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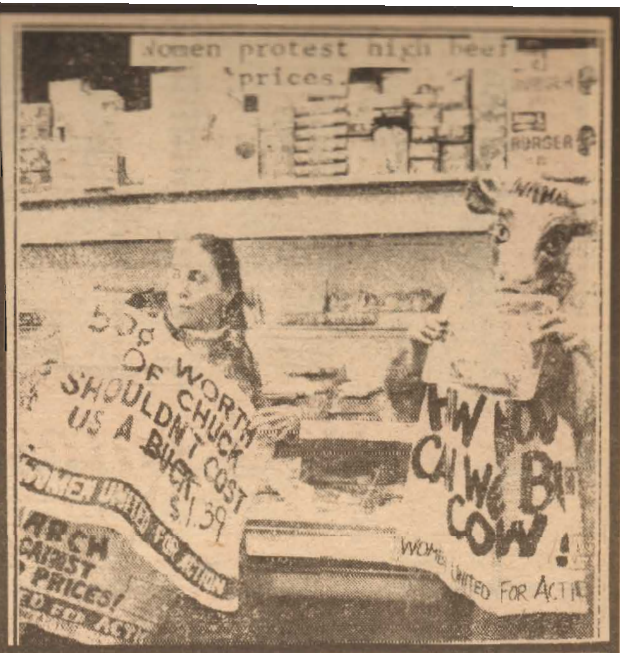
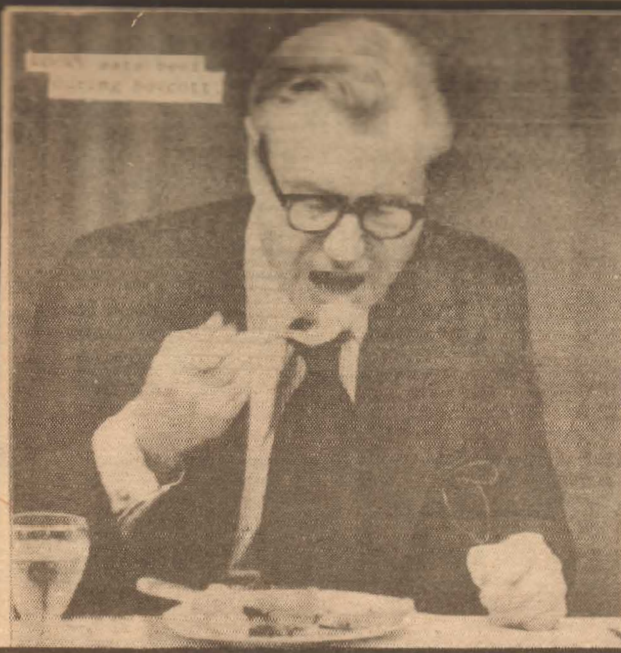
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Inflation:

high prices-super profits

Anyone who has gone into a supermarket lately can tell you that food prices have gone sky-high, and that basic hi-protein foods like meat, fish and cheese are the highest priced of all.

To live at a moderate level in N.Y.C. last year, a family of 4 had to earn \$11,880, a survey by the Community Council of Greater N.Y. reported. More than half of their takehome pay had to go for food and housing.

Since the report was made, costs have gone up 6.8% and that makes the income needed rise to \$12,687. How many families do you know who make as much as that?

"LET THEM EAT LESS"

The Nixon Administration has thought of helpful hints for the consumer like: make a list before you go shopping; eat fish instead of meat; or the most recent statement by the Cost of Living Council's Deputy Director McLane who said, "You might try something I've tried recently. Eat a little bit less."

Rich people always seem to give us advice on how to budget our money, but when do you think was the last time Nixon or Rockefeller shopped at the A&P?

POOR, OLD & DISABLED SUFFER MOST

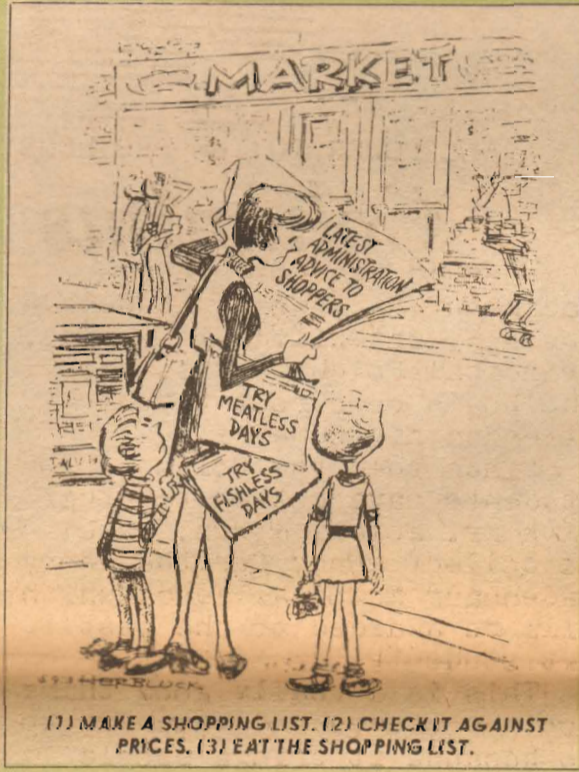
Who is affected most by these high living costs? It is the poor and working people who spend most of their money on food and rent, and old people and people on fixed incomes like the disabled veteran suffer greatly as prices go higher.

How can the government tell us to eat less? Our children should have food high in nutrition. People have been forced to cut back on high-priced foods necessary for their health.

Pregnant women who need hi-protein diets in order to produce healthy children will have to do without.

WHY ARE PRICES RISING?

Attempts have been made to mislead the public. Government spokesmen have blamed high food costs on the sale of wheat to the Soviet Union. Life Magazine said the middleman was to blame. Agriculture Sec. Earl Butz said it was increases in welfare and



social security which caused the extra demand for food and this resulted in high prices.

The Nixon Administration is also trying to shift the blame for food price increases onto wage increases won by workers in the food industry. But these workers have wage controls on them from Phase 3 of the government's economic policy.

The real reason for the rising food prices is super-profits made by large companies. These companies in the food industry are huge monopolies owning each stage of the industry including: growing, feeding, packing, retailing, transportation, feed and grain additive production, and farm equipment. In the last 10 years, men that manage huge cattle herds and feeding operations are bankers, brokers and N.Y. executives. Companies in the field now include Greyhound, L-T-V Corp., Atlantic Richfield Oil, General Host, and more.

WAGES ARE LOW

While prices are soaring, workers can't earn more on their jobs because of the wage freeze. This is supposed to be anti-inflation control. Then why have food prices soared; why have rents gone up; why have utility companies raised their prices; why have clothing costs gone up; and why have our medical bills increased?

It is because big business is supported by our government

and allowed to make so much profit that the average person cannot even get enough money anymore to even survive.

BOYCOTT

People have been protesting high costs across the nation. The most important protest was a meat boycott during the week of April 1, that was planned by housewives all over the country. A few days before the boycott went into effect, Nixon made a speech saying he would put a ceiling on the price of beef, pork and lamb. But with prices as high as they are people still can't afford to eat. This move of Nixon's was to make the boycott seem unnecessary.

But consumers were not deceived by his sneaky methods, and they went ahead with the boycott in hopes of lowering meat prices so they can feed their families.

The results of the boycott are still unknown at this time. But one thing that we know for sure: when we all get together we gain strength and power and are better able to get the things we want.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE DOWN WITH HIGH FOOD COSTS

How New York Area Meat Prices Have Risen to Present Ceilings 4/2/73

(In cents per pound)

	Price range last week	Increase since previous week	Increase since Jan. 1.	Increase since freeze of Aug. 1971
BEEF				
Porterhouse steak	175-229	0	10-20	20-30
Sirloin steak	159-199	0	10-20	20-30
Round steak	189-259	0	30-44	30-60
Chuck steak	89-119	0	20	20-24
Boneless chuck roast	129-159	0	20	30-40
Ground chuck	99-119	0	10-14	20
PORK				
Loin roast, rib end	89-119	0	20	30-40
Loin roast, loin end	99-119	0	20	24-40
Loin chops, center cut	159-199	0	20	40-50
Shoulder chops	89-129	0	10-20	20-40
Shoulder calcs, smoked	79-99	0	20	20-30
VEAL				
Rib chops	199-259	0	20	60-80
Shoulder chops	169-209	0	20-30	20-50
Cutlets, leg	349-419	20	30-44	80-90
LAMB				
Shoulder chops	159-189	0	24-30	30-40
Leg, oven ready	109-139	0	10-20	14-24

Source: New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets. Prices are for the New York City area (the five boroughs, Long Island, and parts of Westchester and northern New Jersey) and are those charged by the larger supermarket chains and by a selected sample of independent stores, and verified by state market analysts.

PEOPLE'S GRAPEVINE

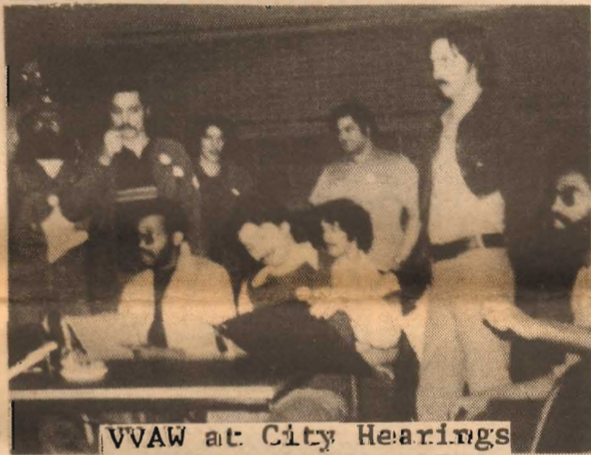
VVAW Protests

On March 21, members of Vietnam Veterans Against The War (VVAW) burned their discharges at hearings of the Commission on Human Rights. They protested the lack of jobs & lack of concern shown for vets by the Veterans Administration. The next week VA officials still refused to show up at the hearings so VVAW went to the VA. They asked administrator Paul Nugent why only 15% of VA funds go to Vietnam Vets & why no VA official came to the hearings. Nugent tried a lot of buck-passing, like telling the vets to go to Washington.

VVAW sat down in the office & refused to leave until he promised to come to a public meeting & answer their questions.

This is an example of the run-around vets have gotten from the VA.

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VVAW at City Hearings

All Hallows H.S.

Brothers & Sisters!

Recently I received an issue of White Lightning outside of my school (All Hallows.) In that issue you talked about the problems over at Hayes. While I admit we are a lot better off here at All Hallows-- we still have to put up with a lot of Bull, like no construction boots, no gum chewing, jackets & ties at all times, no beards or moustaches--dean of discipline "Jug Man" von Crimmons has both. (Director of Student Activities, Mr. Shanz, is good to students, we're told. He did away with many rules of discipline & wants to eliminate "Jug," that is detention, as well.)

Many people aren't aware of this, but there is a cop who comes to the school occasionally, dressed as a student, and goes around to see what's happening. To top it all, they have an actual student who is an auxiliary fink who works with him!!

Now I can say that there are really no hard drugs in the school-- so all they're doing is harassing pot smokers. The brothers must be warned to be cool.

**MORE POWER TO THE PEOPLE!
A BROTHER FROM ALL HALLOWS.**



ALL POWER TO THE BROTHERS & SISTERS AT COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL!

Columbus Students Rap

When 18 year old Jerry Ladenhauf, a student at Columbus H.S. was killed in a fire, principal Folchi & Mrs. Gabel, the boy's home room teacher, attended his funeral.

Since then the Columbus students have gotten together with Mr. Folchi & Mrs. Gabel to collect money for the Jerry Ladenhauf Memorial Fund, which will be awarded to the best art student.

This is a really good thing for the students & teachers to do because it brings people together and pays tribute to their brother, Jerry Ladenhauf.

Because of budget cuts 24 badly needed teachers were layed off at Columbus H.S., including Mr. Cook, a dynamite social studies teacher. Some classes are really overcrowded. You have to make an appointment 2 weeks in advance to see a guidance counselor and, since most of the guidance counselors are just subject teachers, they don't know much about planning courses.

The food at Columbus is horrible (ravioli & franks, rotten veal) and many students refuse to eat it.

Mrs. Demarco doesn't care about students. She's particularly harsh on Black students who she threatens to throw out for any reason at all. Her friend, Miss Erlich, is another pain in the ass. She calls people's mothers for ridiculous reasons & just wants to hassle students rather than help them.

We're told Mr. Folchi, the principal, is a fair man who always has time for students' problems. Maybe he can do something about these conditions at Columbus H.S.

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

Gunhill Road Rent Strike

In WL #13 we told how most of the 90 tenants at 215 East Gunhill Road were ready to go on Rent Strike against their slumlord, H. Weisner & Sons.

Since then there've been many more violations of their rights as tenants like no repairs in the dangerous elevator and no heat or hot water for 10 days straight!

70 of the tenants signed a commitment not to pay the rent starting April 1st, or any rent thereafter, until all repairs are made.

**ALL POWER TO THE GUNHILL RD.
TENANTS ASSOCIATION!**



ALL POWER TO LEHMAN STUDENTS!

UNITY IN THE

Brooklyn News

On April 28, 15 brothers & sisters were hangin' out in front of Joe's Pizzeria, Prospect Park Ave. & Prospect Park West in Brooklyn. A 72 Pct. police car pulled up & everybody was ordered into the Pizzeria. Inside the brothers & sisters were told to empty their pockets. After that the cops searched the people physically.

This was an unprovoked act of police harassment & the brothers & sisters of Bartel-Pritchett Square, Bklyn. realize that with summer coming this kind of harassment will be getting heavier.

Sisters & brothers are starting to ask why cops waste time breaking up groups of young people. Cops are afraid to see the strength & unity of people getting together.

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O.L.A. PARK SISTERS

Soap Kills!

The Consumers' Institute for Food Research revealed soap companies that had been using hexachlorophene (a chemical which has been banned by the FDA after experiments showed that long term exposure to it could cause brain damage & retardation in babies) are planning to replace it with other dangerous chemicals.

One of these chemicals, TCC, is being considered by some soap companies, like Dial & Safeguard. Tests have shown that under certain conditions TCC appears to have caused outbreaks of a fatal blood disease among infants in hospitals.

Another chemical, TBS, is also being considered by some soap companies as a replacement for hexachlorophene. TBS can possibly cause skin rashes and increased sensitivity to light in fair skinned people. TBS has already been banned in Denmark because of these suspected dangers.

Lifebouy, Zest & Phase III are 3 soap companies considering the use of TBS.

So check your soap wrappers for TCC & TBS and don't buy them.

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Racist Cops Beat Brothers

Recently we learned of another racist atrocity committed by the police. On March 14, two black brothers, John Nealy, 16 & Thomas Davis, 17, were severely beaten and kicked by 2 cops in the Brooklyn Criminal Court. According to 3 eye-witnesses, as the cops stomped & punched the brothers, Davis yelled, "What did I do? Please stop. You're killing me!" One of the cops, James Parasole of the 75 Pct. dragged the bleeding boys by the hair across the floor to the staircase & then threw both down the steps, leaving a trail of blood.

Parasole also beat up a 16 year-old brother from the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn some time ago. That boy had to be hospitalized.

Nealy & Davis were busted for "assault" just as the 16 year-old from Bedford-Stuyvesant was. In the incident, Parasole admitted using a black jack to beat the boy senseless. It's illegal for N.Y. cops to use blackjacks

Parasole is, of course, free.

STOP RACIST ATTACKS BY COPS!

O.L.A. Park

Some brothers and sisters who hang out around 197th Street and Sedgwick Avenue complained about the lack of facilities at Our Lady of Angels Park. There are not enough facilities for the kids--only one basketball court, no volleyball net, and the water fountain doesn't work! When it's cold the people could dig going into the parkhouse to hang out, but this is not allowed.

City officials in the Parks Dept. are well paid by our tax money and they ought to relate to the needs of the people.

THE PARKS BELONG TO THE PEOPLE!

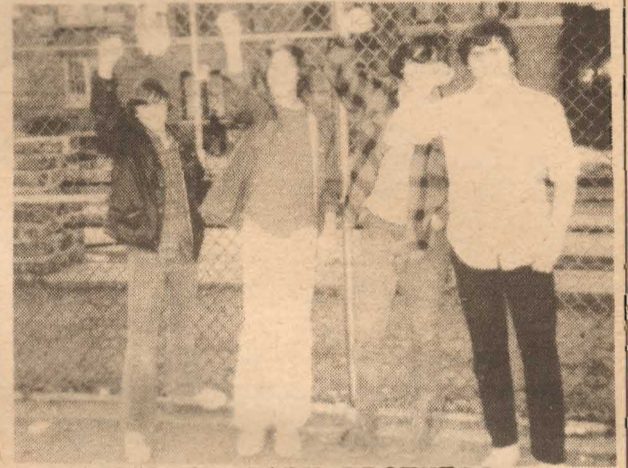


Harrassment At Mt. St. Michael's

Recently White Lightning went to Mt. St. Michael H.S. to give free copies of the paper to the students. We waited at one of the gates for the students to come out when 5 burly teachers led by Mr. Tricario, (dean of discipline) started to harass us. We left a bundle of 150 papers on the ground and started giving out papers. Tricario & his goons immediately picked up the bundle and proceeded to rip-off the people's news. When we questioned their authority to do this, their reply was, "The paper is garbage & we are taking it."

It is legal to distribute papers but this fact is of no interest to these teachers. Tricario & his squad were only interested in censoring what the students read and bullying people the way they bully their students. This attempt did not stop the students from getting the paper & digging it. We will not be intimidated and bullied by these goons.

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O.L.A. PARK BROTHERS

St. Helena's H.S.

Recently we heard another example of how the system of justice in Catholic Schools is stacked against the students. In the middle of March, 5 brothers

were walking near St. Helena's H.S. A nun who works in the girls' school looked out the window and thought she saw the brothers smoking reefer. She was 40 yards away! She called up the boys' school. An assistant principal ran out and grabbed the brothers. Even though he found no drugs, the brothers were suspended.

Some teachers spend all their time being suspicious of students. Even after students have left the school, the teachers act like vigilantes and try to harass them.

Education has nothing to do with illegal searches and punishment with no evidence.

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SEDGWICK AVENUE BROTHERS

People Fight For Daycare

600 people took over the building of the city's Agency for Child Development (ACD) on March 26th. Massive cuts in federal day care money will mean thousands of children will be kicked out of day care centers all over New York. The new rules only allow a family of 4 which earns less than \$5,400 per year to qualify for day care. Many people will find it cheaper to quit work, take care of their own children & go on welfare. Nixon's cutbacks in daycare money will cause more unemployment & more welfare expense.

People on welfare will also suffer because the remaining centers will have less money for child education. Daycare will become just custodial care.



People Protest Daycare Cuts

The protests against daycare cutbacks have been very strong & spirited. The takeover of all 4 floors of the ACD building lasted all day & into the night. 1000 people held a support rally outside. 4 days later, 200 people blockaded the Triborough Bridge so that their voices would be heard.

The unity of parents, children & community people around the need for better daycare facilities is growing stronger. We must struggle to stop the daycare cutbacks.

POOR & WORKING PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO HAVE DECENT DAY CARE!

No Stop Sign

There is no traffic light or stop sign at the corner of 188th & Arthur. There've been at least 3 traffic accidents in the last 3 weeks there. Many children go to the park located at this corner. Their lives are threatened by the city's criminal lack of safety precautions.

There used to be a stop sign on the corner but it fell down and never was replaced.

**LET'S HAVE SAFE STREETS!
ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!**

Aquinas High School

When some people from White Lightning went to Aquinas H.S. recently to give out free papers to students, the principal, Marie Kennedy appeared on the scene along with some police goons on motorcycles. Many students were intimidated and reluctant to take our paper.

Although the principal told us she wouldn't stop people from reading White Lightning, it was obvious that this was her intention.

We talked with some students at Aquinas & they told us of other attempts by Kennedy & school officials to deprive students of their rights. The student council has very little power because Kennedy usually vetoes proposals to

benefit students. She won't let girls wear dungarees or different colored sweaters with their uniforms. Students must wear low-heeled brown or black shoes.

In this way, the sisters are taught that they haven't got the right to decide what to wear.

In our paper we print articles that are true. We represent the interests of all students. School officials like Marie Kennedy are afraid to let students read the truth.

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Oak Tree Park

We rapped with brothers and sisters who hang out together around 182nd St. & Arthur Ave. in Oak Tree Park. They've hung out together for years.

2½ years ago the city ripped down a whole lot of houses in this community, forcing many people to move. The plan was to build a new facility of Fordham Hospital on this land but so far nothing has been built. According to Mr. Signoret, a Fordham Hospital Administrator, architects may begin work in 6 months to 1 year and it will take at least 5 years after that for construction to be completed.



BROTHERS & SISTERS AT OAK TREE PARK

The empty lots are an eyesore that remind the people on Arthur Ave. that the city doesn't give a damn about the critical lack of decent housing or the needs of working people.

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Our Apology

Very often we put people's pictures in our paper because it adds spirit and people dig it. The pictures may not have anything to do with the articles and we have heard that this has caused confusion. Last issue the article "Cancer Pill" had a picture below it of some sisters from Bainbridge Ave. They had no relationship with this article. We are sorry if there was any misunderstanding.



188TH AND VALENTINE

Do Cops Care?

On April 5, late at night, an elderly woman approached some police outside the 46th precinct to ask for some help. She apparently was on her way home & was afraid to enter her building because she saw or heard some people she didn't know in the hallway. She wanted the cops to come with her & investigate this.

The cops were very arrogant and yelled at her. They said they had been in her building several nights before & no one was there then! Turning away from her, they told her to go on home.

The woman lives all alone & was afraid to go home. This could happen to any elderly person who lives all by themselves. Even if no one was in the hallway, what's the big deal about walking an old woman a few blocks? Is it too much of a strain? Is this the way the police serve & protect the people?

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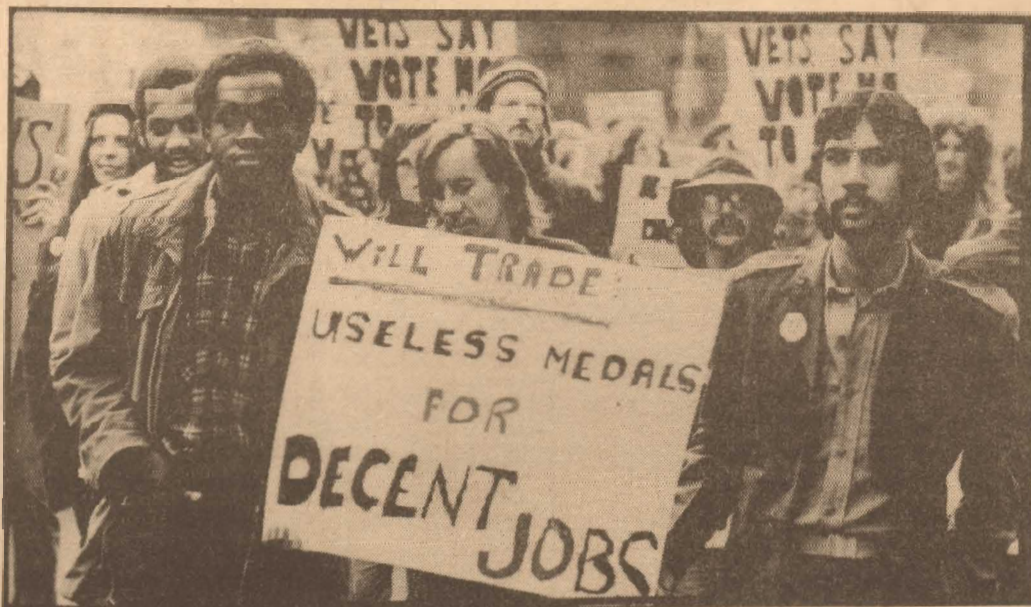


While Nixon welcomes the Colonels, Majors & Captains coming home, the regular G.I.'s face unemployment. Nationally 302,000 Vietnam Veterans cannot find work. The Administration plans drastic cuts in benefits for disabled Veterans.

THE SOLDIERS COME HOME

The soldiers coming home from Vietnam face many problems such as unemployment, poor health care and lack of decent housing. There are over six million Vietnam Era veterans who are struggling to survive in this country.

There are 300,000 Vietnam vets living in New York and 40,000 more are expected this year. 2,500 vets are discharged in the New York area each month.



These are the statistics of unemployed vets, nationally and in New York:

NATIONAL:

302,000 unemployed

NEW YORK:

17,500 unemployed

3,000 receive unemployment

4,000-7,500 are on welfare

35 vets apply for welfare every day.

Decent jobs are hard for anyone to find today. But vets who have been trained only for combat duties face additional handicaps in looking for work. The army ads promise to teach people worthwhile skills to lure them into service. This promise is a lie.

Recent hearings held by the City Commission on Human Rights heard a whole lot of excuses & promises from various federal, state & city officials. They also heard from Vietnam vets who told the Commission of their personal experiences looking for jobs. They were turned down by bosses because they were considered unskilled, unreliable and potential drug users. Vets with honorable discharges told how they had trouble getting jobs because of code numbers on their discharge papers indicating they had used drugs or had other problems in the service. The code numbers are understood by employers. This is equal to a blacklisting of vets who had any trouble in the service. It's also a violation of doctor-patient confidence.

VETS BENEFITS CUT

Since the Vietnam war began, Veterans Administration (VA) hospitals have received about 20,000 men directly from the military-- nearly all of them totally disabled. In WL #13, we told of Nixon's plans to cut vets disability

benefits. Under this plan, a vet who lost his leg in the war would have his disability rating dropped from 90% to 40%: his payments cut from \$6,740 to \$1,272 per year!

Although this plan has since been withdrawn "for further study," Nixon & the VA still plan extensive cuts for disabled veterans. Referring to this outrageous proposal recently, staff chief for the

vets and other poor & working people into degrading and horrible living conditions.

VETS AND DOPE

Many employers refuse to hire Vietnam vets if they've used drugs. By VA "facts," 50,000 vets have used hard drugs. But a recent study made for the VA & released by City Administrator Edward A. Morrison, proves this wrong. The study reported 300,000 vets have used opiates (heroin, morphine) & 450,000 more who had used barbiturates or amphetamines-- a total of 750,000 victims of the drug plague!

These vets took drugs because they were forced to fight in an unjust war to protect the property of big business-- not to defend free-



Vets Testify at City Hearings

House Veterans Committee, Oliver Meadows said, "Our understanding is that the plan is still alive."

There are plans to cut \$60 million for VA hospital construction and \$5 million from vitally needed medical programs. As it now stands, less than 15% of the VA's \$12.2 billion budget goes to Vietnam vets while 40% goes to programs for non-Vietnam vets.

If Nixon really gives a damn for these soldiers who have suffered so much, how can he justify these attempts to cut the benefits they so richly deserve?

VETS AND HOUSING

Many vets can't afford to pay agent's fees, security & the first month's rent in advance, so that they have great difficulty finding decent housing. Soaring rents plus widespread unemployment force many



dom or democracy. They are now condemned to a life of unemployment and possible drug use by these same business men who refuse them jobs.

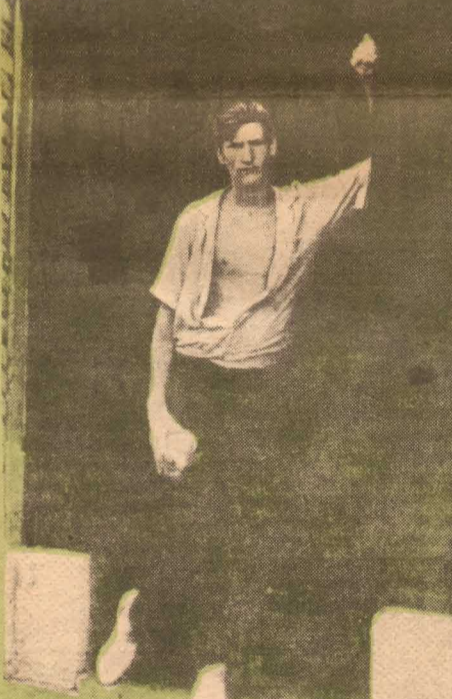
Nixon keeps trying to look good by making speeches about "peace with honor" & how much he cares about the soldiers coming home. But talk is cheap and the people are getting wise to Nixon's lies.

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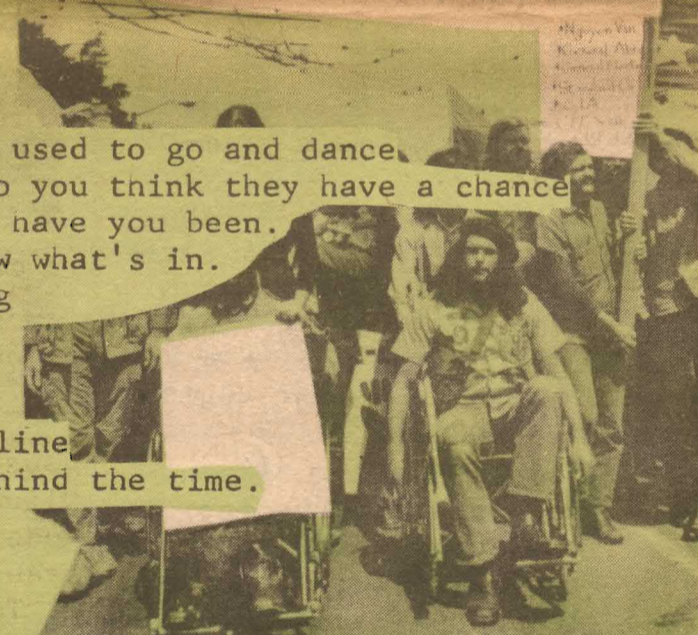
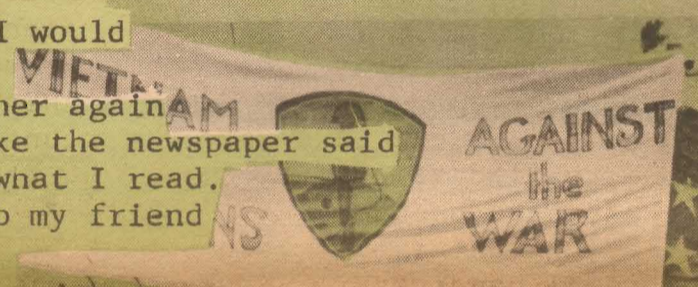
What's Happening Brother

1/2 AND 2 1/2 ROOM APARTMENT
 ALL WITH PRIVATE BATHS - NEWLY FURNISHED
FREE GAS AND ELECTRIC
 REASONABLE WEEKLY OR MONTHLY RATES



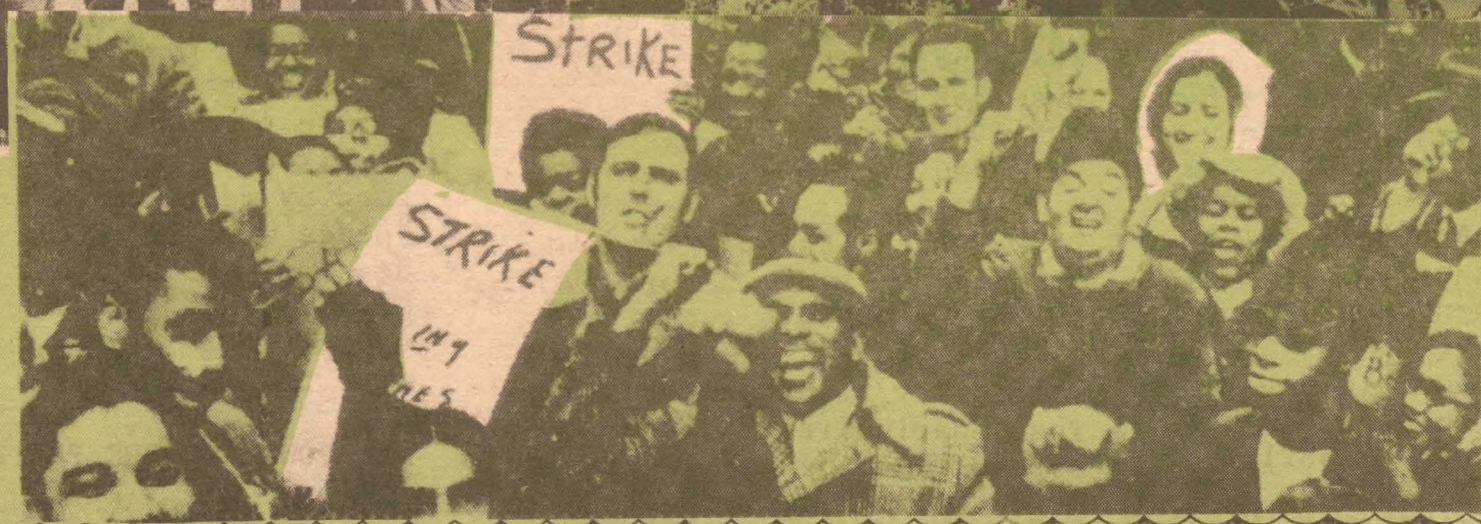
Hey, baby, what'cha know good
 I'm just gettin' back, but you knew I would
 War is hell, when will it end,
 When will people start gettin' together again
 Are things really gettin' better, like the newspaper said
 What else is new my friend, besides what I read.
 Can't find no work, can't find no job my friend
 Money is tighter than it's ever been
 Say man, I just don't understand
 what's going on across this land
 Ah what's happening brother,
 Oh ya, what's happening my man
 Are they still gettin' down where we used to go and dance.
 Will our ball club win the penant, do you think they have a chance
 And tell me friend, how in the world have you been.
 Tell me what's out and I want to know what's in.
 What's the deal man, what's happening
 What's happening brother
 What's happening my man
 Ah what's happening brother
 what's been shakin' up and down the line
 I want to know cause I'm slightly behind the time.

MARVIN GAYE



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BOSSES Push
 us into the
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 - RACISM
 - WAR



THE DRUG PLAGUE-CAUSES & HOW TO FIGHT BACK!

For most families in New York few problems are more difficult to figure out than drug addiction. Any discussion of addiction by politicians, psychiatrists, writers for the Daily News, and all the other so-called addiction experts is always clouded by layers of mysterious language and theories. We are told that drug addiction is caused by moral diseases, character disorders, criminal instincts, biological cravings, brain damage, inadequate personalities, sexual hang-ups, etc., etc. What all of this boils down to for most of us is confusion. When all is said and done by these people, the only ideas that they all agree on are the time-worn slogans--"Junkies are to blame for their own misery" and "Once a junkie, always a junkie." What all these official experts have in common is that they attempt to explain away addiction as a highly personal and individual problem.

The confusion and lies surrounding drug addiction should be seen for what they are--a smokescreen to protect those people and conditions which are really responsible for the drug plague.

Who Are The Drug Victims?

The official image of the drug addict as a maniac, a sub-human, and a diseased criminal doesn't mean much these days. There is hardly a person in all of New York who doesn't know personally some relative, neighbor or friend whose life is being wrecked by narcotics.

Although we occasionally hear about the child of some wealthy family such as Howard Samuels' being an addict, the reality is that most addicts are from poor and working families.

Black and Puerto Rican communities have been ravaged longer and more brutally by the drug plague than white communities.

In addition, poor and working people are almost always the targets of the burglaries, muggings, and other petty crimes that follow in the wake of drug plague.

Why is this so? Are we prepared to accept the conclusion that our families are natural breeding grounds for maniacs and criminals? We all work too hard and have too much dignity to accept this ugly conclusion. Yet why are so many thousands of our good brothers and sisters being killed and degraded by dope?

Who Are The Real Profiteers?

Heroin addiction alone is a \$5 billion industry. It is the most profitable item brought into the country. Heroin, however, is only a part of the narcotics industry. Methadone, which accounts for at least one overdose death in the city each day, is a multi-million dollar industry.

Methadone is produced by two giant corporations, Eli Lilly and Doane, at incredible profits for the boards of directors, by doctors--quacks and by the U.S. government.

Barbiturates lead to the ugliest and most devastating form of addiction. Barbiturates or "dope", if taken for any length of time, can cause brain damage, disorder, and possibly death. Withdrawal can also result in death. Lilly, Merck drug corporations and other producers of barbiturates such as Tuinals, Doriens, and Quaaludes, know that they will never find any legal market.

The point of all this is very simple. Drug addiction is an incredibly profitable industry. The owners of this industry are not found in their school yards, but in the shadows of the businessmen, politicians and other "respectable" people.

It is rare that the wealthy pusher is even indicted for crimes against our people

Is it safe to assume that our prisons are packed with these wealthy dope dealers? It is not! Just the opposite is true. The prisons are jammed with Black, Puerto Rican, and White people who are the victims of these money-craving animals. It is rare that the wealthy pusher is even indicted for his crimes against our people.

The reasons for this outrageous situation are not hard to understand. The wealthy drug pusher lives in a fancy suburb. He is protected by the finest lawyers. He contributes to the political campaigns of many judges and

elects officials and knows them on a first name basis. He bribes cops on all levels and often gives them a regular salary to make sure that his barbaric business is kept under cover. He arranges to have newspapers such as the Daily News spread lies about drug victims such as that they alone are responsible for drug traffic. During an election year, he will urge some of his police-friends to make token arrests of small time pushers so that the public won't focus their attention on him. The present political system, and those who run it, helps and protects the real narcotics profiteers.

Why Do People Turn To Drugs?

People may ask--"Well, even if drug addiction is very profitable for the rich, why should people take drugs in the first place?"

Throughout history, the amount of drug addiction and alcoholism has always been an accurate measure of the amount of exploitation and oppression of working people. The hundreds of thousands of drug victims in New York were not born addicted. Living conditions create drug addiction.

It is almost impossible to get a job in New York. Unemployment steadily rises. The public schools fail to give a relevant education. Medical services are expensive and often shabby. Sanitation and transportation have become a cruel joke to anyone who can't afford to live on Fifth Avenue and ride in a limo-

Is it really so hard to understand the powerful appeal dope has for poor and working people

sine. City officials are always crying that the city is bankrupt. People try to put 3 locks on their doors and view any stranger, especially people with dark skin, as possible thugs. Food prices and tents

are sky high, while the value of our pay-checks decreases because of inflation.

The people that get elected expose themselves as windbags at best and criminals at worst. Our own police chief confesses that some of his own men are among the biggest dope pushers in the world. Is it really so difficult to understand why poor and working youth try to escape and deny the horrible conditions of their lives by using drugs.

What Can Be Done

First, we must provide meaningful support to our brothers and sisters who are now victims of the drug plague. We must support drug-free programs that now exist, but also realize that these programs are inadequate. Except for the Lincoln detoxification program, most drug-free programs deal only in terms of individual hang-ups and sicknesses. They never relate to the economic and social causes that produce 10 addicts for every one that is helped to remain drug-free. Even though most drug-free programs avoid the real world, they are under attack by Rockefeller and other persons who push prison and methadone as the only way to deal with drug victims. We need more and better drug-free programs, not a police state.

Those who are responsible for the drug plague are among the most powerful people in New York. We must build a large people's anti-drug movement that will deal appropriately with the real pushers of 'legal' and illegal drugs.

Secondly, those who are responsible for the drug plague are among the most powerful people in New York. The only force that can have the strength to defeat these pushers is a unified movement of poor and working people. We must begin to build a large people's anti-drug movement that will stay clear of lying politicians and phoney drug experts. We have to deal appropriately with the real pushers of 'legal' and illegal drugs, as well as their backers in public office and in city agencies.

Thirdly, we must not separate our struggle against the drug plague from other struggles for better living and working conditions. Tenants' battles against criminal landlords, consumers' strikes against sky high food prices, community protests against poor medical services are all steps in doing away with the conditions that make drug addiction possible.

Our lives and the lives of our children and friends are in danger. If we enter the battle with this understanding, then certainly we will win.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

If 300,000 people were stricken by polio, it would be considered a plague. Why is it when 300,000 are stricken by heroin, it is an "individual" problem?

In N.Y. city even conservative politicians have been forced to admit that there are over 300,000 people addicted to narcotics. To show the foolishness and dishonesty of the 'experts' arguments, let's compare polio to drug addiction.

First, if over 300,000 people were suddenly stricken by polio, nobody would say it was an individual problem. They would call it a plague, a problem that affects an enormous number of people, in short a social problem.

Secondly, if we learned that a few wealthy people were deliberately spreading the polio virus in order to make billions of dollars and were being protected by politicians and public servants, then nobody would speak about individual problems. They would speak about economic and political problems.

And finally, while individuals would get treatment, nobody would say that the elimination of the polio plague is an individual responsibility. Thousands of people would be responsible to come together and fight the social and economic causes of the polio plague.

High Paid Phoney Experts

It is no accident that many politicians, policemen, judges, psychologists, and other highly paid drug experts are peddling this crap about the individual reasons for the drug plague. The last thing in the world they want to see is a real people's movement against the drug plague. If people understood the causes and solutions to drug addiction, then many of these highly paid experts would lose their jobs, their prestige, and their money. A lot of them would get locked up in a prison cell.

STOP THE PLAGUE!



PUERTO RICO-A U.S. COLONY

ON NOV. 2 LAST YEAR THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROVED THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO TO SELFDETERMINATION, BY A VOTE OF 99 TO 5. THIS MEANS THAT THE ASSEMBLY CONSIDERS PUERTO RICO A COLONY. OPPOSING VOTES WERE CAST BY, U.S., SOUTH AFRICA, PORTUGAL, FRANCE AND BRITAIN ALL STILL COLONIAL POWERS!

BORINQUEN

Puerto Rico is an island in the Caribbean. It measures about 100 miles east to west & 35 miles north to south. It is home for 2.7 million people.

The Indian name for the island, Borinquen, was changed to Puerto Rico by the Spanish when they "discovered" the island in 1493. The native inhabitants were the Taino Indians who were used by the Spanish for hard labor and slaves. When revolts arose, the Indians were massacred and the race was slowly exterminated. There was also a high Indian death rate due to the lack of immunity against the many new diseases introduced by the Spanish.

When the Indian slave supply ran out, the Spanish ruling class brought in African slaves. But soon they too revolted against the inhuman treatment & exploitation. They were soon butchered like the Taino Indians.

GRITO DE LARES

As time went on it was obvious that the Spanish rulers could only stop revolt for a while by massacring the rebels. But the rebellious spirit in the oppressed people kept coming to the surface in the form of uprisings. In the 18th & 19th centuries the uprisings by the Blacks were supported by a section of the "white" population in Puerto Rico. This group began to feel like Puerto Ricans, not Spaniards. Here were the beginnings of national struggles for independence in Puerto Rico. A great patriot and leader, Ramon Emeterio Betances, arose at this time. He led the struggles against slavery in the 1868 Grito de Lares--the Lares uprising for independence. Puerto Rican Independentistas (independence fighters) regard Betances as Padre de la Patria (father of our land).

In the Grito de Lares on Sept. 23, 1968 Puerto Rican patriots almost succeeded in overthrowing the Spanish rulers. The patriots took the town of Lares & proclaimed the Republic of Puerto Rico. But after a bloody battle, the outnumbered patriots were defeated by the Spanish.

For they tell us
the best life is lived
in the West.
That there we have "God",
"Democracy",
the "True Freedom".
And they pay us
starvation wages;
steal our natural resources;
divide our blood
among themselves
and choose the shiniest
and blackest skins
to bind the book of
"Constitutional Rights".

Vincente Rodriguez Nietzsche

Every year on the 23rd of September Puerto Rican Independentistas go to the town of Lares to celebrate the "Proclamation of Lares".

SELFGOVERNING RULE

The fight for independence on the island continued to grow stronger until the Spanish Empire, in 1897, was forced to grant the Puerto Rican people self-governing rule. They now had their own money, banking and postal system. They could trade with any country in the world. They had their own citizenship and were no longer forced to serve in the Spanish army. They had 16 representatives on the Spanish Cortes

No Spanish law or treaty concerning Puerto Rico could be passed unless it was approved by the Puerto Rican Parliament.



Puerto Ricans in Chicago demonstrate for Independence

U.S. PROTECTION = U.S. COLONY

But in 1898 all this changed when Puerto Rico was invaded by the U.S. at the end of the Spanish-American War. Supposedly, the Americans came to "protect" the island from Spain, but in reality American rule turned out to be much worse than Spanish rule.

First, we must see that the invasion was illegal. The U.S. claimed that Spain had handed over Puerto Rico to the U.S. in the Treaty of Paris in 1898. But the Puerto Rican Parliament never approved of such an outrageous treaty and the people of the island were never asked! The U.S. seized Puerto Rico illegally and is keeping her as a colony even today.

American history books make it look like Puerto Rico was freed by the U.S. but the takeover was discussed years before 1898. In 1891, the U.S. secretary of state, James G. Blaine, declared that "the United States should annex the islands of Cuba and Puerto Rico". Soon after the Spanish-American War broke out, multi-millionaire Andrew Carnegie sent a telegram to army commander General Miles advising him on the convenience of the U.S. taking over Puerto Rico!

COLONIAL LIVING STANDARDS

Now let's look at what life is like in a U.S. colony.

The Puerto Rican economy is controlled by rich businessmen in the U.S. who reap a 30-40% profit on their investments every year. They don't even pay taxes on these investments for a period of 12-17 years.

But the Puerto Ricans don't see any of these profits. The unemployment rate is 14.3% and the cost of living is 15% higher than in the U.S. while wages are 3 times lower! 97% of Puerto Rico's trade goes to the U.S. and therefore America can decide how much it wants to pay for the goods.

13% of the best farmland is owned by the U.S. military. The nearby island of Culebra is used as a firing range for weapons testing. Several islanders have

been killed. The inhabitants of Culebra are involved in a heavy struggle to kick the U.S. military out.

66% of Puerto Rican farmland is owned by landlords living in the U.S. Puerto Ricans must serve in the U.S. army. All U.S. laws are automatically laws in Puerto Rico. A U.S. fed. court can overturn any ruling made by the Puerto Rican supreme court.

Due to these conditions, many Puerto Ricans have been forced to go to the U.S. mainland in search of a better life. 1,800,000 Puerto Ricans are living in the ghettos of New York and other cities where they get the worst housing and lowest paying jobs.

THE FIGHT GOES ON!

U.S. business needs Puerto Rico as a source of cheap labor so companies can produce more for less money. When the Puerto Ricans fight back, the racist bosses try to make them look like criminals.

But when we look at the history of the Puerto Rican people, we can see their heroic struggles for a better life have been going on for hundreds of years, often against great odds. Their fight for the independence of Puerto Rico will continue!

VIVA PUERTO RICO LIBRE!

DRUG PLAGUE—A REVOLUTIONARY SOLUTION

WHAT WE WANT

1. WE WANT AN END TO THE CONDITIONS THAT CAUSE PEOPLE TO USE NARCOTICS.

Unemployment, poor housing, inadequate education, job speed-ups and oppressive working conditions lead people to use narcotics. These conditions are even worse for Blacks, Latins, Asians, and Indians. The drug plague is a symptom of deteriorating living and working conditions in this country.

2. WE WANT ALL NARCOTICS PROFITEERS OUT OF OUR COMMUNITIES.

As difficult as life is for our people, they would not use drugs if they were not available. The addict-pusher doesn't profit from drug sales, but suffers from drug abuse. The real profiteers are drug companies who over-produce for the illegal market, doctors and druggists who sell narcotics, and organized crime and their friends in the police, courts, and government.

3. WE WANT COMMUNITY EDUCATION ABOUT NARCOTICS ADDICTION.

People must understand why drugs are in our communities and how the government channels us toward using narcotics. Profits are the main reason for widespread narcotic sales. Heroin is a \$5 billion a year business, making it the largest import brought into the country. Narcotics also keep people divided and stop them from fighting for better conditions. For both these reasons, narcotics have been used on a large scale since the civil war. When people fight back, heroin is brought into poor communities, as well as into schools and the armed forces. People are channeled toward drugs by advertising--barbiturates ("downs") for tension and amphetamines ("ups") for over-active children. There are 5 million alcoholics, 1 million heroin addicts, and millions of amphetamine and barbiturate users in this country. Big drug and alcohol manufacturers push people to use these chemicals to increase their profit.

4. WE WANT COMMUNITY-WORKER-RESIDENT CONTROL OF ALL NARCOTICS PROGRAMS.

Most drug programs are run for profit. Residents, workers, and community people almost never have a say in how the programs function. This is why the programs do not meet the needs of the people. Phoenix House and Synanon each make over 1 million dollars a year in profit. Yet residents in these programs are forced to hustle stores to have food to eat. These programs obviously put profit before people's lives. People in direct contact with drug addiction are most capable of solving the problem. The most effective programs are controlled by community people, workers, and residents. The Lincoln Detoxification program is a good example.

5. WE WANT ALL DRUG PROGRAMS TO TEACH ABOUT THE REAL CAUSES OF ADDICTION.

Most programs are based on therapy which has never been shown to help addicts. Therapy starts with the idea that addiction is an individual problem and puts the complete burden for change on the individual person. Thousands of residents in drug programs are told the plague of drug addiction is entirely their fault. When people learn that drugs are a social and not a personal problem, they will be able to do something about it.

6. WE WANT THE ELIMINATION OF LEGAL ADDICTIVE DRUGS SUCH AS METHADONE AND HEROIN MAINTENANCE

Methadone is more addictive and physically more destructive than heroin. People in methadone maintenance programs are not drug-free. They are now controlled by the government and the money is made by profit-hungry drug manufacturers. Programs using legal addiction as "treatment" should be phased out as drug-free programs replace them. Methadone maintenance programs are used to control people and prevent them from working toward change.

7. WE WANT THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF ADDICTS AND EX-ADDICTS TO BE RESPECTED.

Drug users receive more contempt than pushers who are responsible for millions of deaths. Widespread prejudice against former addicts denies them schooling and jobs. Instead, people are told, "once a junkie, always a junkie." Ex-addicts are forced into a life of poverty. These brothers and sisters must be respected and seen as victims of the drug plague. People's support can help them make a meaningful contribution to our communities.

8. WE WANT THE RELEASE OF ALL PRISONERS ARRESTED ON DRUG-RELATED CHARGES.

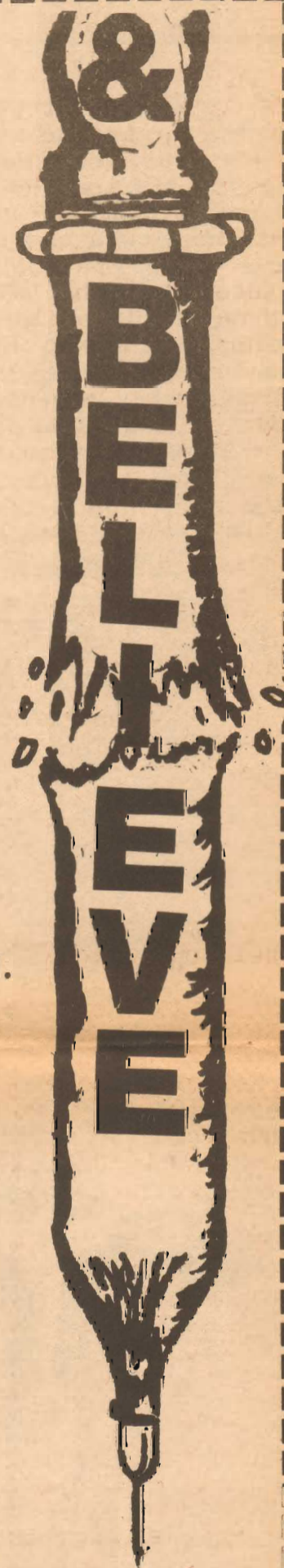
The government spends more money building prisons, than arresting big dope pushers. 85% of the people in New York City prisons are there on drug-related charges. The government usually proposes a police state approach to drug addiction. We need more drug-free programs, job training, and jobs.

9. WE WANT THE GOVERNMENT TO STOP USING DRUGS AS AN EXCUSE TO INVADE OUR COMMUNITIES.

Undercover agents have used phoney searches for drugs as an excuse to occupy communities with horrible living conditions, primarily Black and Puerto Rican communities. Drugs have been planted on activists to stop their struggle to create a decent society. Several laws that decrease our civil rights have been passed under the pretense of fighting the drug plague.

10. WE WANT WORKING PEOPLE TO CONTROL THIS SOCIETY.

Only a society based on profit makes money off the suffering and death of working people through narcotics sales. When working people control this country, we will be able to end the narcotics problem by eliminating bad living conditions and providing for the needs of the people. This system of people's power is called socialism.



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Birth Control Methods

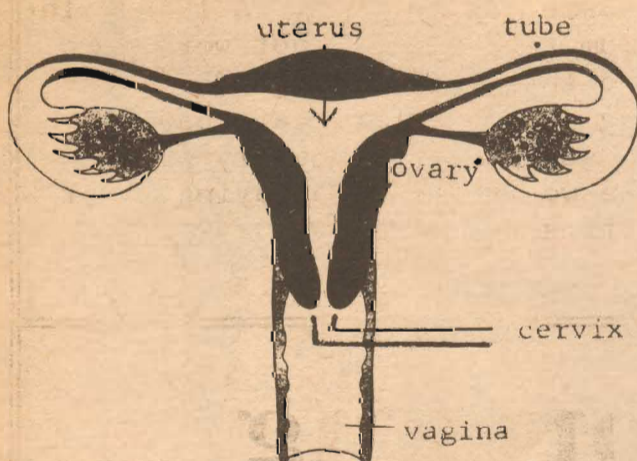
It should be a woman's right to decide when to have a baby.

It should be a woman's right to decide when to have a baby. Yet, as a woman tries to obtain a birth control method that is good for her, she may run up against one or more of the obstacles that exist in our society: repressive laws in some states, poor publicity about sources of birth control care, misleading information from profit-oriented drug companies, and even from doctors.

In the article that follows, we'll try to give an impartial and honest view of the available methods of birth control.

SPERMICIDES

Spermicides are foams, jellies, or creams which are made up of two components: one a sperm-killing chemical, and the other a harmless foam base. The chemical kills the sperm in the vagina and the base mechanically blocks the cervix. Only the foams should be considered for use because the creams and jellies often fail to spread evenly over the cervix. The most popular foams are Delfen and Emko and are considered to be equally effective by the Federal Food and Drug Administration. Planned Parenthood, on the other hand, has found Delfen to be more effective. The foam must be inserted not more than 1 hour before



Female Reproductive System

each act of intercourse and the woman must not douche for 6-8 hours afterward. Two applications before intercourse offer some added protection.

The advantage is that foams can be bought in any drugstore without a prescription.

The disadvantage is that some men and women find that they are allergic to the chemical content and experience mild irritation.

DIAPHRAGM

The diaphragm, invented in 1882, is a soft rubber dome that forms a barrier to prevent the sperm from entering the uterus. Women and diaphragms come in different sizes, and the point is to get the two to fit together perfectly. And this means going to a doctor. Diaphragms are not effective unless used with a spermicide cream or jelly, and you must insert a fresh appli-



cation of spermicide between each act of intercourse.

The advantages are lack of dangerous side effects, and its effectiveness if used well.

There are disadvantages though which include slipping of the diaphragm during sex, and improper fit.

THE "PILL"

The pill is the most effective form of birth control. There are 2 types of pills, sequentials and combinations (Combination pills are now preferred by most gynecologists). Both types are potent--they cause more than 50 biochemical

changes in a woman's body--and there are certain women who should not take them. Be sure your doctor takes a complete medical history, particularly of any blood, kidney or liver disorders, before giving you a prescription.

Most oral contraceptives are now taken in a series of 21 pills--a convenient 3 weeks on, 1 week off--which means that the responsibility for their effectiveness rests on the woman's memory.

Advantages: it's very simple to use, and it's convenient.

Disadvantages: nausea, fluid retention, depression, fatigue and weight gain. The most serious complications--and the incidence of these is low--are thromboembolism and vascular disease.

INTRA-UTERINE DEVICE (IUD)

The intra-uterine device (IUD) is a very small, flexible plastic device inserted into the lowest part of the uterus. The IUD can be inserted anytime during the menstrual cycle. It has a string or strings attached so you can check periodically to see if it has been expelled. If trimmed properly, the thread cannot be felt when having sex.

The advantages are that the woman's body goes through no chemical changes, it's cheap, and it doesn't require daily attention like the pill.

Most women do suffer mild pain upon insertion. You can also expect spotting and an increased menstrual flow for the first few cycles after insertion.

White Lightning has some very complete, good, and easy-to-read pamphlets on birth control. They are free to sisters and brothers who want them. Give us a call or drop by the storefront.

CHANCES OF PREGNANCY WITH DIFFERENT BIRTH CONTROL DEVICES

SPERMICIDES: 3-10 pregnancies per 100 women over a 1-year period.

DIAPHRAGM: 10 pregnancies per 100 women over a 1-year period.

THE PILL: 1 pregnancy per 1,000 women because of pill failure over a 1-year period.

7 pregnancies per 1,000 women because of human error over a 1-year period.

IUD: 1.9 pregnancies per 100 women over a 1-year period.

NATIONAL NEWS

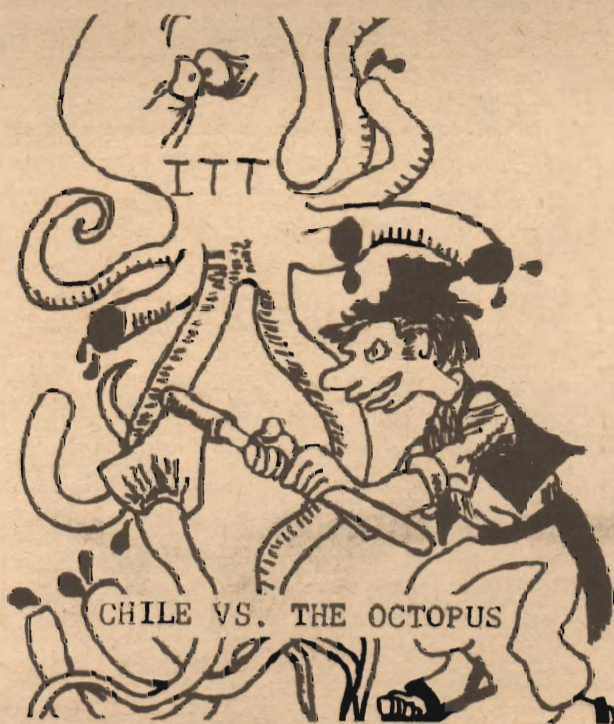
ITT Scandal

A Senate subcommittee investigating international U.S. corporations is uncovering elaborate plans by the International Telephone & Telegraph Corp. (ITT) & the CIA to bring about the collapse of Chile's Marxist government led by Salvatore Allende. Top officials of ITT & the CIA have admitted that they planned actions together in the event Allende won Chile's 1970 elections. These actions included stirring up violence that would lead to a military takeover and also the use of U.S. agencies to supply anti-Allende propaganda to other Latin American countries. Because of disagreement as to exactly which tactic to use, plans were delayed until after the election. ITT then decided to bring about "economic collapse" by pressuring American companies to stop or slow down on shipments of supplies and on loans.

Finally, ITT offered the CIA \$1 million to prevent Allende from holding office. The well-known tactics of political sabotage & espionage were to be used.

At the U.N. in December, Allende accused ITT of "attempting to bring about civil war in my country." Self-governing businesses like ITT do more damage to the U.S. image than any Marxist government ever could. Profit-hungry businesses must stop controlling our foreign policy.

**END U.S. INTERFERENCE
IN CHILE!**



Don't Eat What You Read

One of the most widely-used food dyes in the U.S.--a chemical called "Violet Number One"--is suspected by food researchers of causing cancerous tumors and skin lesions.

U.S. food processors used 65,000 pounds of Violet One in fiscal 1972, 20 times as much as they used in 1971. Violet One is being used to replace Red Two, a food dye which is suspected of causing birth defects.

Ralph Nader's Center for Science in the Public Interest warns that Canadian researchers have found that animals that were fed Violet One developed malignant tumors and skin lesions.

However, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has rejected petitions calling for a ban on Violet One.

Ironically, one of the biggest users of Violet One is the U.S. Government itself. Whenever you see a piece of meat marked with the "USDA Stamp of Approval" that purple stamp is pure Violet One.

Nixon's Cutbacks

Now that Nixon has cut back on all social welfare programs, such as summer jobs for youth, he is trying to quiet our anger by giving us half-baked alternatives. Yes, he is going to make money available for 776,000 summer jobs but that money is merely being taken from the Emergency Employment Assistance Act which provides year-round public service jobs for needy adults.

Nixon slyly gave the states the responsibility of deciding who should get the money & jobs, the adults or the youth so his hands remain clean. Either way, one group will be cheated out of what it deserves.

Jackson & Kent Murders

White Lightning remembers the 6 brothers & sisters who were murdered by national guards and sheriff's deputies at Kent State, Ohio and Jackson State, Mississippi, May 1970.

Unfair Taxes

276 Americans with incomes over \$100,000 paid no federal income tax in 1971. A 1969 "minimum tax" law has not worked to end this tax dodging. The working people truly are paying to support this country while the wealthy escape paying their fair share.

Wounded Knee Uprising

The blackout & distortion of news from Wounded Knee has been incredible ever since the Indians seized the little town in So. Dakota in February. There are strong ties between the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) & Richard Wilson, a self-made dictator of his appointed Indian districts. He maintains control with goon squads and violence. The only news reporters allowed into the town are those from major newspapers & they must be out by 4:30. The news that is in the papers comes totally from government press releases which are slanted & often far from the truth. Here are a few examples:

--Dennis Banks & Russell Means, 2 leaders of the American Indian Movement (AIM) had split the



country with \$6,000.

--a riot inside Wounded Knee between the Oglala Sioux who wanted to surrender & AIM members

who refused to let the "discontented" leave.

One of the Indians' lawyers, Mark Lane, said there was no "martyr" & that he didn't know where that news came from. He also said Banks & Means were still inside Wounded Knee. The rumors were clearly a divide & conquer tactic of the government.

The Indians want an investigation into the broken treaties made by the BIA and also the removal of Wilson.

Support for the Indians is nationwide. In New York, 4000 people attended a service & forum honoring the Wounded Knee struggle. Indians across the country are uniting & feeling strong & proud. Their demands will be heard throughout the world.

WHAT'S GOIN' ON

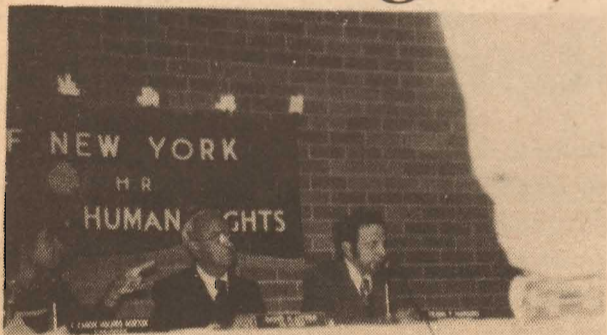


THE YUGOSLAVIAN SOCCER TEAM AND THE ALBANIAN SOCCER TEAM AFTER A GAME AT FORDHAM U. SOCCER FIELD. IF YOU LIKE SOCCER, COME AROUND ON SUNDAYS, USUALLY THERE'LL BE A GAME GOING ON AT FORDHAM.

They Made Him An Offer-And He Refused!

Denouncing Hollywood's role in degrading the Indian, actor Marlon Brando rejected the highest award for an actor, the Oscar. In a short speech delivered for him by Sacheen Little Feather an Apache Indian, Brando explained that movies have done much to influence people's ideas about Native Americans. They are always shown as wild savages and barbarians. White settlers butchered entire tribes, ripped-off Indian land & still try to deprive Indians of their rights. They are shown in movies as good guys in white hats who only want to civilize the Indian. ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

Ex-Prisoners Win Rights



COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

The Commission On Human Rights recently released guidelines to be used by employers & unions in New York to eliminate the use of arrest records and restrict use of conviction records as a criteria for job selection.

Regarding arrest records the guidelines provide that, "it will be considered an unlawful, discriminating practice for employers or employment agencies to ask of any applicant or employee any question relating to arrest records or to solicit information from other sources." The exceptions are state or local laws prohibiting hiring of ex-convicts, such as working in a store that sells liquor.

Legal Pushers

One hears a lot about dope pushers in our communities. Recently we encountered a new type-- one belonging to the NYC Addiction Services Agency. This "dopemobile" parked at 188th St. and Grand Concourse, offered a life-time on methadone maintenance to anyone who wanted it. Observing the truck for an hour, we noticed no one entering or leaving, so it is safe to assume that people were not fooled into taking this poison.



A.S.A. DOPEMOBILE

The solution to heroin addiction is not methadone addiction, but job training and placement, good housing, decent education, and combating racism. So the "dopemobile" rolled away, hoping to find some brothers and sisters somewhere else to poison.

DOWN WITH LEGAL DOPE!
ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!



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POW's

The U.S. is bombing Cambodia & hinting at renewed bombing of North Vietnam. There's a chance of more war and more POW's, because Nixon's "Peace With Honor" is a farce.

NEW YORK POST, FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 1973

The opinions below are those of the Black Panther Party and N.Y. Post columnist Pete Hamill. White Lightning is reprinting these editorials because they are close to our own opinion.

The POW issue will be of continuous importance, because the war isn't over. America has military advisers in Vietnam. Daily bombing raids are being carried out over Cambodia. The Pentagon is suggesting to Congress the possibility of bombing North Vietnam again. There's a good chance of many more POWs and continuing war, because Nixon's "peace with honor" is a farce.



Pete Hamill

THE PW SHOW

The troops are well home now, at least the ones who wear the uniforms of combat. (Some 9000 plainclothes soldiers remain in South Vietnam, in the employ of the great Gen. Thieu.) All the PWs are back.

Every night now for weeks, we have seen these men on TV. The torture stories have come with an increasing well-orchestrated crescendo, at least three a day, at precisely the time that Richard Nixon is in large trouble over skyrocketing prices, ITT-Chile, Watergate, and the unconstitutional bombing of Cambodia.

This is not to say that torture did not take place. It is to suggest that the torture stories are now being used, the way the PWs have been used all along: to cover up other matters.

We have to start with one premise: the PWs would not have been tortured if they hadn't been in North Vietnam in the first place. The great majority of these men were pilots. They were not drafted. Nobody tore them out of their homes and told them they must go and bomb North Vietnam. From 1966 on, the moral issues of the war were clear, and those men still chose to get into airplanes and bomb North Vietnam.

In the process of doing this, they were shot down. They were captured. They were interrogated. Some were tortured. Some died. When the survivors were finally released, most of them looked a lot healthier than most of the people in the South Bronx. They are, in fact, the healthiest looking crowd of prisoners of war in history. At one of these Pentagon-sponsored press conferences someone should ask them what they think would have happened to a North Vietnamese pilot if

he had been shot down over Bay Ridge while bombing the U. S. I would guess that the guys would have been beaten to death on the spot.

The question isn't courage; it isn't even torture, although the torture stories are making it easier to justify the bombing of Cambodia and the current American tour of Gen. Thieu, whose "tiger cages" were not exactly models of penology. The issue is whether the American people will ever accept the truth. The PW show, sponsored by Richard Nixon's Pentagon, is blurring one simple truth: that those men would never have suffered so much if they had not been bombing North Vietnam in the first place.

The PWs are almost all professional military men, which is precisely why we should not take their current judgments too seriously. Most of them have been out of the real world for the past five or six years; before that they inhabited the equally unreal world of the professional armed services. They are men, after all, who believe in the essential nobility of killing for your country.

The Nixon Administration has now moved these men into politics, exploiting them in precisely the way the President promised he would not exploit them. But that makes it the duty of all of us to scrutinize them as toughly as we would anyone else involved in politics. Nixon is promoting some of them to generals and admirals, which means they will be helping to operate the military machine for a long time to come. Vietnam is over for us, but we are still bombing Cambodia, and it will be tough to raise a cry again for the pilots who are shot down near Phnom Penh.



Black Panther Party Editorial: Anti-War POW's

Racism is at the heart of the threats of court-martial for some returning POWs. Check it out. A disproportionate number of those returning POWs threatened for their anti-war activity are Black.

If you've wondered--as we watched TV reports of returning POWs--where the Black POWs are, you'll find many of them among those the military is returning quietly without fanfare. Many actively opposed the aggression against the Vietnamese people, not just in the POW camps but before they were captured as well. They were not alone. Resistance to the war among the troops throughout Vietnam was widespread. It knew no color line and it did not cease after those participating were captured.

What is really at issue is the clash that occurred within the POW camps when White, mainly Air Force pilot officers confronted Black, low-ranked infantry linemen and enlisted men. The pilots, raining their death and destruction from the relative safety and distance of the skies, saw the war one way. The infantryman and enlisted man, compelled to inflict his death and destruction at close range for days and weeks at a time, saw the war in quite a different way.

Newspaper reports indicate that it is the returning pilot POWs that are "especially furious" about enlisted men who actively opposed the U.S. aggression in Vietnam and who may bring charges against the enlisted men. It is these same pilot officers who could not command the obedience of anti-war activist POWs within the POW camps, and are now being encouraged to avenge their injured pride which was shot to hell because many of the anti-war enlisted men were Black.

Anti-war forces throughout this country must oppose this double assault against anti-war activists from within the military. They put their very lives on the line twice to oppose and speak out against the horrors the U.S. military inflicted upon the Vietnamese people. To permit them to be court martialed now, after their



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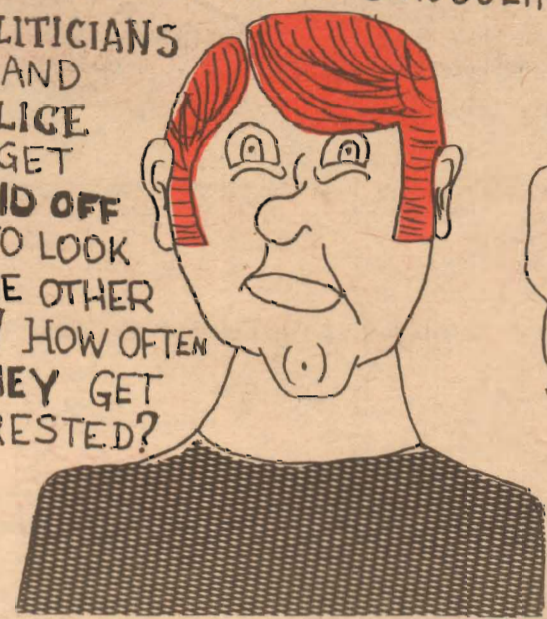
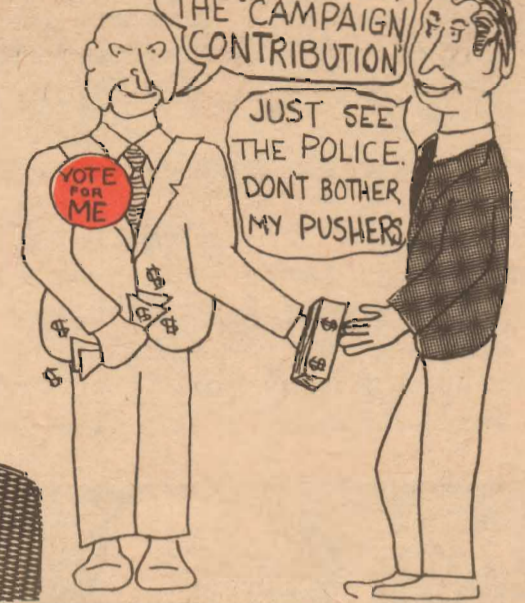
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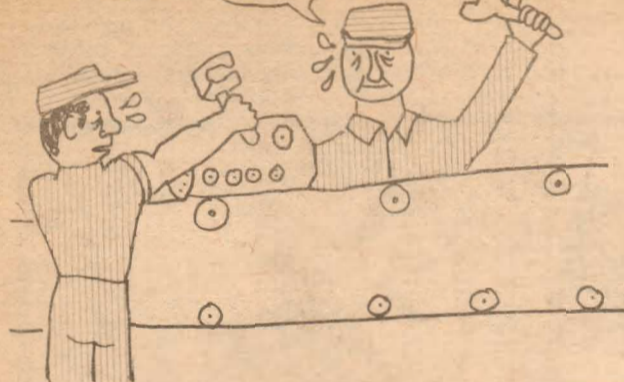
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 DON'T BOTHER
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IF I WASN'T
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GOD DAMN
 SPEED UP!



HERE'S SOME
 MORE TYPING
 FOR YOU
 HONEY

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WHY DO PEOPLE TAKE DRUGS?
 SOME **WORKERS** TAKE DOPE
 SO THEY CAN DO THEIR
 HEAVY WORK LOAD,
HOUSEWIVES BECAUSE THEY'RE
 TRAPPED IN THEIR HOUSES
 FOR LACK OF DAYCARE
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**METHADONE
 COSTS LESS THAN
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 TO MAKE. I SELL A
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BUT THIS "SOLUTION"
 DOES NOT CORRECT THE CAUSES.

DRUG PROGRAMS
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WE WANT
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WE WAS IN VIETNAM
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LET
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