

WHITE LIGHTNING

WE, MEMBERS OF THE SPIRIT OF LOGOS, WHO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO LIBERATE OURSELVES FROM THE HEROIN PLAGUE THROUGH POLITICAL STRUGGLE, WISH TO MAKE A STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE SISTERS & BROTHERS WHO MAY NEVER HAVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITY.

METHADONE

'71 - 4,000 '73 - 25,000!!!
'72 - 11,000



THE CONSPIRACY BEING LEVELED AGAINST ADDICTED BROTHERS & SISTERS, CHEMICAL FASCISM, IS A DIABOLICAL ATTEMPT ON THE PART OF THE U.S. GOV'T. TO SUPPRESS AND CONTROL A HUGE GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE STOPPED BELIEVING IN THEIR LIES.

AND NOW
FROM THE ANIMALS THAT
BROUGHT US OPIUM,
MORPHINE, AND HEROIN!!

METHADONE !!

THE FIGURES STATED ON THIS PAGE, TESTIFY TO THE LACK OF REGARD THE PIGS HAVE FOR THE LIVES OF POOR AND WORKING CLASS PEOPLE. TO REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY HAVE UP THEIR SLEEVES WE WILL HAVE TO TAKE A HISTORICAL LOOK AT WHAT PURPOSE NARCOTIC BASED DRUGS HAVE PLAYED IN CONTROLLING MASSES OF PEOPLE. NARCOTICS ADDICTION HAS ITS PLACE IN HISTORY RIGHT ALONGSIDE THE LIBERTY BELL, THE GREAT WESTERN EXPANSION, AND EVERY WAR AS MUCH

AS YOU MIGHT SEARCH FOR INFORMATION HOWEVER, WHAT HAS BEEN PUBLISHED ON THE SUBJECT IS NOT ONLY LIMITED, BUT IS ALSO FALSE IN MANY INSTANCES. WE GOT OUR INFORMATION FROM "PEOPLES" SOURCES

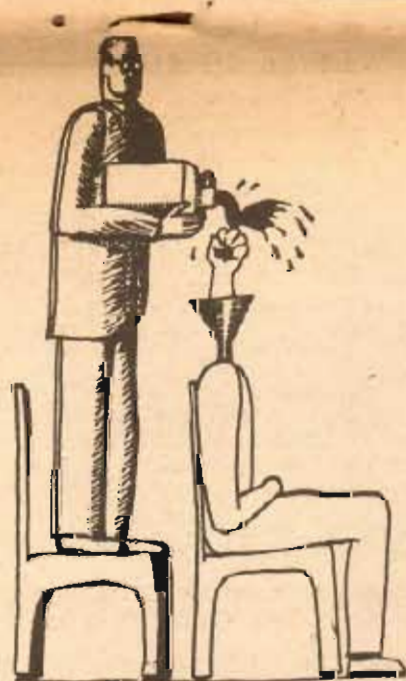


An oriental poppy, whose green pods are tapped for a milky fluid which, after drying, is pure opium.

TUESDAY NIGHTS AT THE
STOREFRONT, MEETINGS
FOR OUR PEOPLE WHO ARE
USING HEROIN OR WHO HAS
PAST EXPERIENCE WITH IT.

THERE ARE FEW PLACES
THAT WE KNOW OF IN
N.Y. WHERE A SISTER
OR A BROTHER USING
DRUGS OR WITH PAST
EXPERIENCE OF USING
DRUGS CAN GO AND RAP
ABOUT IT, THAT IS
WITHOUT 'BEING CALLED
AN ASS WHOLE AN
IDIOT OR A DUMMY. WE
DONT DIG BEING RE-
LATED TO THAT WAY AND
WE KNOW THAT OUR
BROS. + SIS. DONT EITHER
7:30 P.M. TUES. WE
GET DOWN TO REALITY
AND LEAVE THE THERAPY
TO THE THERAPISTS.

ALL POWER TO ALL
OPPRESSED PEOPLE
W.L.



KICK THAT JONES

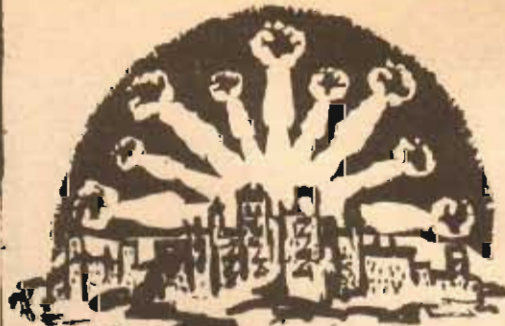
Our People are being forced on to methadone maintenance programs. They are being forced in Therapeutic Communities. The pigs are having a feast at our expense. Yeah! them bastards are sitting back and having a ball. We are going to have to build an army of ex-victims to combat their madness. We can provide detoxification for

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ALL POWER TO ALL
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any one who is ready to liberate themselves from the plague. Come to the storefront and check it out. - WHITE LIGHTNING-

WE AT W.L. REJECT THE IDEA THAT WRITING IS JUST FOR "PROFESSIONALS." THE HELL WITH THAT!!! WE HELP EACH OTHER WITH THE ARTICLES THAT APPEAR IN THIS PAPER. WE ARE ASKING ALL POOR + WORKING CLASS WHITES WHO WANT THEIR VOICES TO BE HEARD TO SEND ARTICLES OR POEMS OR ART WORK TO 'WHITE LIGHTNING' AND WE WILL PRINT IT. *W.L.*



HOW SHOULD
ONE APPROACH
A PROBLEM?



A FROG IN
A WELL
SAYS:



"THE SKY IS NO
BIGGER THAN THE
MOUTH OF THE WELL."



THAT IS UNTRUE -
FOR THE SKY IS NOT
JUST THE SIZE OF
THE MOUTH OF THE
WELL.



IT IS TRUE THAT
A PART OF THE
SKY IS THE SIZE
OF THE MOUTH OF
THE WELL.

ONE SHOULD
SEE THE WHOLE
AS WELL AS
THE PARTS.



PRIOR TO 1840:

(CONT. FRONT PAGE)

HAMLIN'S WIZARD OIL

THE GREAT MEDICAL WONDER.

There is no Sore it will Not Heal, No Pain it will not Subdue.



HAMLIN'S COUGH BALSAM

PLEASANT TO TAKE
MAGICAL IN ITS EFFECTS.

The scene above is familiar to all T.V. fans. The famous "medicine wagon" is always shown as part of the old west. What is not exposed however is the fact that the majority of the medicine being sold from the wagons and across the counter of hundreds drug stores contained as high as 5-10% narcotic ingredients. Even though little study had been done on the drugs, the gov't. still allowed them to be patented and sold. This practise undoubtedly caused the addiction of thousands of unknowing victims.

1840:

This year brought the invention of the hypodermic needle. The age of modern addiction as we know it grew rapidly. The administering of drugs became much easier.

1861-65: HEALTH FOR THE SOLDIER!



There is no doubt that right now a heroin epidemic is ravaging our brothers in Viet Nam. "SOLDIERS SICKNESS" has followed American fighting forces where ever they have gone. During the civil war, morphine poured across the battle fields. 45,000 veterans came home with a jones.

During the following decades, addiction spread to many poor and oppressed communities. Harlem's drug problem probably has its origins in this segment of history. The alarm rang out across the land, just as we have witnessed in the last few years. Still no action would be taken until.....

1890:

The cry for a cure prompted the medical world to begin experimentation and seek the "cure". Meanwhile many withdrawal clinics appeared all over the map. (sounds familiar, doesn't it) With the same beasts looking for a cure, the same animals that by that time had 4% of the population strung out, it is no wonder that in.....

1898:

HEROIN was introduced by some fanatical group of scientist as a cure for morphine addiction. It's use as a cure continued for the next twelve years. In 1910, the addictive power, much more heavier than morphine, was finally recognized. Tens of thousands of people were using the drug regularly. The events of the next few years brought suffering and pain to the victims of the gov'ts. lunacy. 1914 saw the adoption of the Harrison Act. This served no purpose but to

drive the narcotics trade underground. It was purely an attempt on the part of the gov't. to control and of course TAX the sale and distribution of the drug. Addicted Brothers and Sisters were left to kick "cold" turkey

The pigs running this country and no one else are responsible for the Plague which now touches -es almost everyone's lives. In 1924 all treatment facilities were closed down. Addicts had to turn to crime and illegal sources to escape the painful withdrawal. The growing crime syndicate readily filled the demand. Women were forced into prostitution. Men into thievery. The pigs did succeed in pushing the drug issue out of the public eye. But the plague continued to grow. It found a permanent home among the oppressed black masses, spread to the Puerto Rican immigrants and now it has once again reared its head among the oppressed white masses. Thousands of poor people, seeking some kind of relief from their sentence to amerikkkan poverty have turned to the ruling class poison, HEROIN.



The pigs in this picture are one of the greatest threats to poor & oppressed people the world over. They are the board of air amerikkka--the corporation whose planes are used to fly raw opium, morphine & heroin out of South East Asia to points all over the globe. Along with their c.i.a. thugs, they have managed to rip-off the dope trade from all other competitors. These so-called legal business men, financiers, statesmen are directly responsible for the wholesale enslavement & murder of heroin victims. They could not do this without the active support of the government & law (Ha-Ha) enforcement agents on all levels.

With this history to look at, it should come as no surprise that Methadone is being billed as "the solution." It is 10 times as addictive, it costs no more than a penny per 10 10 milligrams & is now being sold as high as a dollar for 10 MG. Take someone on a 120 MG a day dosage, figure out the profit the pigs are making!!!

The statistics on the front page only deal with city run programs in N.Y.C. There are scores of little private clinics springing up all over the place. dr. jahn, who ran a West side clinic, made 4 million dollars before he was finally closed up for collecting money & medical from the brothers & sisters in his vile, vicious grasp. Now there are city, state & federal programs springing up all over the country. This is directly related to the growing revolutionary consciousness among ex-victims of the heroin plague. This piggish conspiracy is moving fast, we need everyone's help to combat it!!

STOP THE
CONSPIRACY

WILLIE, WL.

ALL POWER
TO THE
PEOPLE!!



HEY PIG!!!

YOU AIN'T KIDDIN' NOBODY
WITH YOUR SWEET RAP
ABOUT METHADONE

WE KNOW THAT YOU
WILL TRY TO EN-
SLAVE THE PEOPLE
BUT THEY ARE NOT
GOING FOR YOUR
BULLSHIT!!!



A TIME FOR PIPING

Once again our people found out that there is neither justice nor mercy for the poor and oppressed people of this country: that courts are not places of equal rights but are designed to help the rich & persecute the poor.

The case in point is the draft trial of Pablo Yoruba Guzman, Minister of Information of the Young Lords Party. He was charged with not reporting for a draft physical & not reporting for the draft: a 2 count indictment which carries a max. sentence of 10 years.

Since he was being drafted to defend his so-called "Rights," it might follow that he could use these rights in his own defense. It was obvious from the start of the trial that this was a crock of shit--that he was not a free man in a free land-- neither could he expect a fair trial or any kind of justice! He is a political prisoner & the fascist state is dealing with him in a manner that would make Hitler jealous!

The all white, middle class jury could not, by any stretch of the imagination be called his peers (people of the same class, who come from similar backgrounds as the defendant, who speak the same language & who, in the eyes of the law are considered best qualified to pass judgement) despite his right to have a jury of his peers!

Chief Pig Charles Metzner, the judge, ruled that all testimony relating to Puerto Rico & amerikkan persecution of her people had nothing to do with the case & so most of Yoruba's witnesses could not testify. The d.a. was geo. wilson, right wing reactionary & government goon. His only witness was a woman who works for the selective service but only relates to the people of her district as numbers & documents.

There were 10 defence witnesses who, due to the judge's racist ruling, were only allowed to attest to Yoruba's character as to "Truth & Honesty" & not relate to the political justification of his actions.

FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT



"Keep her quiet...she's not relevant to this case!"

Dan Meyers, Yoruba's lawyer, asked the jury to open their minds to all of this & see the injustice they were being asked to bring about.

To me it was obvious from the first day that they had no minds, no heart & no pity. They were only a part of the court which in turn was part of the larger machinery of oppression which is murdering poor & working class people the world over!

Yoruba was found guilty & will be sentenced on March 14, 1972. On leaving the court house he said that he was still better off than most poor & oppressed people since he had a lot of support at his trial. He reminded us that there are still many Black, Puerto Rican & poor White political prisoners being railroaded by the fascist pigs &, like himself, they all need and deserve our full support.

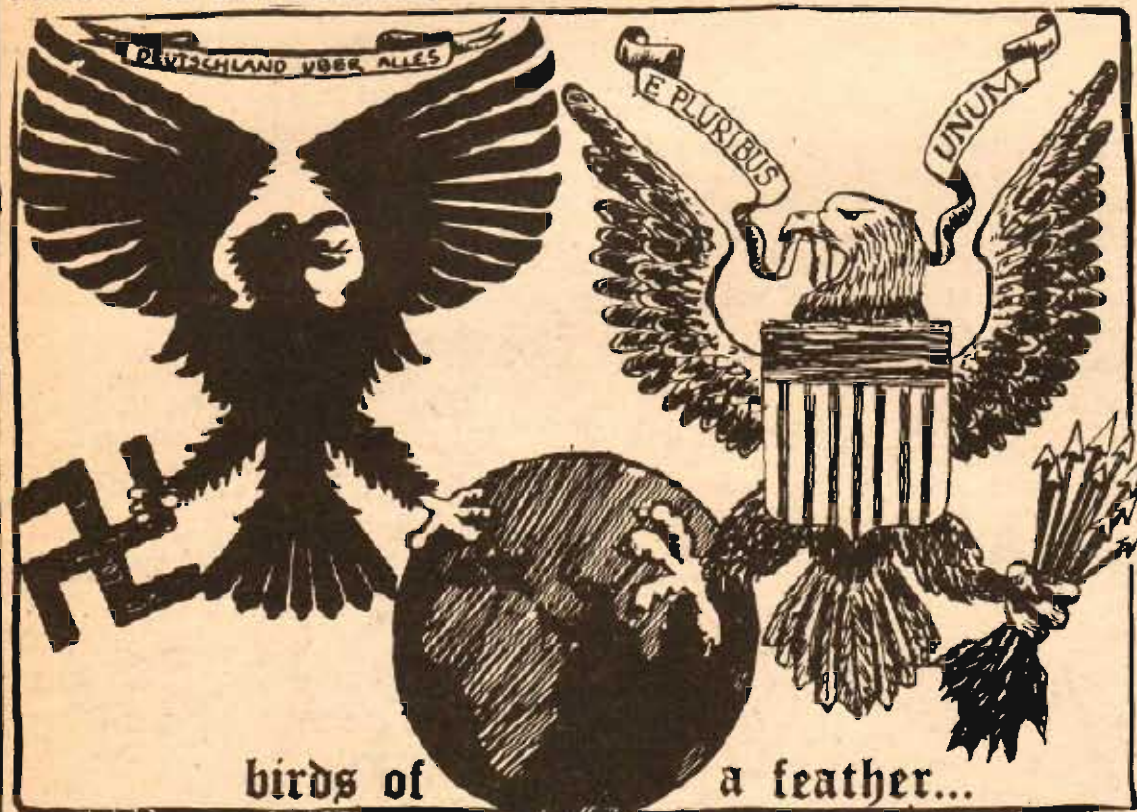
There is a time for selling tickets & a time for piping! How long can these injustices go on? How much will the people tolerate?

Our brave brothers & sisters in Viet Nam have shown us that the machine of murder can be stopped by the people!

We can & must destroy this machine before it destroys us! United in the struggle we will win!

FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!
ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!!

Steve Jochsberger, WL



birds of a feather...

Yoruba himself took the stand &, with tears in his eyes, gave evidence of the horrors of the amerikkan war in Viet Nam, the colonization of his own country & the ways in which his people have been fucked over by the very same government that now expected him to fight & kill his brothers & sisters! Yoruba is a victim of imperialism & colonialism & yet he was expected to help this country's campaign of colonialism & oppression in Viet Nam!

I was a Speed Freak for 4 years & was forced by the fascist courts to go to a t.c. or jail.

For nearly 9 months I was boxed in the fascist robotizing shit house on Washington Ave. known as madman marvin's machine of murder (Logos II). The progress I made was such that I got high 6 hours after I left & found myself maining coke smack & LSD which I never did before!

I've also had first hand experience with the fucked up courts. I was sentenced to 3 months for possession of pot by a pig who didn't know the difference between Methadone & Methadone & who thought there was some kind of urine test for weed! This ignorance of drug addiction is typical of the pig bastards who sit in judgement of oppressed victims of the drug plague.

UP THE PEOPLE—OFF THE PIG!!
Brother Steve Jochsberger, WL



THIS IS HOW ALL OF A PERSONS PAIN, FRUSTRATION, TORMENT AND OPPRESSION IS RECORDED IN OUR CITY HOSPITALS. THIS PIECE OF PAPER CAN NEVER TELL THE REAL STORY. IT'S ABOUT A MOTHER WHO WAS FORCED TO GO ON METHADONE MAINTENANCE WHILE 'PREGNANT' SO THAT SHE COULD RAISE HER OWN CHILD.....

Chart No.

HOSPITAL.....

THIS IS AN EXACT COPY OF A FORM
USED IN OUR CITY HOSPITALS. OUR
CONTACT AND THE SISTER INVOLVED
ARE NOT MENTIONED FOR OBVIOUS
REASONS

PROGRESS RECORD

Name..... Admitted..... 19..... Ward.....

Observations and Opinions of Visitings, Consultants and House Staff
A final discharge note must be entered on this sheet. Sign and date every entry.

*This is the case of baby boy of G.C. (name withheld),
a full term birth to a 24 year old mother who was on methadone
maintainance at the 149th Street clinic (dose unknown) for 7 months.*

*Normal delivery with a birth weight of 5 pounds 9 ounces.
The physical examination at birth was normal except that the
baby was somewhat small.*

*Twenty four hours after birth, the baby began having
withdrawal symptoms — shaking all over, feeding slowly,
and vomiting. He had to be tube-fed. The tube was put
through the mouth into the stomach, because the baby would not
suck normally on a nipple. This continued for the next 13 days.*

*Most babies suck vigorously right after birth. To control the
withdrawal symptoms the baby was treated with Valium
shots for a total of 23 days. (Valium shots are the standard
treatment for babies in withdrawal from either Heroin or
Methadone at Lincoln Hospital.) The baby gained weight
very poorly. It took 3 weeks to regain his birth weight. A
normal baby does this in 7-10 days.*

*The total length of hospitalization was 27 days. A
normal baby stays in the hospital for 3 days.*

*No one can say whether or not there has been any
permanent damage to this baby. But there is no question
that he was a very abnormal baby for the first 3 weeks
of his life. The tragedy was caused by withdrawal from
Methadone. The methadone might also have damaged the
baby's cells or chromosomes (the way Thalidomide damages
infant's). No one knows the effects of Methadone addiction
on an unborn child.*

GENOCIDE

POOR AND OPPRESSED PEOPLE HAVE BEEN AND ARE STILL
BEING TORTURED AND MURDERED CONSISTENTLY DAY AFTER
DAY. THIS WOMEN'S CRIME WAS THAT SHE FELL VICTIM
TO THE HEROIN PLAGUE, HER CHILD HAS TO PAY FOR IT.
THE PIGS BRING DOPE IN OUR COMMUNITIES, THEY CREATE
THE CONDITIONS THAT LEAD US TO USE DRUGS AND THEN
WHEN THEY HAVE US IN THEIR FILTHY CLAWS, THEY TRY
TO COMPLETE THE PROCESS OF DESTRUCTION. THEIR MAD-
NESS IS NOW REACHING OUR UNBORN CHILDREN.

continue notes on other side

"OUR MOTHERS SAID IT, OUR FATHERS SAID IT, BUT WE WERE TO YOUNG TO UNDERSTAND. BUT NOW WE ARE SAYING IT TO..."

YOU CAN'T FIGHT

"YOU CAN'T FIGHT CITY HALL"

Once again we learned we couldn't fight this system by using the so called "proper procedure" of law. My mother always used to say, while I was growing up, "You can't fight City Hall." Well, she was right, at least not with the system's tactics. Let me try to give you a run down of what went down at City Hall.

The Spirit of Logos (S.O.L.) is a group of ex-addicts and alot of us came from robot-izing plants called "therapeutic communities" (T.C.) We have learned alot from these places. Some of us have spent up to 19 months in a T.C. A T.C. teaches the worst traits of our society on ly in a concentrated and intensified form. It fools and programs upper class values into the minds of third world and poor white the heroin plague. You learn how to game (lie) to victims of so-called straight people, (people who haven't used drugs), and be aggressive to the point of Fascism. We ain't talking thru our assholes, because we lived thru and almost died as a result of this bullshit.

Residents who had completely built this program had no say in any policy governing their lives in LOGOS. The Director (Marvin Wienderdog) had other plans for his victims (the residents). His plan was to build a syananonetype empire in Liberty, N.Y.--a lily-white, middle class community, 100 miles from the oppressed communities of N.Y. City with funds and slave-labor extorted from the South Bronx (a predominantly Black & Puerto Rican community).

The one incident that horrified the residents in Logos was when Carmen Rodriguez was murdered at lincoln hospital. The director (Marvin Weinstein) knowing her conditions (asthma, bad heart) sent Carmen to this notorious butcher shop for an abortion because it was cheaper. As a result of the racist mal-practice against Third World people at lincoln, she died.

Nothing was said or done by the staff in protest of Carman's death. This made clear that the Logos staff didn't give a shit about residents or the South Bronx Community.



Around 70 residents left logos in protest of the shit going down. The S.O.L. (Spirit of Logos) was formed shortly afterwards. We tried to go through the "proper, legal procedures" in order to expose the logos people factory. We demanded that it be run by and for the community of the South Bronx.

Several weeks ago someone in contact with the board of estimates (the mayor and his friends) called the Third World section of the S.O.L. to let us know that open hearings concerning the funding of all New York City drug programs were being held at city hall. Logos was trying to get 180,000 dollars for a barely used storefront on Webster Ave. We knew that this was a fraud.

The S.O.L. went down to city hall to expose how the city government gives thugs, such as the logos staff, money under the guise of helping people.

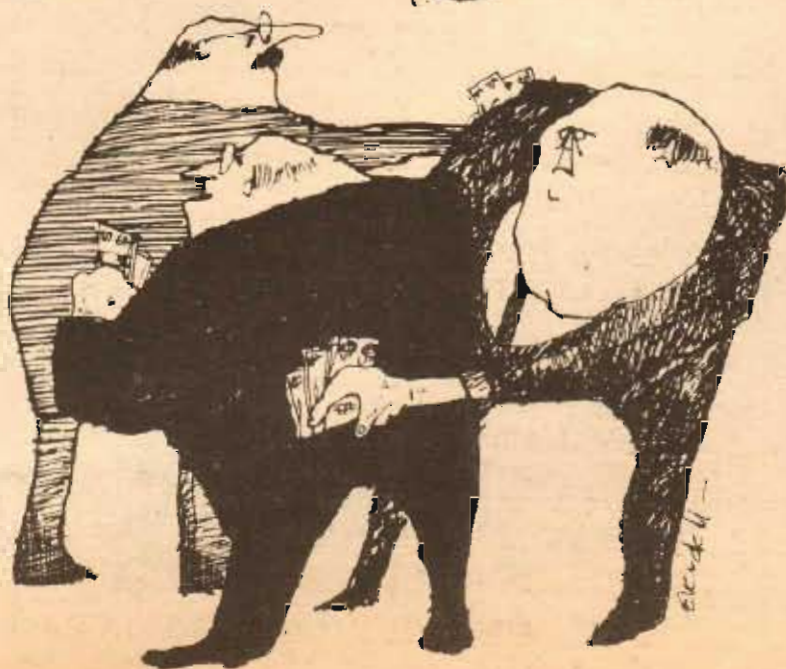
Over one hundred separate drug programs were down there, all hustling, gaming and out and out lying.

All of the tricks of the T.C. (therapeutic community) trade came out--dramatics, psycho-drama, tears, and phoney passions. Not one program could give an accurate account of their successes in fighting drug addiction. One priest who I know personally from my old neighborhood (Cambria Heights, Queens) whose name is father McVernon was there hustling for drug prevention money. He knows nothing about drugs except what he read out of some bullshit psych-book. The brothers and sisters in the neighborhood all think he is an asshole. What effect can this man have? What a waste of funds by these bungling fools that call themselves our public servants!

We sat patiently listening to this shit from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. When we finally got up to talk in opposition to the re-funding of logos, the board of estimates got all shook up and told everyone but the S.O.L. and the logos staff to leave. They did this because they recognize us as a threat. We are developing an effective People's Drug Program instead of a program under the power of these incompetent fools.

Addiction Services Agency (ASA) which is the funding agency for some 250 separate programs has no way of evaluating their own programs. This statement came out of commissioner finney's own mouth, and he is the head dude of this ridiculous agency. A quote from the new york post stated "The official ASA budget proposal reported a present budget level of \$97.8 million and listed funding requirements of \$148.90 million for the coming year.

We had five speakers from the S.O.L. lined up, each with evidence that showed the pitiful failure of logos. We had petitions by tenants that stated



they didn't even know logos is right across the street. 50 professionals at lincoln hospital, once affiliated with logos, signed a statement that stated logos' ineffectiveness in serving the South Bronx community. We had list upon list of atrocities committed against the Brothers and Sisters in logos. There was an account of approximately 500 people who have come and gone through the doors of logos within 1½ years without being helped from the heroin plague. With all this evidence the fools on the board of estimate granted this total failure of a drug program \$180,000.

The decision shows me that this city in no way gives a shit about the murderous heroin plague that is killing our brothers and sisters. They are willing to give this much money to ASA without any proof of its success. To us, this seems murderous, insane, and plain fucked up.

Next time we are forced to deal with these fools we will do it on our terms. That means through the Power of the People. And we will win.

CITY



HALL

BROOKLYN

THE SUFFERING OF WORKING CLASS YOUTH
IN EAST FLATBUSH (QUENTIN RD,
BERGEN BEACH)

I come from Brooklyn, near Ave N and Flatbush Ave. The neighborhood itself is made up mostly of white working class people. I've lived there since 1963 (at this time I was 13 years old). I began using drugs in 1964. During this period a number of older brothers and sisters had been addicted for at least seven years. This was right about the time the gangs were being disunified. All the gangs that I can remember at one time served as a model for young white working class people. But because there was a need of the politicians and social workers to stop the street fighting and stop the unity of the gangs, heroin began entering various poor and working class neighborhoods. I feel that as times changed so would have people. If most gangs had been helped to see the political contradictions which related to their oppression, many of them would have resisted the heroin. Most gang leaders had a strong ability to organize.

Eventually most of the older addicts disappeared from the streets. Some went to a state penitentiary, some to Synanon; but the majority of these victims of the heroin plague are dead.

By this time I had already started high school. Most of the people that I stayed with were already into drugs (psychedelics, pills, heroin), constantly trying to identify with the privileged youth culture. We did this because all the other models which we could look up to had been wiped out by the system. The privileged youth culture I speak of were people who were not cornered into drugs, but used drugs as a weekend enjoyment. Their families had money and most of their futures had already been carved out for them (college, business, profession). Working class youth had to block out this thought every day because they had nothing. So drugs became a habit. All of us tried constantly to live up to the false middle class values and images (long hair, clothes, etc.).

In a period of about 4 years I saw all of my friends either drop out of school, join the service, or get worse off on drugs. These actions all mean death for a working class person. Since I've been clean from heroin (2½ years). I have been back to my neighborhood many times. All of the people that were not on drugs at the time I was, are all addicted to heroin. Some people are on methadone and seem to be holding a job; but they are constantly having their dosage raised and often sell it for some dope to see if they can still get high from it. Other people that don't get high very often will buy methadone right off the street for a weekend high. As I go and talk with these people they have a lot to say and admire me in some respect because I was fortunate enough to get out in time. On the other hand, I am also called a preacher. Because of racism people will often say to me "Revolution is alright for the Blacks and



Puerto Ricans because they are worse off than us". So it makes it very hard to show people there is common purpose for people to unite around. Until our group expands, there will be nothing set up for these young W.C. addicts in Brooklyn that will relate to their needs. And I guess they will see things as being very hopeless until then. And it hurts to believe that the only alternative these people see to the heroin plague is the SYSTEM'S CURE -- methadone.



The Struggle Will
Intensify
With Our Brothers
And Sisters
On Heroin

Peter Donnell
White Lightning

THE LINCOLN LESSONS

DRUG SEMINAR AT LINCOLN HOSPITAL

Traditionally drug seminars at Lincoln Hospital have been taught by various bosses of the department of psychiatry. Out of these bosses' mouths would flow the usual stream of insults and slanders about victims of the heroin plague--only it would be dressed up in the disguise of professional language. Junkies ('inadequate personalities') are people who are individually responsible for their own suffering ('they have a character disorder and are anti-social') because they are evil and sick ('morally diseased'), and they can never change and be drug free (suggested treatment: methadone addiction and various other experimental drugs).

Those who attended these former seminars were almost exclusively resident psychiatrists. There were several reasons for this:

- (1) Only psychiatrists and psychiatrists-in-training could understand the secret terms that were being batted around and would also have an interest in exploiting drug victims by making money off their suffering as 'therapists' and bosses of phoney drug treatment businesses.
- (2) Workers who come from communities that are ravaged by the heroin plague could not relate to the obvious lies about the nature of drug addiction, because these phoney theories fly in the face of realities the workers witness every day.
- (3) Workers don't have the privilege of casually wandering away from their workplaces and attending a seminar. Leaving their jobs would either mean being yelled at by a boss for being irresponsible, lazy, etc., or it would burden their co-workers with additional work.

White Lightning has been a leading participant in a new drug seminar at Lincoln Hospital for more than two months. We try to educate people to understand that the unequal way our society is organized and the oppressive way people are forced to relate to each other have created the conditions and reasons why the heroin plague continues to murder and destroy more and more of our people. We are trying to cut through the fog and politically created 'mystery' about addiction. By referring to our own experience we demonstrate that addicts are victims of an oppressive society that has more regard for a new machine than its own or our lives.

Our seminar has been very well attended, certainly better attended than other seminars that are taught by experts receiving \$50.00 an hour or \$100.00 per seminar. (We receive nothing but a sense of satisfaction at our work because we do not qualify as privileged experts and bosses.)



Our greatest accomplishment has been confronting psychiatrists and residents in psychiatry about relieving workers of their work responsibilities for a couple of hours so they too could attend our seminar. One director of psychiatry stood up and lectured us about how workers in the department are all lazy and lacking in ambition. He said this was the real reason they wouldn't attend any seminars--not because they were a part of an exploited class.

The brothers and sisters of White Lightning have been forced to hear these words of contempt echo in our ears all our lives. We were told that by teachers, priests, bosses, military officers; therapists, policemen, doctors, judges, etc., etc. We

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S.O.L. PLATFORM

I. WE WANT AN END TO THE USE OF NARCOTICS FOR THE PURPOSE OF 'PROFIT' MAKING OPPRESSION AND GENOCIDE BY CAPITALISTS.

Throughout the history up to the present, oppressive (capitalists) governments have used drugs as a tool for pacification and extermination of those people that are most oppressed.

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

The reasons that our people relate to narcotics as a way of life is because there are a number of realities that are hard to deal with. Ex: Sexism, Racism, living conditions (class) etc. We have been taught to think in such a way, that we don't see a solution to our problems. In order for our people to stop relating to narcotics, these conditions have to be abolished.

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

As confused as we may be, we would not relate to narcotics if they were not available to us. The pushers that profit from the narcotics traffic are backed by the pigs.

IV. WE WANT COMMUNITY EDUCATION ON THE TRUE NATURE OF NARCOTICS ADDICTION.

One of the ways of preventing our people from relating to narcotics as a way of life, is for our people to understand the purpose of narcotics in our communities and how the system we live under directs us towards the use of narcotics.

V. WE WANT COMMUNITY-WORKER-PATIENT CONTROL OF ALL NARCOTICS REHABILITATION PROGRAMS.

Programs that are set up to deal with narcotics addiction, have always been run with the purpose of profit making and with the ideals of whoever is running it. The patients, workers, and the community have never had a say in the running of the programs, and subsequently they do not meet the needs of the people.

VI. WE WANT ALL NARCOTICS PROGRAMS TO TEACH THE TRUE NATURE OF NARCOTICS ADDICTIONS.

Programs have always related to therapy, usually based on Freud. Therapy does not deal with the problems of Third World and Poor White people in this society. It does not deal with the realities of narcotic addiction. These things must be taught in order for addicts to be able to deal with their problems.

VII. WE WANT THE ELIMINATION OF LEGAL ADDICTIVE DRUGS AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO NARCOTIC ADDICTION. EX: METHADONE, HEROIN, ETC....

Making any drug legal to deal with the problem of narcotic addiction is only an open way of keeping our people enslaved by the government. It is not dealing with the problem of the individual under the influence of such drugs.

VIII. WE WANT THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF ALL NARCOTIC ADDICTS AND EX-NARCOTIC ADDICTS TO BE RESPECTED.

Narcotics addicts are the victims of this capitalists system. In this society, narcotic addicts and ex-narcotic addicts are treated like beasts. The pigs have been brutalizing them mentally and physically.

IX. WE WANT THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF ALL PRISONERS BUSTED ON NARCOTICS OR NARCOTICS RELATED CHARGES.

The government does not have the right to put narcotic addicts in concentration camps for narcotics or for crimes committed to support narcotic habits, because "they" are the cause of narcotic addiction.

X. WE WANT THE PIGS TO STOP USING DRUGS AS AN EXCUSE TO INVADE OUR COMMUNITIES AND OPPRESS OUR PEOPLE WITH THE BACKING OF LAWS. EX: THE NO-KNOCK LAW.

The government has been using drugs as the reason why there are so many police in our communities that do not protect our people, why they abuse many individuals, and why they have passed no-knock laws that are not used to arrest narcotic pushers but to invade the houses of those people who are moving on the conditions that are oppressing our people.

XI. WE WANT SELF DETERMINATION FOR ALL OPPRESSED PEOPLE.

The problem of narcotic addiction cannot be solved until the people have control of their own lives in their own hands. This is only possible under a socialist society.



were condemned by these pigs and the political system to be found on a roof top with our faces mashed into the floor, dead of a narcotic overdose. Our faith, love and respect is unshakably on the side of all oppressed and exploited people. We are fighting hard for the rights of both the workers and the members of White Lightning to communicate and group together.

After isolating the director, people attending the seminar began to move to encourage the participation of more workers. It wasn't anything dramatic, but it was a start. As a result many workers have started attending the seminar regularly. Many of these same people have never consistently attended any seminar sponsored by the department of psychiatry. More importantly, these workers have contributed a great deal to improve the quality of these seminars. Workers have families who live in communities that are in the direct line of fire of the heroin plague, they have a real stake in combatting

it and know from personal experiences many people who have actually suffered as a result of it. In many ways they direct the seminar and give it vitality by talking about social reality and not the psychiatric bullshit that camouflages the real class privileges and oppression of the profession of psychiatry. White Lightning has learned a great deal from the workers in the department of psychiatry.

White Lightning has several aims in participating in the Lincoln drug seminar.

(1) We want to educate and demonstrate to as many people as possible that drug addiction is a result of conditions created by a society based on oppressed nationalities, classes, and sexes; and we show that all oppressed people in a real sense are victims of the heroin plague and must struggle together in eliminating it.

(2) More specifically, we know that at Lincoln Hospital there is a drug program that was created by the effort and sacrifice of many community people. This program is genuinely struggling

to serve the people of the South Bronx. Many professionals, social workers, and workers in the department of psychiatry do not understand how every step of the way the Lincoln hospital administration and its allies have done all things possible to undermine and cripple the development of the people's drug program. We have attempted to show members of the department of psychiatry how combatting the heroin plague links up with their own interests, and, particularly, how it is crucial that they support the brothers and sisters who are struggling so hard in the Lincoln drug program.

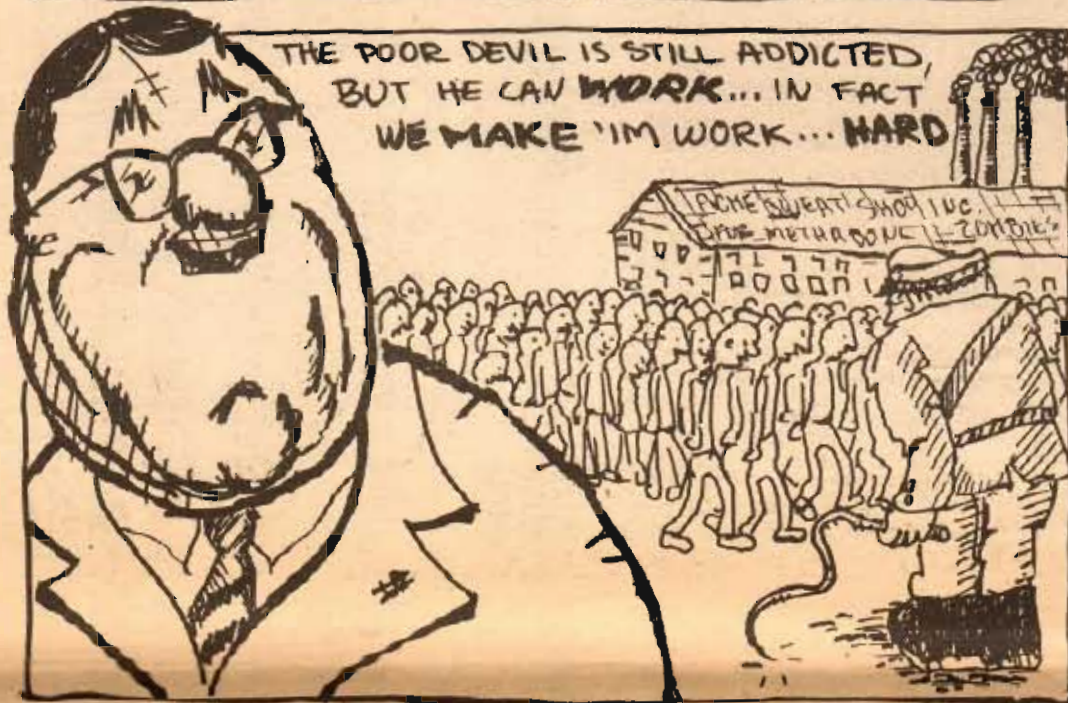
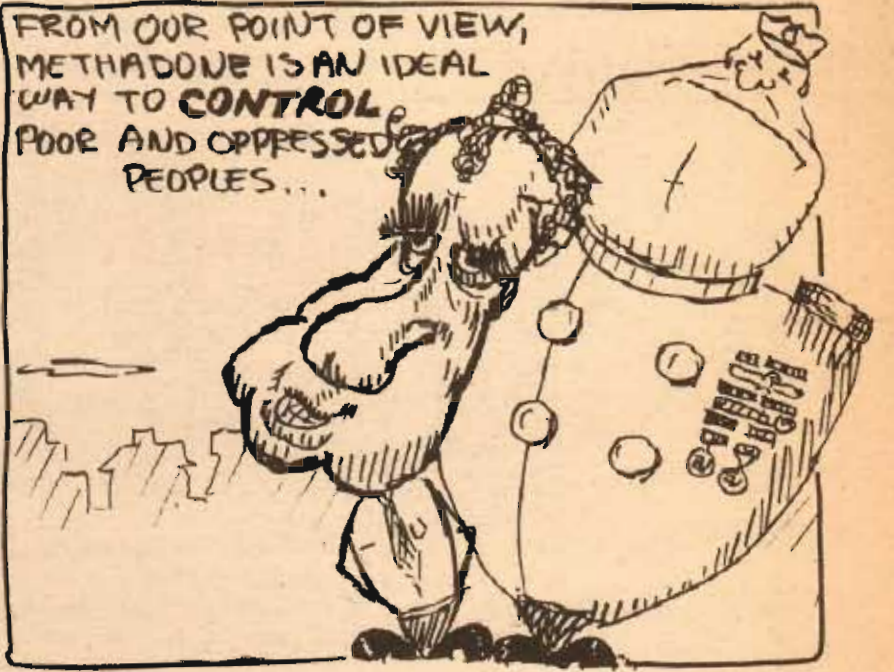
Workers' support is critical in defeating efforts by the hospital administration to destroy possibly the only people's drug program in the United States that has a community hospital base and that serves as a revolutionary model for all oppressed people.

Unity and Power to All
Oppressed People!
Gil Fagiani
White Lightning

White Lightning Comic

METHADONE MAINTENANCE BLUES

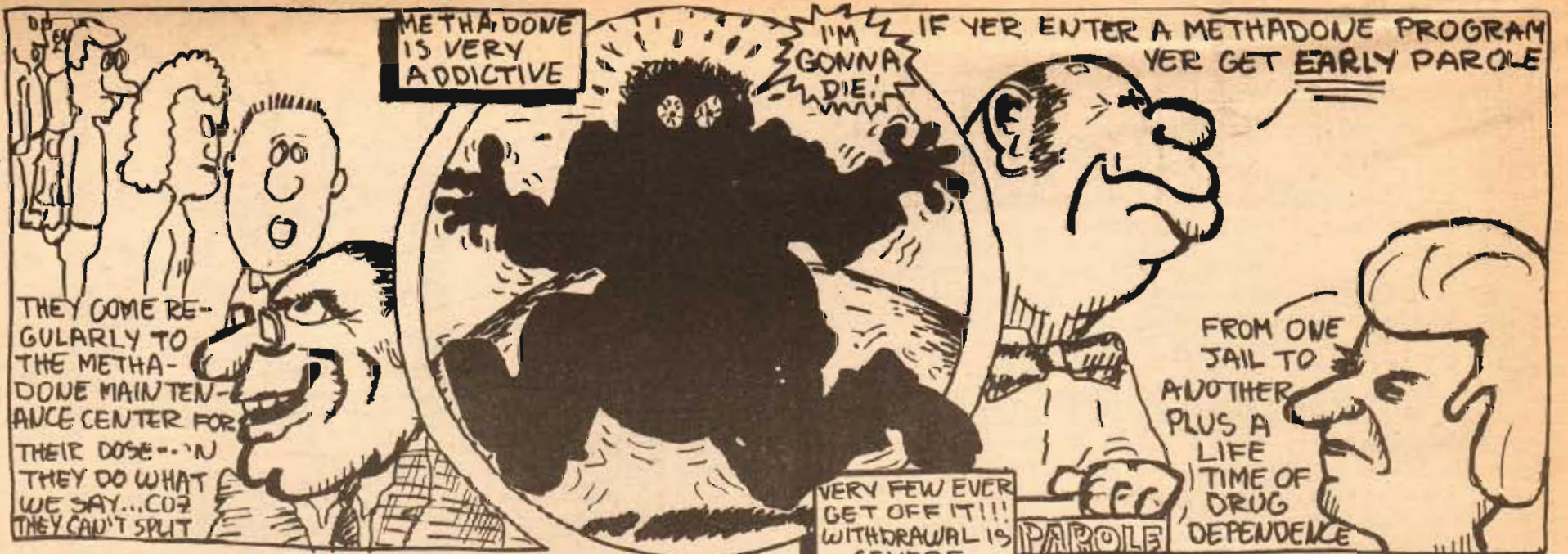
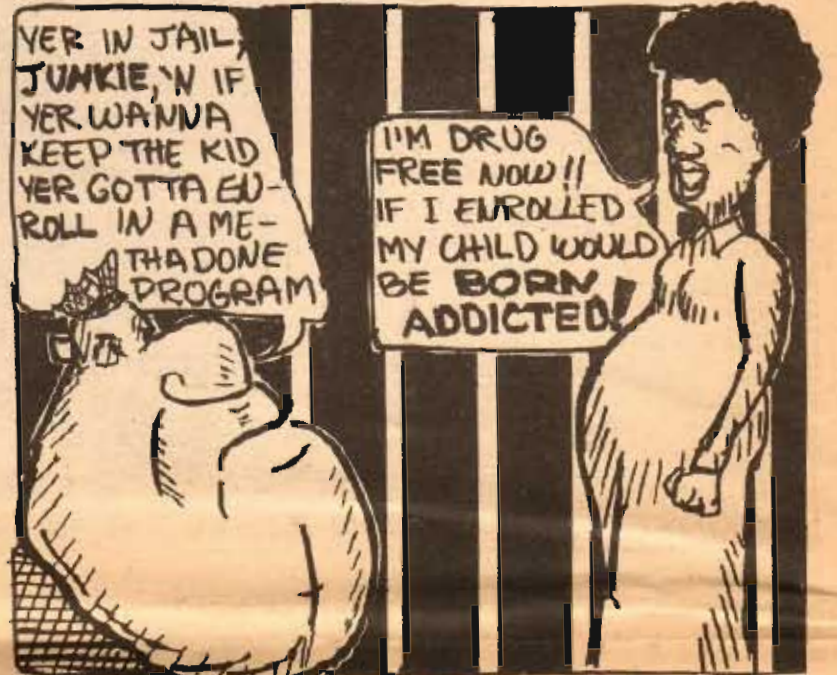
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METHADONE IS AN IDEAL
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POOR AND OPPRESSED
PEOPLES...



THE POOR DEVIL IS STILL ADDICTED,
BUT HE CAN **WORK**... IN FACT
WE MAKE 'IM WORK... **HARD**

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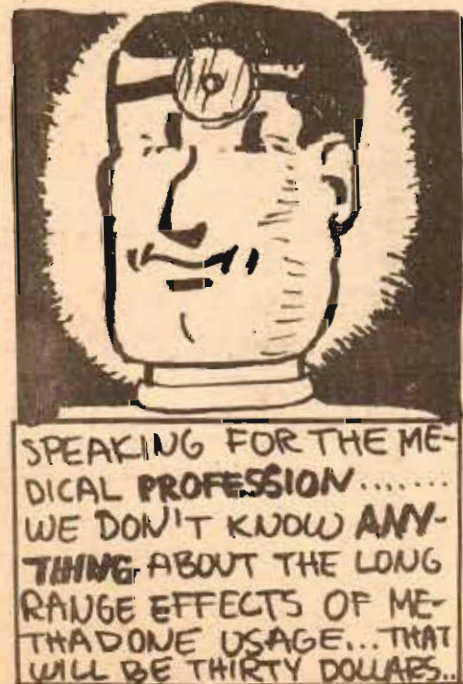
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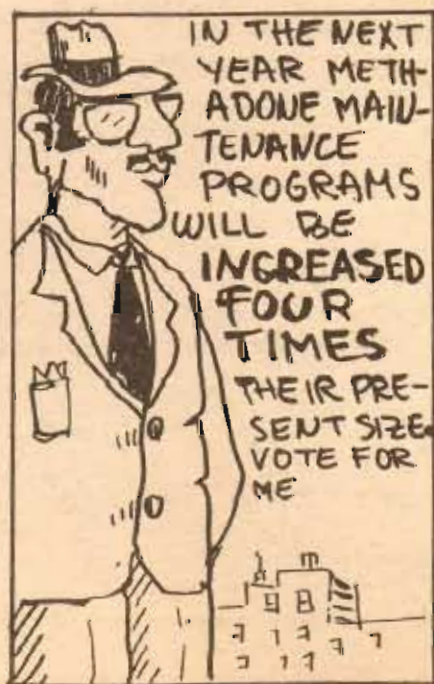
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