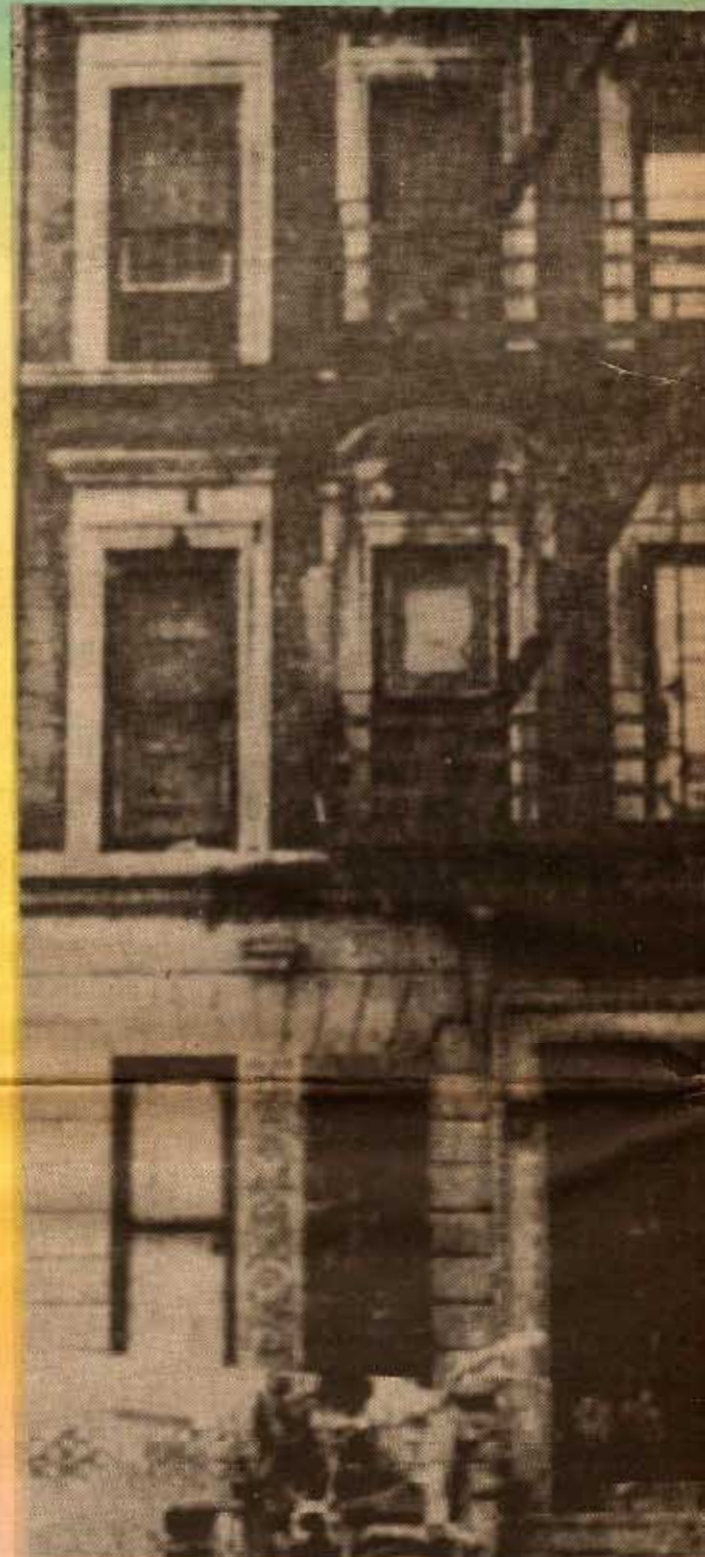
As rents skyrocket so does the original investment of getting an apartment. In many cases brokers require two months rent

### HOUSING CONDITIONS

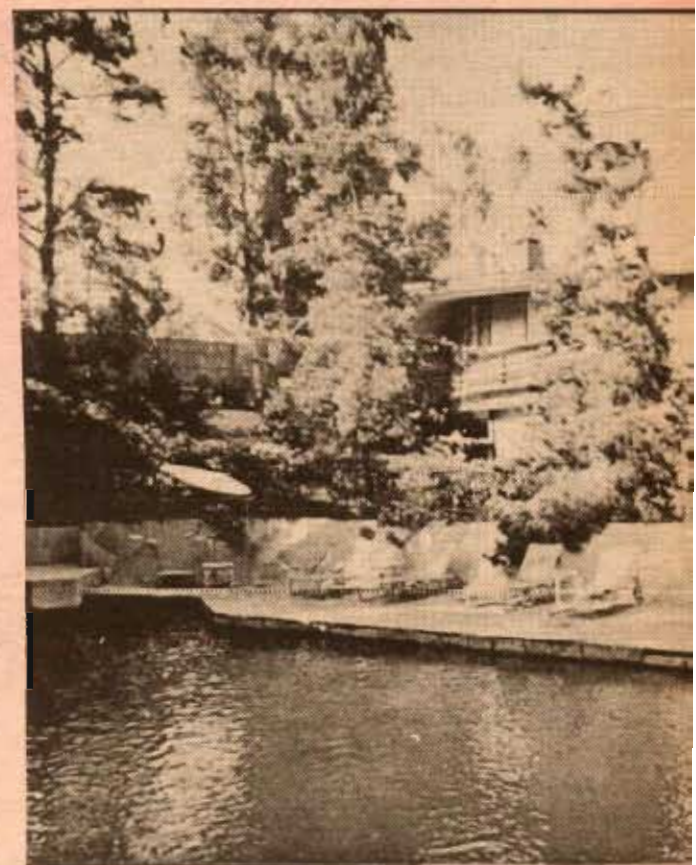
Housing conditions in this city are rapidly getting worse. The age of buildings plus the lack of upkeep by landlords means nothing but trouble for tenants. Winter is upon us and there's going to be many a day and night when tenants are going to go without heat or hot water. In many cases, people go without heat or hot water for days, even weeks, before it is fixed, but we still have to pay rent for this period.

A New York law states that if a landlord fails to provide a basic service (water, electricity, heat) necessary for survival, a tenant can have their rent reduced in order to put pressure on the landlord. A tenant recently applied for a rent reduction on the grounds that he had not received any hot water for over a month. His rent was reduced 25¢ a month-- check it out.

With reductions like this a landlord will never give people hot water. Many other illegal conditions prevail in this city's housing. Faulty electrical outlets have killed many children. Lead poisoning, causing brain damage, has been



## LANDLORDS



# A HUMAN RIGHT

## LIVE HERE



## LIVE HERE



on the rise in our city ghettos because of slumlord's criminal use of lead paint. Every building is supposed to have a locked front door but this, along with many other things, is not common practice.

Roaches, mice & rats are other signs of decaying buildings and in this city there are plenty of them.

Recently someone spotted a rat down by some buildings on "Fifth Ave." There were housing inspectors on the scene the next day to investigate. In Harlem, people have complained

of rats for years but inspectors never come. Broken windows, broken faucets often take weeks before they are repaired. Many buildings in this city are fire-traps and many people have died in fires caused by the lack of repairs.

Two little children died recently in Brooklyn because a radiator was not working properly and these kids suffocated.

These conditions continue to exist and nothing is done to stop them. President Nixon announced his budget cuts and housing, along with anything else worthwhile was among them.

### SOLUTIONS

We can see from many of the incidents that have happened in

the past that landlords are not going to voluntarily fix the apartments we live in. Landlords don't care about the tenants and the conditions of buildings.

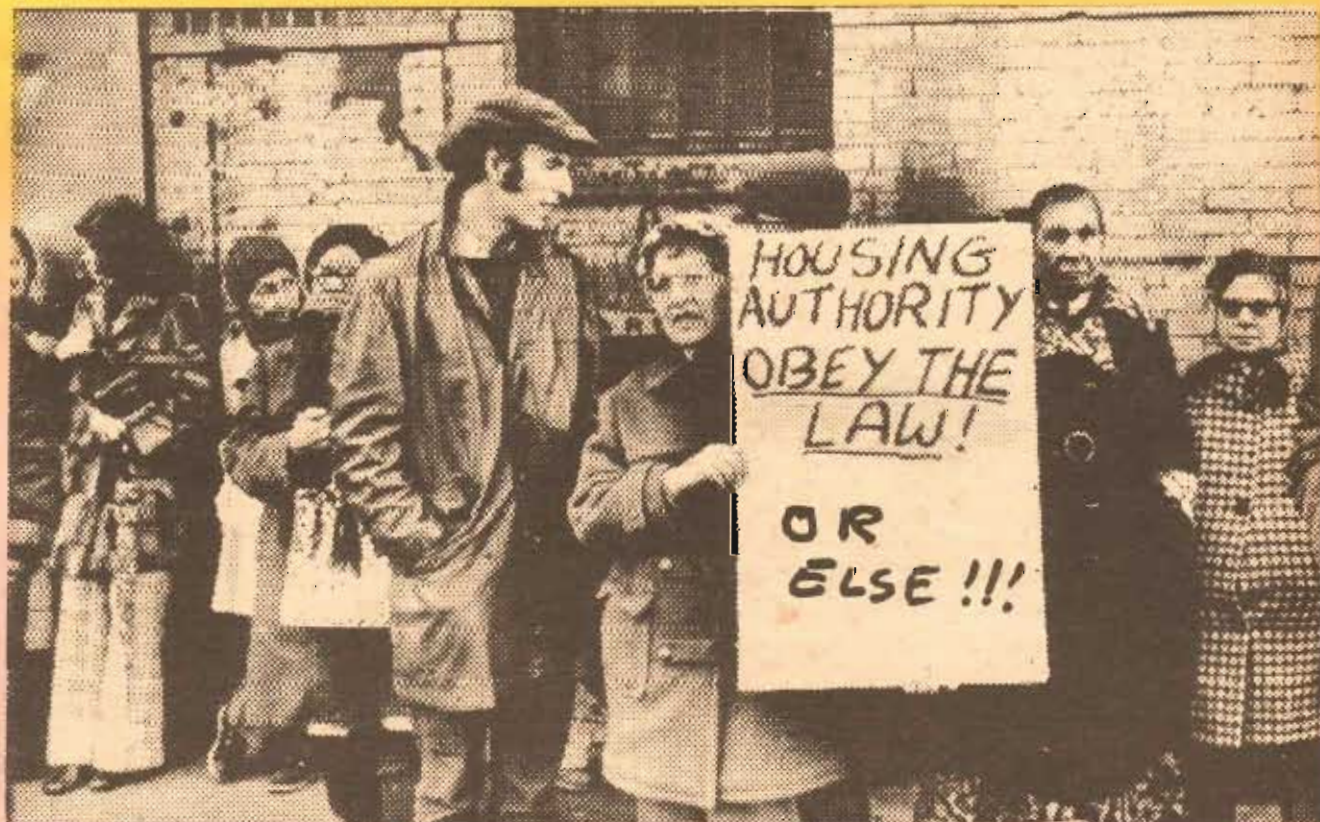
Their only concern is to make lots of money. City agencies that are supposedly set up to protect tenants' rights grant rent reductions of a quarter. Landlord-tenant courts are set up to hear eviction cases & cases of landlords refusal to make repairs. In this court, as in our criminal courts, the rich landlord always wins.

The way we as tenants can fight some of these conditions is for us to unite and get together. Tenants all over the city have gotten together and gone on rent strikes to get their buildings fixed. Rent strikes have proven to be our only effective tool to have violations repaired.

When criminal neglect by slum landlords cause injury or death, these landlords should be prosecuted and jailed. We can find out what violations are in our buildings and work together to demand their improvement.

For further information on housing call White Lightning, 584-5984.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!



TENANTS DEMONSTRATE FOR BETTER HOUSING

### VIOLATIONS CLASSIFIED AS GROUNDS FOR WITHHOLDING RENT

1. Unlocked front door.
2. Defective fire escape--must be properly secure and accessible.
3. Illegally locked roof door--every tenant should be able to open door immediately.
4. Inadequate supply of hot or cold water.
5. Inadequate supply of heat.
6. Inadequate lighting of halls or stairs.
7. Leaking roof.
8. Inadequate extermination of roaches, termites, and vermin.

# VIETNAM HAS WON



Saigon government guard of Lai A Concentration Camp surrenders his arms to the People's Liberation Armed Forces in newly-liberated Quang Tri Province

## WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM THE VIETNAMESE

We can learn from the heroic example of the Vietnamese and apply the knowledge to our own struggle for a decent life in the u.s.

First, the deciding factor in any political struggle is not money, technology or firepower but the spirit and determination of the people. The Vietnamese fought and won because they knew that they were fighting for a just cause that served the people. The u.s. & so. Vietnamese puppet troops lost because they fought for money, glory or out of fear & served only a handful of rich parasites.

Secondly, oppressed people have the power to change society and this power is based on unity & organization. The Vietnamese revolutionaries have respected the culture and language of the many minorities and also the rights of women & have made them equal partners in the struggle for national liberation. The Vietnamese have built a fantastic organization that offers every man, woman & child a part in the revolution whether it is firing an anti-aircraft gun or performing in a play.

Finally, we can see how the revolution serves the people's needs. Everytime Vietnamese revolutionaries liberate a u.s. controlled village, they distribute land to the poor peasants, provide free medical services for the sick & teach modern techniques of raising crops. They have a love for the people & want to supply them with real & useful services.

## WAR RAGES ON IN INDOCHINA

U.S. planes are still bombing the people of Laos & Cambodia and renewed u.s. aggression in Vietnam is still a possibility. Indochina, however is only part of the picture. Wherever u.s. domination is threatened by a people demanding liberation, as in the Philipines, there is the danger of u.s. military aggression. We must continue to support oppressed people throughout the world by strengthening the revolutionary movement within the u.s.

Long Live the Victory of the Vietnamese Revolution!

Force the U.S. to implement the Peace Treaty!

The recent Vietnam peace treaty gives the Vietnamese people the right to govern their own affairs free from the terror of u.s. military blackmail. It is a great victory in their long and difficult march towards national unity, independence, and socialism.

## 100 YEARS OF FIGHTING FOREIGN RULE

The u.s. government claims that the Vietnam war started 12 years ago when the u.s. military had its first combat death. This is a lie. The last 12 years have only been the most brutal. Over a 100 years ago the French tried to bring western civilization to Vietnam at the point of a cannon. The Vietnamese valiantly resisted.

In 1940 the Japanese invaded Vietnam and took over from the French. It was only at this time that guerilla units were organized by the Vietminh, a group of patriots that later became what the u.s. government called the Vietcong.

After World War II the Vietminh declared Vietnam a republic and elected Ho Chi Minh as their first president. The French, using Japanese soldiers re-claimed Vietnam as a French colony. The Vietnamese refused to surrender their country and fought the French until 1954 when, at Dien Bien Phu the French got their ass kicked and had to limp back to France. The u.s. government claims that it has only been responsible for the Vietnam war since 1967. This

is more bullshit. The u.s. government gave the French 1 billion dollars & 90% of its weapons to maintain French rule in Vietnam. In 1954 the then vice-president of the u.s. richard nixon, pleaded with eisenhower to drop nuclear bombs on Vietnam in order to prevent a French defeat. This mass murderer has always had a thirst for Vietnamese blood.

After the French were booted out of Indochina the u.s. moved in. Free elections in Vietnam were blocked in 1956 because, as eisenhower later admitted, up to 80% of the Vietnamese would have voted for Ho Chi Minh as their leader. Since 1954 the u.s. has attempted to seize control of Vietnam by dividing the country in half and supporting one puppet dictator after another whose survival was based on u.s. money, tanks and B52's. For over a decade the Vietnamese traitors & their u.s. masters have huddled in Saigon where they are protected from an angry people by artillery & a fleet of war planes unmatched in history in destructive power.

Fighting in a country with an uncooperative population & a liberation army whose great strength is in its unbreakable ties with the people is the reason the u.s. has had to wage a war of extermination against the entire Vietnamese people. The spectacle of a small, poor country slugging it out & defeating the greatest military power in world history is an inspiration to all oppressed people.



# SOCIALIST HOUSING

What impresses me most about socialist countries like Cuba, is the spirit among the people. They are trying to improve their land so that working people can enjoy a better life. One of the great needs in these countries is for more and better housing.

## NO LANDLORDS-LOW RENTS

When people live together in a socialist society, there aren't any profiteers making money off the people. There are no landlords ripping people off for high rents. Rent in Cuba is 6-7% of one's income. In this country the average family pays 20% of their income for rent, while low income families pay as much as 50% of their income for rent.

## ALAMAR-A NEW CITY

In Cuba they are now building a city for 60,000 people called



ALAMAR-A CITY IN CUBA BUILT FOR THE WORKERS



CUBAN MEN AND WOMEN WORKERS RELAX TOGETHER AFTER HARD WORK

One worker when asked, "Why do you work so hard?" said, "Because the people need it. The people in socialist Cuba need housing and we are workers. We have a skill and we have to use that skill for the betterment of all the people. It has been determined that housing is what is needed so that's where I'm going to apply myself."

This was an attitude found among workers of all ages.

Even the old run down housing which has not been rebuilt yet in Cuba has been cleaned up and are not places where disease & vermin breed like in the years before the Revolution.

## PEOPLE HAVE A SAY

Another important difference in housing in socialist countries is that people actually have a say in how their buildings are run. In Cuba there are meetings of the tenants where things are decided collectively. It is not run by a landlord who has no interest in the living conditions of his tenants; a landlord whose only concern is how much money he can force out of the people who live in "his" building: a building which was built by working people themselves.

In this country, where rents are constantly being raised and low rent old housing is being torn down for expensive luxury buildings, it is becoming harder for the average family to find a place to live.

In all socialist countries like Cuba, China & Albania, there are housing shortages too, but working people are getting together to build more and better housing so all people can live decently.

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here & there who did not have adequate living conditions before. The people who are building this city realized their work was to help people like themselves to live a better life.



WORKER ON THE JOB

Alamar. It is a suburban area outside of Havana. It is being built on a beautiful sight near the ocean, a place which before the Revolution would have been used for housing upper middle class and fairly wealthy people.

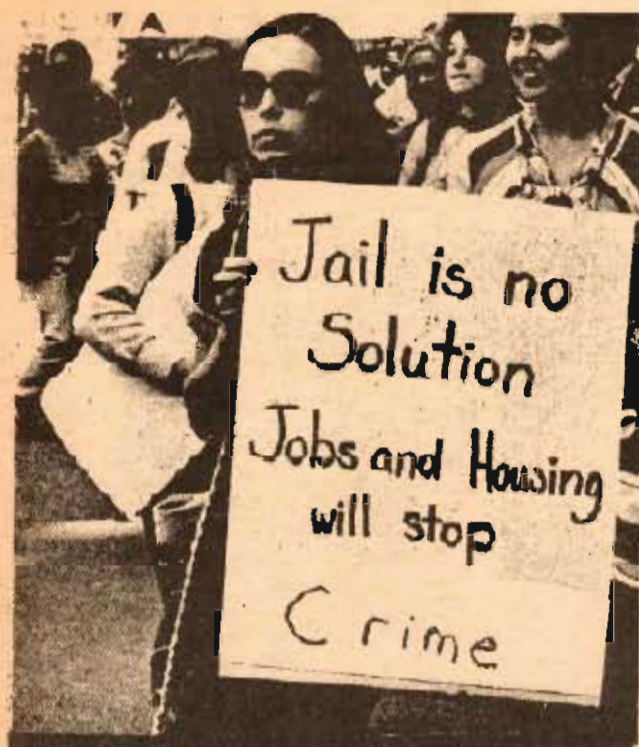
## HOUSING TO FIT NEEDS OF PEOPLE

Unlike the ugly public housing in this country, the buildings under construction at Alamar were built to look nice & still serve the needs of the people. The buildings at Alamar range from 4 to 12 stories high. Schools & day care centers were being built and eventually everything necessary to build a small city will be developed such as a clinic, a water purification plant, a sports arena, etc.

Furniture for the new apartments is produced in a furniture factory on the site. People get basic things they need. Anything over that depends on how much money people have and what's available on the market.

People who are going to live at Alamar are bus drivers, factory workers, working people from

# WOMEN IN PRISON



"No, lady, prison didn't improve me none."

Anonymous, about  
Dwight Reformatory  
For Women, Ill.

If correctional facilities are supposed to do what their name implies, I wish someone would explain, or even just take into account, the disease, bad food, roaches and in general, the unsanitary conditions that face people in prison. I would like to see someone try & explain to the 15,000 women who come in contact with the criminal justice system that the purpose of prisons is to reform & correct womens lives, and not to oppress them.

## PRISONERS AS CHEAP LABOR

Prisons are overcrowded, steel & concrete cages, with little or nothing to do. Inadquate food & bad medical care are common, as are rushed visits & strict limitations on mail.

Prison inmates have to carry out jobs, such as scrubbing floors, cleaning, ironing, cooking & sewing (nearly every large institution has a sewing industry. These industries make huge profits for big business.) They also serve as butchers and truck drivers. They rarely learn skills they can use on the outside.

## BIG BUSINESS IS THE REAL CRIMINAL

Almost all prison inmates are awaiting trial and have been convicted of nothing.

More than half the women who are facing prison sentences now, are charged with drunkenness, vagrancy, disorderly conduct and other minor offences. Others are booked and sent to jail for shoplifting, prostitution, larceny, forgery, burglary and crimes relating to alcohol & drug addiction. Together with traffic offences, these offences cover almost all the crimes charged against women. Crimes involving violence constitute only a small proportion of the cases both against men and women.

These crimes are desperate attempts to survive in this society.

"The criminal justice system is a bag of shit," one woman prisoner said. "...I'm here for selling 6 bags of dope and I don't see the Army being prosecuted for giving heroin & opium to a thousand G.I.'s in Vietnam! Large corporations and the

government are committing mass theft, yet one woman with four children spends 3 years in jail for receiving food-stamps from 2 counties, and another, who now spends 10 years in prison for "attempting" to pass a bad check for only \$31.00. "We are not here for bad crimes," one woman said.

## FRIENDS ARE DISCOURAGED

Women are in the minority in prison (30 men to 1 woman), and they suffer deeply the brunt of sexual oppression. The emphasis in women's prison is on lady-like conduct instead of teaching them skills that they can use on the outside.

Harassing visiting regulations & censorship of mail usually succeeds in destroying relationships with friends on the outside. Once a woman leaves prison she has no visiting rights with friends she has made in prison.

So women are left with no friends for support, plus they have the added bonus of the "criminal record." It's no wonder so many women end up back in prison after they've done a short amount of "time" on the outside.

Inside prison, women suffer & face the same brutality & oppression that male prisoners suffer.

## STERILE, ISOLATED JAILS

The Women's House of Detention has been closed down. The Riker's Island Facility for Women has now taken its place. The Riker's Island facility is only part of a 64 acre penal colony which the government plans to construct on this island.

There was a massive campaign to convince the public that the women would be better off at Riker's. The actual design and technology is extremely brutal and sterile. The physical isolation of the place (it's about an hour away from the city by bus) makes it difficult for those who support the prisoners such as lawyers & relatives to get there. Most of the women who have known both jails would prefer to live in the old one.

## CONDITIONS ARE HORRIBLE

The cells are designed for only one person, but because of overcrowding they are doubling up & putting women together. The doors are made entirely out of steel, with small glass partitions unlike the old facility where there were bars.

What this means is that now women have a very hard time communicating with each other once they are in their cells. The lights burn all hours of the day & night and they have no way of getting away from the light. Already the problem of rats & roaches is creeping up.

## MEDICAL CARE IS SCARCE

There are 4 or 5 doctors assigned to 700-900 prisoners. The ratio of prisoners to doctors makes it impossible for women to get proper medical treatment. The doctors there are available only on a part time basis and with all the red tape there is to see a doctor, there's a good chance a prisoner's request will be refused.

## REHABILITATION IS A JOKE

As in many other prisons, all over the country, the rehabilitation programs at Riker's are well publicized but practically never used. Their excuse is that there is not enough personnel to run the programs.

Jails are no solution. The problem is no employment, bad housing, inflation. Can jail solve these? Does society have the right to jail someone for trying to survive? Prisoners all around the country are beginning to get together and demand better conditions. They demand to have their rights given back.

## ALL POOR PEOPLE ARE PRISONERS!



# Govt. Attacks On Working People

## Nixon Cuts Housing \$\$\$

Nixon's cutbacks on housing affect both urban & rural housing. His guidelines eliminate all federal rent control and leave it to landlords to "restrain themselves" from increasing rents.

In the cities there is an 18 month hold on government subsidizing of new housing. This means a stop on housing for working people.

In New York City alone, plans for an estimated 20,000 public apartment units, due to be built will have to be scrapped. Now not only will landlords raise rents but you can't look forward to move into new housing being built.

Nixon has cut all chances people have to live in decent housing.

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STOP NIXON'S CUTS!**

## Shotguns For Cops?

Recently the police have been asking to carry shotguns. They claim it is only to protect themselves from sniper attacks. There has already been one incident of a cop killing someone with an illegal shotgun.

From a technical point of view it is outrageous. Shotguns are close quarter weapons not good against snipers. The shells spread when fired and would have the effect of killing bystanders. The police are trying to act like victims of unprovoked attacks. But



not worried about the people's lives but their own position.

**NO SHOTGUNS FOR THE POLICE!  
WHO WILL POLICE THE POLICE?**

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## Methadone Kills Government Laughs

Presidential advisor and top narcotics official Myles J. Ambrose said that illegal methadone sold in the streets can reduce crime. He implied that the government wasn't trying to stop sales of illegal methadone. He admitted that some of it came from manufacturers such as Lilly.

What he failed to mention was that methadone also causes hundreds of deaths. The government says it's trying to stop crime but leaves drugs in our communities.

The government has shown once again that it is not interested in the lives of poor & working people or in stopping the drug plague.



**THE FIX**

We must unite to stop drug traffic and people who protect it such as narcotics officials.

**BOYCOTT LILLY--STOP THE PLAGUE!**

## School Officials Rip-Off Funds

Local school boards in the city have been charged with "widespread misuse" of taxpayers money on such things as trips to Europe and expensive suits for board members. Meanwhile there is less and less money spent on educational services for the children.

This report to City Hall was made after a 9 month investigation which concentrated on the Bronx.

It was found that in District 8 in the East Bronx, \$18,000 was spent on conferences, car-



## Nixon Cuts Vets' Benefits

The Nixon administration is pushing to cut off millions of dollars in government benefits to disabled Vietnam veterans.

The veteran who lost a leg in the Vietnam jungle, for example, could find disability benefits for his family cut from \$6,740 to \$1272 per year. The loss of a leg at the hip is currently counted as 90% disability but drops to 40% under the new plan.

Some 240,000 disabled Korean war veterans also may be subject to change.

The plan, drafted by the Veterans Administration, would probably go into effect July 1.

Nixon is always pretending to care about the POWS & returning soldiers from Vietnam, but these cuts show that his only concern is for money--not people's lives.

fare and conventions, including trips to Europe by District Board Superintendent William Dorney and 3 school personnel.

There was also \$14,000 spent on "parents' snacks."

Schools have been forced to cut back on important services such as free lunch programs for poor children. The money that is available for education is ripped off by bureaucrats.

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ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!**

# WHAT'S GOIN' ON

## More Guards At John Jay

At a time when the teaching staff at John Jay High School is being cut back, the school has hired several paid security guards. This is in addition to the guards who have been there for years.

These guards act as police. The movements of students within the school & outside it are always checked by guards who hassle them by constantly demanding that they show program cards.



The priority of the Board of Education is not on teaching students but on policing and controlling them.

The combination of poor quality education and massive security forces in the schools can only lead to student rebellions.

**WE DEMAND EDUCATION THAT RELATES TO OUR LIVES!**

## Boro Park Tenants Council

A racially mixed group of tenants in the Boro Park section of Brooklyn have gotten together to fight for decent housing and against slum landlords.

The name of their organization is the Boro Park Tenants Council and they publish a monthly newsletter.

The newsletter features new developments in tenant's struggle for decent housing, information on tenant's rights and stories & poems by tenants in the Brooklyn community.

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ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!**



## Don't Abuse The Grapevine



BROTHERS AND SISTERS GIVE THE FIST

The news in the Grapevine comes from brothers & sisters in the community. It is important to tell us the truth and how things went down factually. To tell false stories is to misuse & abuse the people's news. It not only hurts the paper but the people. The paper is for the communities and is the only place we have to tell about incidents that happen to us. It is an alternative to people with bad housing, hassles in schools, etc.

Brothers & sisters, any news that affects you, let White Lightning know and we'll print it.

**EDUCATE TO LIBERATE!**



197th Street & Decatur Ave.

## Brother Makes Boss Pay

Brother Art lost a key to a truck at work and payed \$5.00 to replace it. His arrogant boss refused to give him back the \$5.00, saying, "Why should I pay for your mistake?"

Art told him, "You make lots of money off me every week. You only pay me \$2.50 an hour, \$75.00 a week." Then the boss decided to pay the money to Art.

**ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!**

## Remember Malcolm X

"They always said that I'm anti-white. I'm for anybody who's for freedom-- I'm for anybody who's for justice. I'm for anybody who's for equality. I'm not for anybody who tells me to sit around and wait for mine." Malcolm X



Malcolm X

Born: May 19, 1925

Assassinated: Feb. 21, 1965

Malcolm was a fighter for black liberation and against racism. He was also an inspiration for poor whites who felt stepped on & wanted freedom.

Malcolm will be remembered by anyone who wants their freedom.

White Lightning remembers Malcolm X.

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# U.S. PERSECUTES FOREIGN BORN

From Sept. To Dec. Last Year U.S. Immigration Agents Raided Subway Stations 14 Times In Hunt For Illegal "Aliens"!

On July 11, 1972, 35 Latin Americans were arrested by immigration officers in Corona, Queens.

On Oct. 16, 1972, downtown Manhattan, 10 carloads of people were taken away for questioning by immigration agents.

On Dec. 12, 1972, 64 persons were arrested at a Queens subway station.

In all cases the agents would check every "Foreign Born" looking person and if he or she could not produce an Alien registration card they would be arrested & taken away for interrogation. The arrests were justified by Immigration authorities on the grounds that so-called "Illegal Aliens" were taking jobs away from American workers.

But these are the facts: close to 10 million Americans are unemployed. The number of so-called "Illegal Aliens" is estimated to be 300,000 to 400,000, 97% of whom are Mexicans in the south-west working for \$3.00 a day (after room & board are deducted, it amounts to \$1.25!). Most "Illegal Aliens" are working under conditions and for wages no American worker would accept.

## SCAPEGOATS FOR A CORRUPT SYSTEM

In reality, these raids on Foreign-Born serve several purposes for the ruling class & the government of this country.

The government is using illegally working Foreign-Born as scapegoats for its own failure to stop inflation & unemployment. The rich bosses use the raids to create an insecure and hostile atmosphere for the Foreign-Born worker so that in order for him to hold a job at all he or she must accept slave

labor conditions such as low pay, hazardous working conditions, no benefits etc. Because cheap labor means more profits, some bosses even move their businesses to countries such as Taiwan, Hong Kong, So. Korea, Japan. Workers here are often paid as low as \$.09 an hour! In this way, 125, 000 jobs have simply evaporated in New York alone.

## PROPAGANDA TO DIVIDE THE PEOPLE

Most persons busted for working without documents are Latin Americans. But history shows that in the past it was



FOR 200 YEARS IMMIGRANTS HAVE BEEN THE LIFE BLOOD OF THIS NATION!

FOREIGN BORN COME HERE TO WORK FOR BETTER CONDITIONS FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR NEW COUNTRY - NOT TO TAKE WORK AWAY FROM AMERICAN WORKERS!

THE RICH BOSSES REGARD THE FOREIGN BORN AS A SOURCE OF CHEAP LABOR AND BY SPREADING ANTI-"ALIEN" PROPAGANDA THEY FORCE FOREIGN BORN TO ACCEPT SLAVE LABOR CONDITIONS!

IN THEIR GREEDY HUNT FOR PROFITS BIG BUSINESS IS DRAINING THE U.S. OF IT'S WEALTH!

TO CHANGE THIS WE MUST REALIZE THAT THE RICH BOSSES ARE OUR REAL ENEMY - AND ALL POOR AND WORKING PEOPLE - FOREIGN BORN AND AMERICAN - ARE OUR REAL FRIENDS!

ALL REAL FRIENDS UNITE!  
FIGHT THE REAL ENEMY!

mostly Europeans who had to fight the same prejudices and the same police state methods-- the Italians in the 80's, the Irish in the 20's, etc. Europeans seem to be in secure positions now, but they are still being excluded from many jobs. Using the Foreign-Born as the reason for unemployment is just one of the many ways propaganda is spread in order to pit working people against each other.

When the rich bosses pit Black against White (racist hiring practices), men against women (sexist hiring practices), young against old (seniority system), it has the same effect. Workers are made to compete just to get a job and thus have less time to unite to fight for better working & living conditions.

The bias against Foreign-Born workers is already obvious in the words "Aliens" or "Illegal Aliens". The correct terms would be, for Aliens: Immigrants, and for Illegal Aliens: Persons Without Documents, and for both categories, Foreign Born.

Another propaganda measure is the raids on the streets. According to the law it is only an administrative violation for a person without documents to work. The arrests are unconstitutional--the American constitution does not distinguish between citizens and non-citizens.

Arrests must be based on "probable cause"; looking Foreign Born is "probable cause" enough for a racist police state's agents!

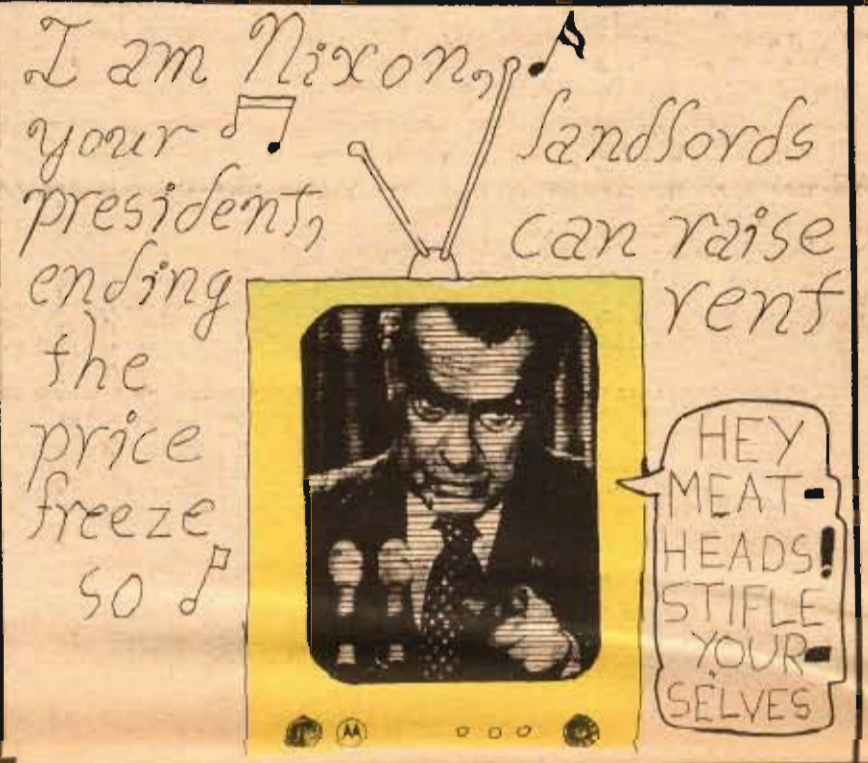
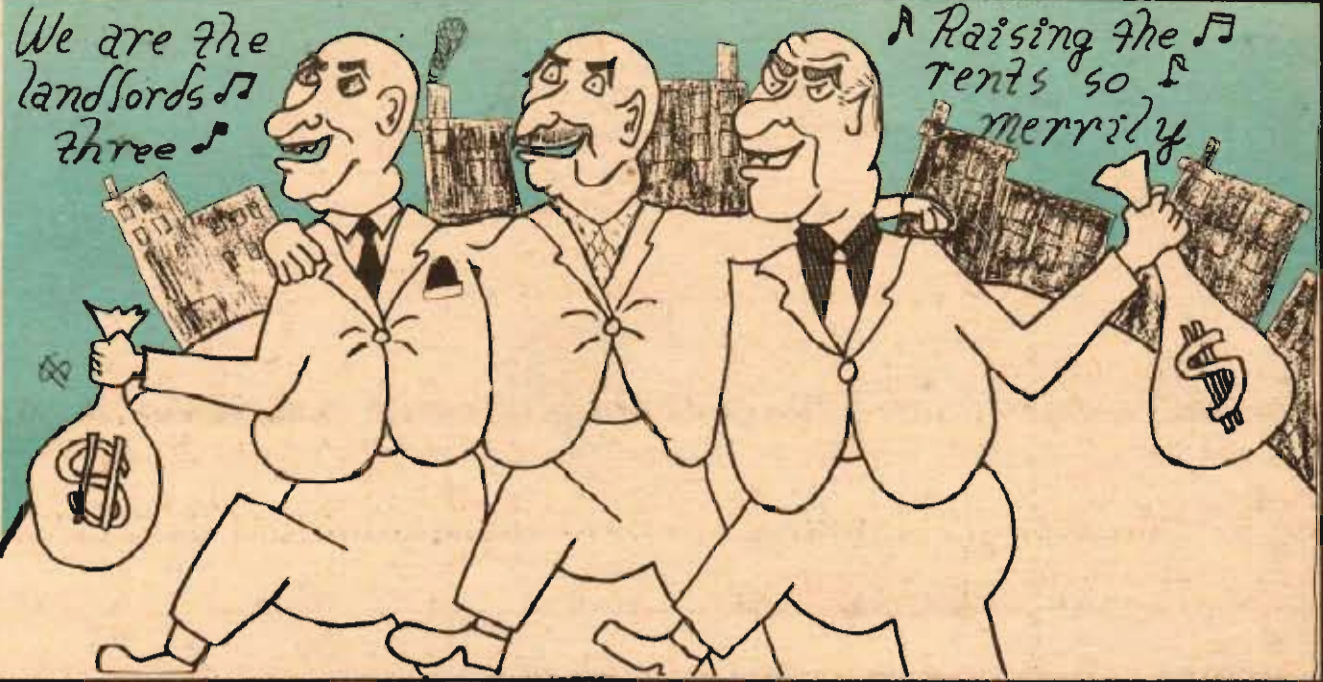
## ANTI-"ALIEN" LAWS

The anti-alien legislation started in another economically troubled period in this country. During the 30's, 70 anti-alien bills were introduced in Congress--1940 saw the Alien Registration act passed; 1950 saw the Internal Security act requiring "aliens" to register once a year; in 1952 the Immigration & Nationality Act that required non-citizens to carry an alien registration card to be shown on demand to police & officials was passed.

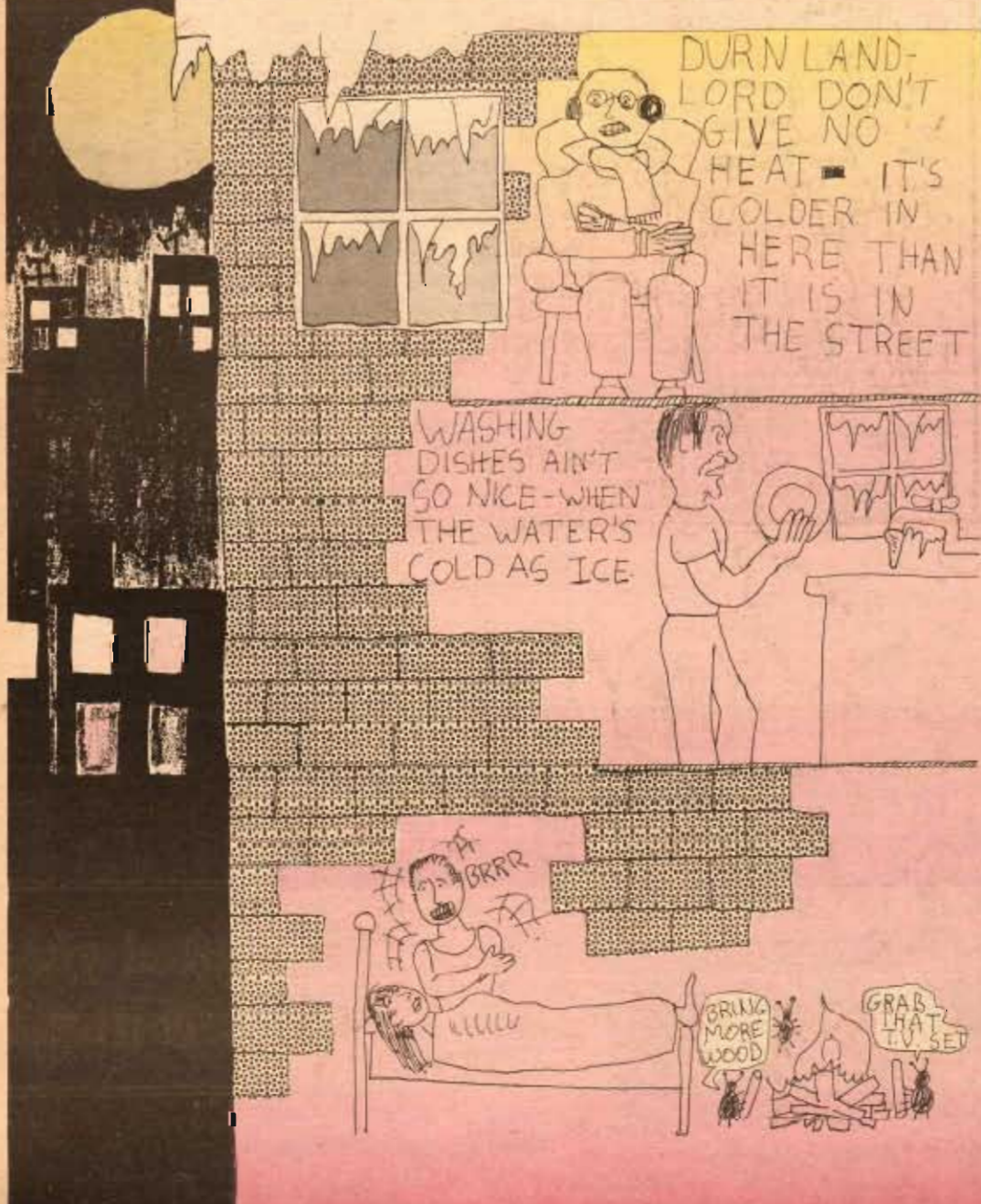
## LOVE THE PEOPLE - AND FIGHT!

It must be understood that most Foreign Born came to this country in search of a better life. There is no going back! The fight for better conditions is the fight of the working class and it is going to take place right here with Americans and Foreign Born fighting together! That's the way the U.S. was founded and that's the way it will grow. We must unite Black & White, men & women, young & old, Foreign Born & American so we can change this imperialist system where property comes before life and greed before love of the people!

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