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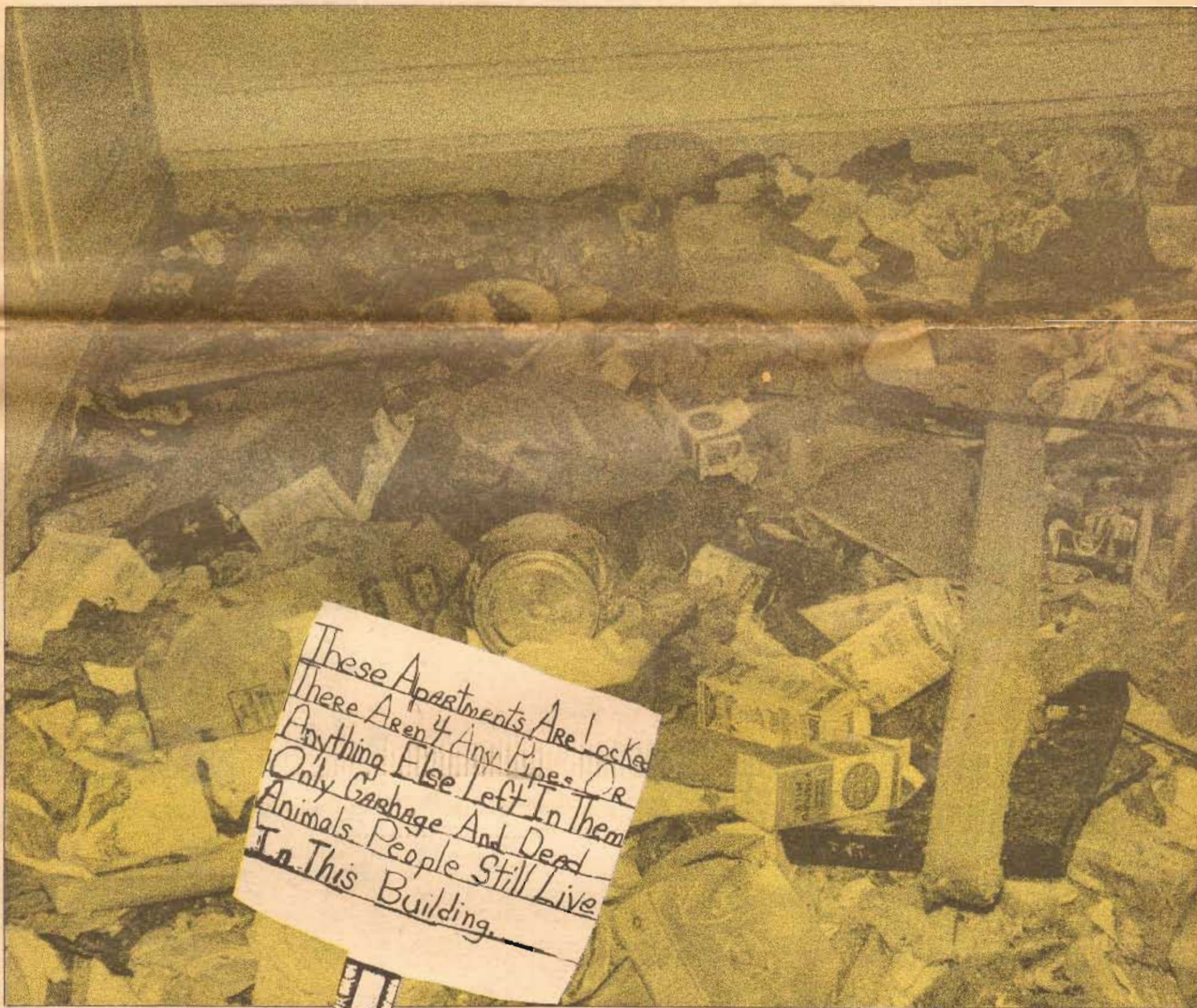
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MASS TRANSIT STREET THEATER

Mass Transit Street Theater is a revolutionary theater group, which performs in parks, schools, streets, and community centers in the Bronx for free. You don't have to go downtown and pay money to see them. They got their name by singing a song protesting subway fare increases in subway cars three years ago. They handed out copies of the song to passengers and encouraged them to sing along.

It is hard to describe a Mass Transit performance to those who haven't seen them. They are funny, serious, comy, moving, and political - all at the same time. Their pieces relate to real things in our lives: bad housing, oppression of women, lousy schools, rising prices, etc. They also do plays for children.

People always get involved as they watch Mass Transit. "Androcles and the Lion", a children's play, is based on the bible. Androcles hides in the audience while his master asks the audience to tell him where his slave is. People in the audience usually send the master on a wild goose chase. Often the audience shouts their own comments and they are always appreciated by the people in the play. One piece, "What Makes Daddy

Run", was created almost entirely by audiences at Walton Center. Mass Transit would perform the piece and then ask for criticism. In this way all the rough edges of the piece were smoothed out and the play became something people could really relate to. After their performances they go into the audience to discuss the play.

Using very little in the way of props, Mass Transit never fails to draw a big crowd. Often they do improvisations on topics the audience suggests; TV shows or commercials, work, President Nixon, school, or whatever comes up.

Recently they have been working out of Walton Community Center at 183 & Walton. They have a theater class on Wednesdays, 6-8 PM, and a Friday night performance. They are also organizing, along with Walton Center and White Lightning, a street fair in St. James Park on August 17 (rain date Aug. 24). If you would like to help, come to the Walton Center on June 13, 7:30, or contact:

Mass Transit-666-7977, 220-1937

or

White Lightning- 584-5984

Mass Transit Schedule

Fri., June 14--St. James Park 7:00

Sat., June 15--St. James Park 1:00

Fri., June 21--Washington Square Methodist Church, 133 W. 4th St.

Sat., June 29--The Dome, Riverdale House



ANDROCLES AND THE LION



Rally For Drug Free Programs!

700,000 G.I.'s have returned from Vietnam with serious drug problems according to a Louis Harris survey commissioned by the Veteran's Administration.

The involvement of the C.I.A. and South Vietnamese government officials in the heroin traffic contributed greatly to this problem (see page 10). Following the 1968 Tet offensive, when things were looking bad for the U.S. military, heroin supplies available to U.S. troops increased greatly. The high rate of heroin addiction squashed mutinies and desertion by U.S. troops. Veterans of other U.S. wars have also come home with serious drug problems.

Obviously there is a great need for drug treatment programs for veterans. But the only "drug treatment" by the V.A. is methadone maintenance.

Methadone maintenance substitutes one drug habit for another. It is ten times as addicting as heroin. Methadone overdose deaths outnumber heroin overdose deaths by 5 to 1 in New York City. The



V.A. keeps vets on methadone to squash protest about the lack of jobs and decent benefits.

Vietnam veterans— the tragic symbol of the U.S.'s failure in Vietnam— have been subjected to extreme repression and drug addiction by the government. 95% of the government budget for drug treatment is spent on methadone maintenance.

On Saturday, June 22, at 2:00pm, White Lightning, along with Mass Transit Street Theater, and Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization will demonstrate at the Kingsbridge V.A. hospital (Kingsbridge Rd. and Sedgwick Ave.).

We demand decent benefits for all vets and drug free programs for victims of the heroin plague. Methadone maintenance is not a decent benefit— it is chemical facism!



P'kchester Youth Centers Struggle Moves Ahead

The drive to open up youth centers in Parkchester is rapidly gaining support. 25 people held a protest on May 14th to demand that empty basements be turned into youth centers by the Parkchester management. Petitions with over 400 signatures were submitted to Rome Seta, assistant to the management president, La Fiosco, on April 19th. For nearly 2 months the petitions have been disregarded. On May 10th we had a scheduled appointment with Seta. He was out sick. The secretaries were told to say that all the other management people were "out" too. Ten of us stayed in the waiting room for an hour to see if they'd show up.

We had another scheduled appointment on May 14th, but the entrance to the building was blocked by 6 security guards. All this was in response to our lawful petitions. 3 representatives were allowed upstairs—as long as they didn't bring a tape recorder. In the meeting Seta lamely said "no adequate space is available."

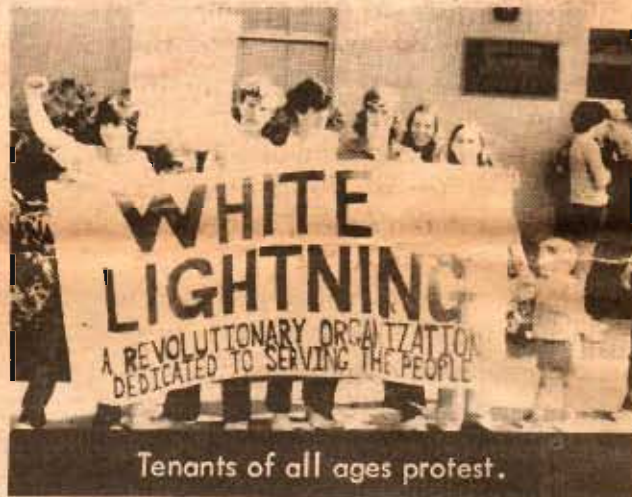
200 more signatures on the petition were gathered by young people going door to door on May 18th. The Parkchester News, which is slipped under everyone's door in the project, printed a long favorable article on youth centers. They also reported that Councilman Michael Demarco supports the youth centers.

John Dearie, NY state assemblyman and president of the Parkchester Tenants Assn, asked to meet with people from Parkchester and White Lightning on June 3rd. Dearie said that he feels the issue of youth centers is as important as any of the other issues facing the tenants association, such as rents and condominiums. He agreed to present any concrete plans that we write up to the

executive committee of the tenants association. Even though Dearie has talked about youth centers for several years, it didn't seem that he would take any action on his own to get youth centers, but that he would actively support the struggle if many other people were behind it.

A youth committee should be formed to write up detailed plans for the basement youth centers, such as hours, activities, supervision, clean-up, etc. This committee could also plan parties or concerts for this summer.

In our opinion a group of young people acting together could gain enough support from tenants of all ages to force the management to make youth centers a reality.



Tenants of all ages protest.

This is what White Lightning's slogan "Power to the People" is all about. Unless you're rich to begin with, trying to go through channels or pull strings just won't accomplish anything. For example, White Lightning, by itself, has no power. We only become strong by uniting with large numbers of people. Landlords and politicians respect people when they get together, because they fear our strength. As jobs and money get tighter, each of us has to rely on the power of the people—in labor strikes, demonstrations, rent strikes, etc.— in order to survive.

Tenants Picket Gov. Wilson

On May 25 White Lightning joined a demonstration called by the Metropolitan Council on Housing in front of Gov. Wilson's 6th Ave. office. Met Council has been leading the fight for the repeal of vacancy decontrol and for a rollback in rents.

The problem is that the politicians have been conning the people again. The housing shortage and pro-landlord laws have resulted in soaring rents. In this election year every politician has promised pro-tenant legislation. But as usual they have sold out the people with each pointing the finger of blame at each other. Gov. Wilson posed as the tenant's champion and then signed a housing law as bad as any in the past.

So we're faced with another year of rent increases, housing deterioration, and landlord abuse.



600 Rally At Hunts Point Mkt. To Boycott Grapes And Lettuce



Farmworker rally June 4th, against scab grapes coming in from California

NEED Fights For Good Housing

Neighborhood Economic and Educational Development (NEED), 2059 Washington Ave., 220-4500, is a non-profit housing organization funded by the Anti-Poverty Program. Carolyn Waller is the director.

NEED aids tenants who live between Tremont Ave. and Fordham Rd., and from Valentine to Arthur Ave.. It helps by accompanying them to Landlord and Tenant Court with a lawyer, forcing landlords to make repairs, and, as a last resort, organizing rent strikes.

At 2474 Marion Ave (see WL #21, Housing Special issue), where landlord Storch has refused to make necessary repairs, the tenants have decided to hold back their rent. In addition, Juan Campos of apt. 16 recently won a counterclaim against the landlord.

NEED Housing presented evidence of the criminal negligence of the owner, Larry Storch. The judge ordered all violations removed, and said that part of the withheld rent should be given to Juan Campos in compensation for lack of services.



Bathroom, Apt 4, 490 E. 181st St.

What happened at 490 E. 181 St. is an excellent example of how a rent strike can force necessary maintenance and repairs. There were many futile attempts to get cooperation from the landlord, Carol Kelly, and the managing agent, Tambath Realty Corp. of 2615 Webster Ave.

Tenants organized a rent strike with the assistance of George LaCourt of NEED Housing. Finally, Mrs. Kelly sold the building. The tenants are now negotiating with the new landlord so that, if the repairs are made, the rent can be released.

Lying Prison Guard Exposed

Isaac "Duke" Richards is a brother from the Bronx who has nearly finished a long prison sentence. Duke has always spoken out about degrading conditions in jail and has been a jail house lawyer for many years. For these reasons Duke is considered a "trouble-maker." Many guards, and wardens, would like to set him up on new charges and add years on to his jail time.

On March 4, 1974 an outrageous incident took place on 2-M in C-76 on Rikers Island. Duke was having a verbal argument about prison conditions and threw his food tray to the ground in disgust. Guard Lloyd Freckerton tried for the Academy Award. He pretended to be hit, fell down, and then pretended to be unconscious--the other guards carried him away. Later he came to court with his arm in a sling.

Unlike many prisoners who are victimized in this way, Duke was strong enough to take the case to court. The medical report showed no injuries. One corrections captain and 2 guards admitted that the tray never even touched Freckerton.

Gay Rights Narrowly Defeated

A bill calling for equal rights for the hundreds of thousands of Gay people in the city was narrowly defeated last month in the New York City Council.

According to the 14th amendment to the U.S. Constitution, it's illegal to discriminate against people on the basis of sex, race, age, religion or national origin. This bill did not call for special privileges for Gay people. It called for equality of opportunity in jobs, housing and access to public accommodations (restaurants, etc.) and an end to the brutal practice of discriminating against people on a basis of sexual orientation.

Lots of Gay people are afraid that their bosses will find out they're Gay and fire

them. As long as artificial distinctions are made against people, then prejudice and oppression exist.

A handful of arrogant, backward men at the N.Y. Archdiocese used the Catholic Church to push their own "morality" and block the passage of this bill. In particular, Cardinal Cooke and his top assistant, Bishop James J. Mahoney, issued lots of anti-Gay statements. The statements were published in the Catholic News and read at pulpits in the New York area.

If the Church is really opposed to persecution, as it always says it is, then why would it oppose legislation that attempts to give Gay people the rights that are necessary to have a decent life?

P.S. 119 Schoolyard



Hospital Robs Drug Victims

Einstein College of Medicine is supposed to be dedicated to healing the sick. But you've got to wonder how well they understand their job when they take \$2.5 million a year from the state to run a program that maintains 2,200 people in the Bronx on methadone. Methadone maintenance keeps people addicted and keeps them from controlling their own lives.

But Einstein's \$2.5 million from the state isn't enough. As of July 1st, methadone patients at Einstein will have to pay fees as high as \$27 per week for the privilege of being victimized by a drug more addictive

and more harmful than heroin. No one will escape the fee unless they're on Medicaid. You're not eligible for Medicaid unless you are so poor that you need welfare.

The new fee means that people holding down low paying jobs, trying to support themselves and trying to gain some independence, will be driven into economic dependence on welfare as well as chemical dependence on methadone. As one employed patient said, "How are you going to clean up and get back in the mainstream when they lock you forever into welfare and drugs?"

Free Buses To Prisons

New York State has started a small free bussing program for people from the city who want to visit friends and relatives in prisons upstate.

The program was started because more and more people were protesting the inhuman separation of families and friends caused by imprisoning poor people hundreds of miles from their homes.

Busses leave one morning a week and return the same day. A box lunch is provided on the return trip.

Prisoners can get forms and send them to people on their visiting list. Visitors then send the forms to the Dept. of Corrections, putting down alternate dates they'd like to visit on. The Dept. of Corrections sends tickets and reservations back. They say it takes 3 weeks.

The program is so small that weekend trips aren't made. This means you can lose a day's pay by making the "free" visit. In addition, the program serves no other city besides New York City.

Even though this free bussing is only a token improvement, it means a lot to prisoners for their families to be able to visit.

In fact, as more and more people use the program, the pressure will grow for the State to expand the free bussing service.

For more information, contact:
Nathaniel Hayes, Family Visiting Program,
Dept. of Correctional services, 314 W. 40th St,
Phone: (212) 695-8740.

Real Estate Brokers Rob Tenants

More and more people complain to us that they were ripped off by real estate agents.

The housing shortage makes us desperate. And our desperation is the source of the agents' wealth. One, two, three months rent is the agents' price for allowing you to find a place to live.

The government cooperates with them. These creeps are licensed for larceny by the State of New York.

The latest gimmick, which even gets around the licensing law, is the "apartment referral service". Bronx Rentals, on Kingsbridge Rd., is one of the biggest and most notorious.

For only \$25-\$35 you get "exclusive" apartment listings. That sounds like a big saving on the hundreds you might otherwise have to spend. But, according to the people who have complained to us, very often the landlord never heard of Bronx Rentals, or leased the apartment a week ago, or maybe even that the phone number for a studio apartment in the Village turns out to be for a landlord who only rents business space in Harlem.

According to the *Times*, when the State finally responds to apartment hunters' complaints, and subpoenas a service's records, the service mysteriously goes out of business, taking your money with it.

Why not have a law that required landlords to list each vacant apartment with the City, and to accept tenants on a first come-first served basis?

BREAK THE BROKERS
HOUSING FOR PEOPLE NOT FOR PROFIT

Lehman Students Protest!



On May 24, students and teachers from the Lehman College Committee for Student Rights held a rally at the Board of Higher Education. They were joined by White Lightning and other college and community organizations.

The Committee called the rally to press 4 demands: an end to education that hides society's problems rather than tries to help people find solutions; student control over curriculum, budget and the hiring and firing of teachers; an end to attempts to stop students and teachers from effectively changing conditions by suspension and firing; and the immediate rehiring of Suzanne Ross, a teacher who was fired for her strong support of student demands and her efforts to put them into practice (see WL #25).

Students want to learn about Attica and prison conditions, about the drug plague, about the war in Indochina, about imperialism, about socialist societies, about Marxism.

Students want programs like Eureka, which trains large numbers of Blacks and Puerto Ricans for teaching. Students want teachers like Suzanne Ross. And because they want these things while the administration doesn't, the students need power.

White Lightning actively supports the Lehman College community in this struggle because the issues concern all of us. The problems at Lehman are no different from the problems in every high school and college in the City. And in a real sense, the right of students to create an education that serves their needs is no different from the right of people to create communities and jobs that serve their needs.

The struggle at Lehman is one part of the struggle we all face: taking control of our own lives.

POWER TO THE LEHMAN BROTHERS AND
SISTERS
ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

Puerto Rican Day Parade



Front of Puerto Rican Workers lead Puerto Rican Day Parade

Despite the rain, thousands marched in the Puerto Rican Day parade on June 2. Thousands march every year, but this year was special because an alliance of working people's organizations led the entire parade.

When it began 16 years ago, the parade was a real community effort based on clubs and associations of people who came from the same home towns in Puerto Rico. As many as 500,000 would participate in this expression of identity and national unity.

Then the politicians and the corporations moved in. Schaeffer and Rheingold and American Airlines, glad-handing assemblymen, city councilmen and district leaders turned a people's holiday into cheap advertising and vote-gathering. People with strong patriotic feeling either stayed away or marched only to protest.

This year marked a turning point. An alliance of Puerto Rican workers in construction, hospitals, hotels, and migrant farming demanded to lead the parade. They wanted to make an occasion not for celebration but an occasion for protest against the oppression

of working people in jobs, unions, housing, etc. They see the Puerto Rican community not only as people victimized by racism, but as a community of workers with problems in common with the entire working class.

The workers' alliance forced the parade officials to accept their leadership and they took an important step toward building not only the unity of the Puerto Rican community but the unity of all of N.Y.'s working people as well.

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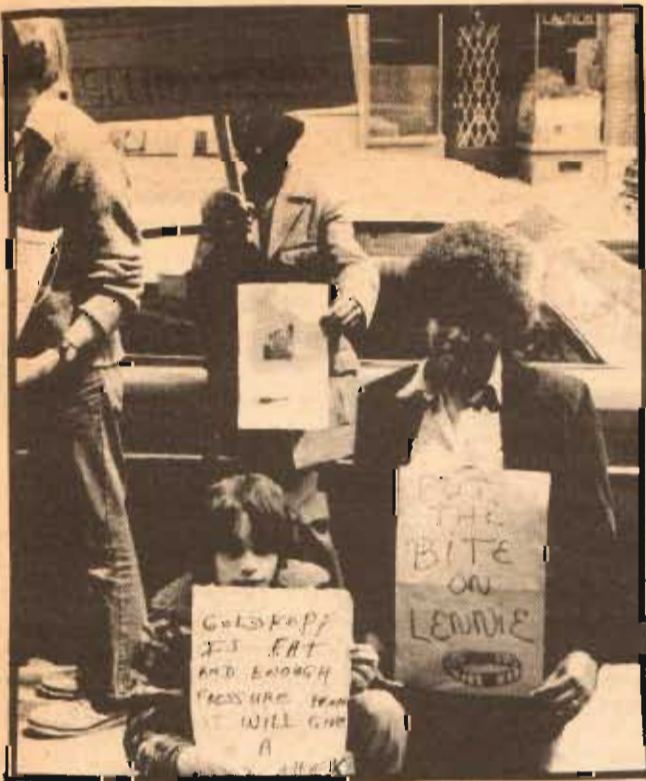


Housing now exists only to make money. As a result, people live in horrible conditions and pay outrageous rents. Under Socialism good housing is considered a human right. Working people are provided decent housing for little or no rent. White Lightning is committed to building this kind of system.

Landlord & City Desert Arthur Ave. Tenants

On May 31, angry tenants of slumlord Leonard Goldkopf held a demonstration at his office on 181 St. and Anthony Ave.

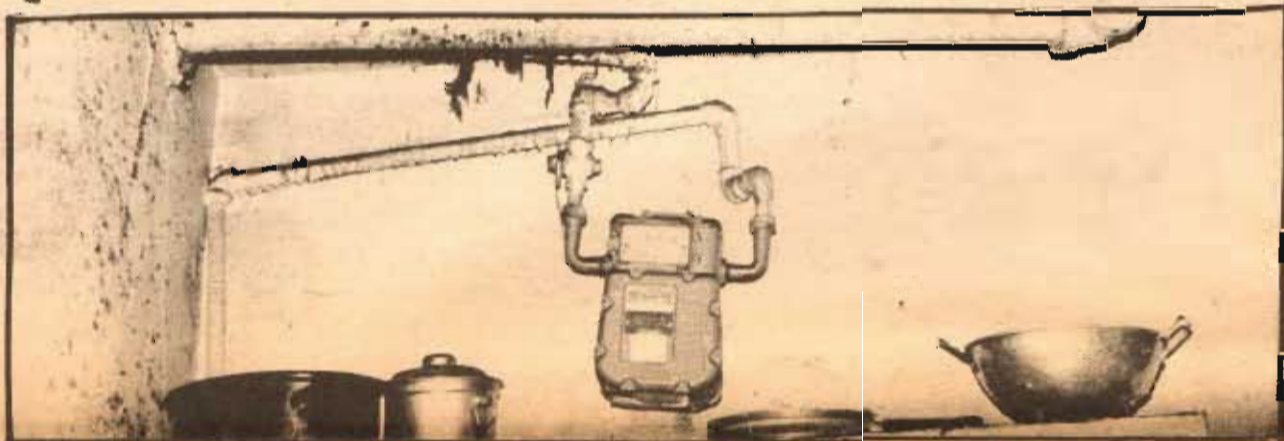
Tenants from 8 Goldkopf buildings all have similar grievances: low water pressure, no hot water, and sometimes no water at all; falling wall plaster and collapsing ceilings; broken refrigerators; no lights in the hallway; no locks on front doors; broken mailboxes; etc.



One house had no heat for 42 days last winter. At 380 E. 183rd a baby died of pneumonia because Goldkopf refused to give any heat. Many children and old people are sick because of the disgusting conditions in this slumlord's buildings.

Goldkopf tries to divide tenants by promising repairs to a few and refusing them to others. He also tried to get \$1,500 from the tenants' strike fund in exchange for only a promise to make general repairs.

But the unity of these tenants is strong. They are all still on rent strike and are determined to hold out until all repairs are made.



Last January, slumlord Goldkopf abandoned 1894 Arthur Ave. The conditions in the building have deteriorated steadily since. There is no running water. Thieves have stolen the disused pipes. People living in the building have to get water from a hydrant on the street.

There is no gas in the building either, although Con Ed still charges the tenants for gas. Tenants have to cook on electric hot plates.

Dead rats, dead dogs, and garbage litter the halls and vacant apartments.

These Apartments Are Locked
There Aren't Any Pipes Or
Anything Else Left In Them
Only Garbage And Dead
Animals. People Still Live
In This Building.

One tenant, a 26 year old mother with 3 little children, has been unable to find another apartment. Welfare refuses to help her at all because it's cheaper for the city to allow her to live rent free in this rat-trap. She keeps a dog and 5 cats in her apartment to fight the rats.

Another woman who lives in the building is a veteran's widow. Beneath the falling plaster and paint in her bedroom is a folded flag given her by the U.S. government in return for her husband's life. This is the way "our" government takes care of the families of veterans and other poor people.

The tenants live in constant fear, because the house is a firetrap. The hallways have no lights, except for a few extension cords which the tenants have hooked up from their own apartments.

Letters have been written to Mayor Beame, the Board of Health, and Geraldo Rivera of ABC News, but none of these agencies has done anything at all in response to the desperate cries of these people.

It's well known that Beame was put into office by the money and influence of landlords. He is their lackey and will never serve the needs of poor and working people.

White Lightning is dedicated to serving the people. Workers from our legal program together with other community housing groups are working to help these people and other tenants who are forced to live in slums by criminal landlords and the brutal neglect of city agencies.



Eli Lilly & Co. Has Replaced The Underworld As The Largest Supplier Of Death Drugs!



Eli Lilly & Co. produces methadone, seconal, and tuinal, the biggest selling black market drugs in the Bronx and in many U.S. communities. Each one of these 3 drugs has killed and maimed more people than any other "legally" produced drug in history. The federal Drug Enforcement Administration reports that methadone deaths now outnumber heroin deaths by 5 to 1 in New York City. Methadone deaths have increased 400% in the past year. Methadone, once hailed as the miracle cure for heroin addiction, has become the disease instead. Yet Eli Lilly continues to increase production of methadone rapidly. Production of billions of barbiturates ("downers") which have no medical use has been reported by Congressional committees as far back as 1960. Yet Eli Lilly continues to make enough Seconal and Tuinal to flood our streets.

Eli Lilly & Co. is a huge Indiana-based corporation with profits of \$155 million which have increased 20% per year lately. The management of the controlling company, Lilly Endowment, has close ties with the John Birch Society and the world Christian Anti-Communist Crusade. The key directors of Eli Lilly also sit on the boards of IBM, General Foods, and other corporate giants. You can see that Eli Lilly--the world's largest legal poison factory--is fully supported by government and other big business interests. The story behind Lilly reveals the inner workings of the economic rulers of America.

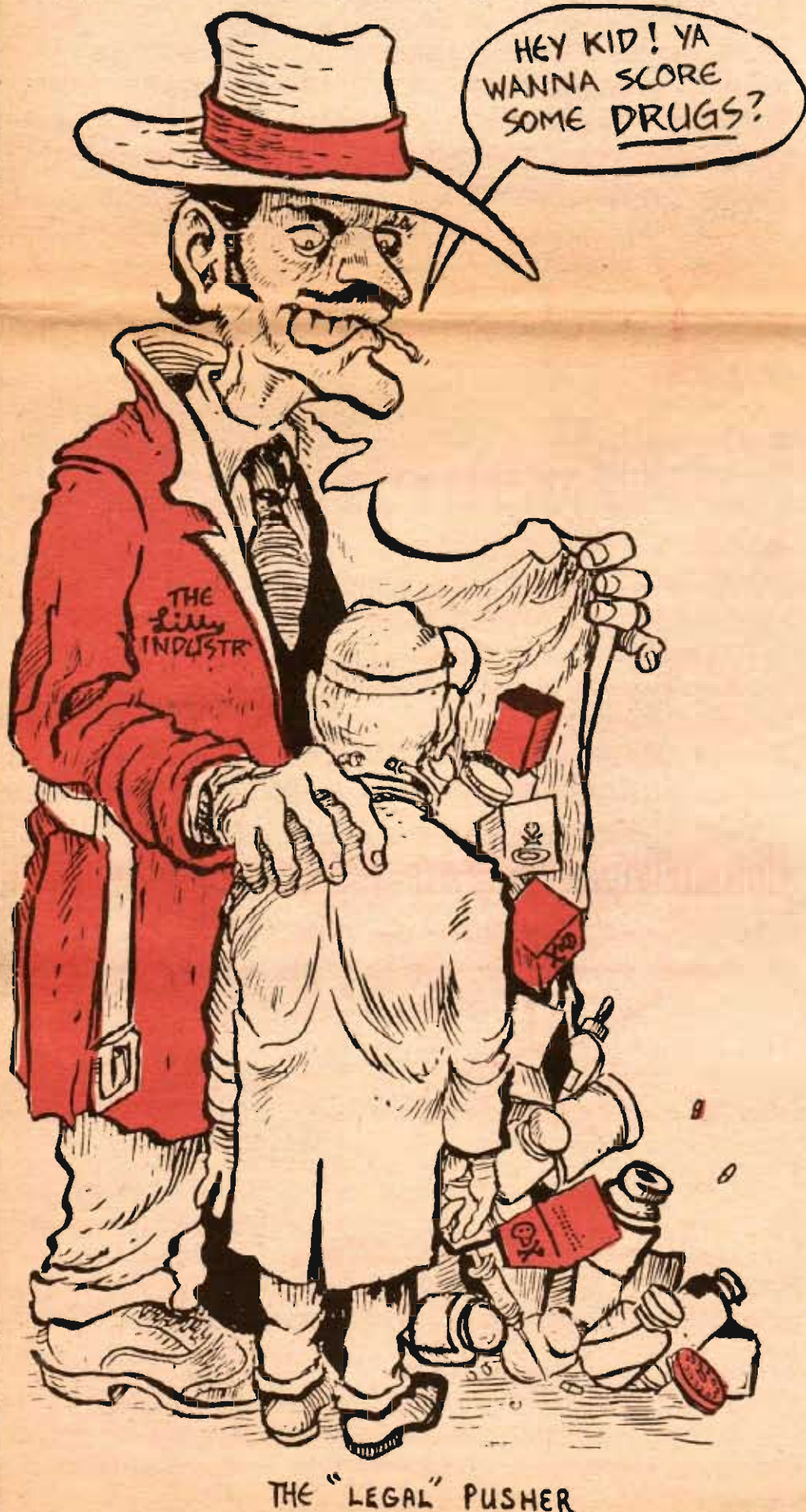
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Methadone was invented by Nazi scientists as a synthetic replacement for morphine and heroin. When Eli Lilly began making the drug in 1947, they continued to use the Nazi's name, "Dolphine", named after Adolf Hitler. Research at the federal prison hospital in Lexington, Kentucky in the late 1940s clearly showed that methadone is much more addictive than heroin and how easily an overdose can be fatal. Methadone was used infrequently until the late 1960s when researchers at Rockefeller Institute (NYC) created the theory of methadone maintenance. This theory says that high daily doses (80-120 mg, which are equivalent to \$100-150 worth of heroin) of methadone cure heroin addiction. In reality methadone maintenance is a substitution of an addiction to Eli Lilly's product for addiction to the underworld's product. Of course, Lilly's profits are also substituted for the underworld drug profits.

In the 1940s many companies made brands of methadone. Now, in the heyday of methadone maintenance, only 2 companies make it. The other producer besides Lilly is Mallinckrodt Chemical Works (St. Louis), which does little advertising and has only a secondary interest. With enrollment in maintenance programs at 100,000 and rising rapidly, the methadone making business rakes in tens of thousands of dollars in profits every day. And these are guaranteed profits, because the patients are addicted to the drug. Nixon budgeted \$1.6 billion dollars for methadone maintenance in 1972. This equals 95% of all federal drug treatment funds. We taxpayers have been financing the booming methadone business.



One Pill Can Kill

One of Lilly's advertisements in a national magazine shows a picture of an elderly Black woman and a young girl. The caption reads, "For four generations we've been making medicines as if people's lives depended on them." Maybe they mean "as if the owners' rich lives depended on them," because more poor people die from Lilly products than from any other drug company's products. Many children have died as a result of taking their parents' methadone by accident. One pill of methadone (a 40 mg. disket) can cause death in a non-addicted person. By law Eli Lilly is responsible for safe manufacture and packaging of its products. Could anything be more dangerous than making one pill--one mistaken ingestion--strong enough to cause death in most people? Lilly has also failed to disprove reports of dangerous side effects of methadone. Medical specialists have shown that methadone seems to cause unusual degenerative brain damage and decreased levels of sex hormones. Babies born to methadone-addicted mothers go through painful withdrawal for 30-60 days. Eli Lilly is legally responsible for these reactions. Since methadone is used exclusively by poor and working people, no one at Lilly or in the government seems to give a damn.

A secret House Crime Committee report quoted in Jack Anderson's column states that 20 billion pills of barbiturates and amphetamines (that's 1,000 tons) are produced by U.S. drug companies. It is commonly accepted that most of these pills have no legitimate medical use. Barbiturates especially are sold on the blackmarket with gross yearly profits of \$5-10 billion, which is similar to the level of heroin profits. Housewives, young people, workers on a job, etc--many different people take barbiturates to escape from the realities of American life. 1,600 people die each year from barbiturate overdose. Thousands of others become addicted to the pills and often suffer the related problems of brain damage, epilepsy, unsteady walking, and memory loss.

For 20 years Eli Lilly has made excessive amounts of Seconal and Tuinal. Known as "reds" and "GBs", these barbiturates have always been among the easiest "downers" to get on the street. Eli Lilly knows. Everyone in the government and the medical and pharmacy professions knows this. Yet no top level pusher of Seconal or Tuinal has ever been arrested. Certainly no one at Eli Lilly has ever been arrested. The source of this poison is stamped right on every pill, and yet nothing has ever been done to avenge the victims of barbiturate usage. Eli Lilly must spread their profits around in high places to keep themselves so safe.

Methadone Sells Big On Street

Recently methadone has become the most common street habit in the Bronx. Local drug workers tell us that it is also the most common blackmarket drug in Lilly's factory town, Lafayette, Indiana. Barbiturates and alcohol are usually taken in combination with methadone. Methadone is replacing heroin on the street because (1) it has the same narcotic effects as heroin, (2) it's a cheaper "high", (3) it's less risky in terms of law enforcement, and (4) it's easier to find. Most of the methadone seems to be sold by doctors, workers, or patients in methadone maintenance programs. However some of it--sold in pill form--undoubtedly comes from factory sources. Comparing methadone production levels and expected usage in legal methadone programs leads to the conclusion that Eli Lilly produces several thousand pounds of methadone each year. These statistics were obtained from the federal drug information services in Washington, D.C. A \$10 investment in blackmarket methadone at the factory brings \$2,000 on the street.

Eli Lilly is growing rapidly into a giant international corporation. It has subsidiaries in 34 countries, especially in locations with fascist dictatorships and low wages, such as Spain, Guatemala, Taiwan, and South Africa. Lilly's factory in Puerto Rico brings \$17 million yearly profit, because of special U.S. tax exemption laws. These laws are supposed to encourage investment in Puerto Rico, but the main products that Lilly brings to Puerto Rico cause the death of hundreds of young Puerto Ricans.

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Lilly also manufactures other prescription drugs (Ilosone, Darvon, V-cillin-K, C-Quens) and over the counter drugs (Trinsicon, Mi-cebrin, many other vitamins, Merthiolate, Trisogel, Surfaccaine, etc.). Darvon is the largest selling pain killer in America. The Mayo Clinic judged it "hardly better than a (sugar pill)" in 1972. In 1973 the Wall Street Journal reported 14 deaths due to the combination of Darvon and alcohol. Now Darvon, which is chemically very similar to methadone, is facing re-classification as a "dangerous drug." Lilly owns Elizabeth Arden cosmetics, a world famous "upper middle class" line. Lilly's Elanco Products makes herbicides like Treflan, sold in 52 countries for \$160 million yearly and Tylan, an antibiotic sold in 76 countries that is supposed to make pigs fatter.

Doctors Are Middlemen

Doctors and drug store owners act as middlemen in many of Lilly's drug deals. For a price they will write up or accept a phoney prescription for barbiturates. 60 million prescriptions a year are written for barbiturates. Eli Lilly spends large amounts of money sponsoring "high class" medical journals, "independent" research, and professional associations. 1,200 "detail men" are hired just to negotiate with doctors. Eli Lilly gives a doctor's bag and stethoscope to every medical student. On graduation they are given a leather doctor's bag. This bribery paid off in 1964 when the AMA squashed a report from the Senate subcommittee on Juvenile Delinquency which recommended much stricter controls on barbiturates.

Who owns Eli Lilly & Co.? Although there are 22,000 individual stockholders, voting control rests with the descendants of the founder, Colonel Eli Lilly, and the Lilly Endowment. Lilly Endowment is second only to the Ford Foundation as the largest "charitable" foundation in the U.S. It was established as a tax-exempt non-profit organization in order to avoid the inheritance tax. In 1972 Lilly Endowment reported \$177 million profit. All this money would be paid to the U.S. government and thus reduce our tax bill if it weren't for the disgusting loopholes that exist in the tax laws.

John S. Lynn was the manager of Lilly Endowment from 1959 until he retired in 1973. Lynn is a leader of the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade and was closely associated with the John Birch Society, which originated in Indianapolis (Lilly's home city). The John Birch Society is a nation-wide ultra right wing organization which attacks social security, medicare, unions, the United Nations, etc. as "subversive communist plots." Birchers push for expanding wars with nuclear attacks abroad and tight police control in the U.S. They use the excuse of anti-communism to support outright fascist attacks on poor and working people. Lilly's production of death drugs certainly fits in with these plans.

Lilly Funds Youth Groups

Lilly Endowment is the largest source of corporate funds for right wing activities in the U.S. White Lightning has the full list of their donations. Some of their largest donations to "moderate" organizations in 1972 include: American Institute for Character Education (\$2,000,000), Americans for Effective Law Enforcement (\$300,000), Boy Scouts (\$510,000), Boys Clubs (\$500,000), Addiction Services Agency in Indianapolis (\$175,000), project to reduce student failures at Black colleges (\$300,000), Young Life (\$500,000), and Junior Achievement (\$320,000). It blows your mind to think that the largest drug pushing organization in the U.S. has such a heavy influence over these youth organizations. In 1965 a group of Indiana doctors threatened a boycott of Lilly products in opposition to Lilly's far right viewpoints.

The board of directors of Eli Lilly has close ties with the very top levels of U.S. finance, industry, and government. Recently retired chairman Eugene Beesley is a director of General Motors and Proctor & Gamble. Board member Albert Lynn Williams is a recent president of IBM, and a director of Mobil Oil, General Foods, and First National City Bank. Board member William McChesney Martin, Jr. was the head of the powerful Federal Reserve Board for 19 years and an ex-president of the New York Stock Exchange. Now he is a director of IBM, U.S. Steel, and American Express. His father is a director of General Foods, which makes Tang--the phoney food product used to dilute methadone.

The Rockefeller Connection

Beesley and Williams are members of The Links Club (36 E. 62nd St., NYC; phone TE 8-8181) which is described by Ferdinand Lundberg, author of the 'Rich and the Super-Rich', as the place where the highest, most exclusive business deals are transacted. The Rockefellers, DuPonts, Mellons, and Vanderbilts are all members. Behind the closed doors of The Links, connections can easily be made between Lilly's booming drug business and Rockefeller's drug laws that force people on to methadone, for example.

Eli Lilly & Co. represents a gruesome coalition of dope dealers, rich corporation owners, and ultra-right pressure groups. Directly and indirectly, Lilly is responsible for the suffering of millions of poor and working people.

--facts and statistics for this article were taken almost entirely from material published by the U.S. government and Eli Lilly.

How We Can Begin To Shut Down Lilly's Poison Factory

1. We plan a nation-wide poster campaign exposing Lilly's crimes. Like most drug companies, Eli Lilly makes a large percentage of its profits on the strength of its advertising. Heavily advertised products are usually sold at 3 times the price of identical non-advertised (generic) products. Lilly spends huge amounts of money on general ads that say in essence "trust Lilly." By exposing Lilly's over-production of death drugs, we can damage their public image, effectively reduce their profits, and partly avenge the millions of victims of drug addiction.

--people interested in doing art work or helping with distribution of the posters should contact us.

2. Boycotting Lilly's products is a secondary tactic. A few of the medical drugs that Lilly makes are necessary to health care, such as Insulin and Colchicine. But most of Lilly's prescription drugs have identical counterparts which can be ordered instead. Tell your doctor to stop writing prescriptions for Lilly products such as Ilosone (erythromycin), V-cillin-K (Pen Vee), and C-Quens (a contraceptive). Don't use Darvon because it costs 23 times as much as aspirin and is probably less effective. Don't buy Lilly's non-prescription drugs such as Becotin, Micebrin, Trinsicon, and Zenticin (these are all vitamins) children's vitamins, Trisogel (like amphogel), Merthiolate (antiseptic), and Surfaccaine (skin pain killer). Identical cheap alternatives exist for all of these drugs. Don't buy Elizabeth Arden cosmetics including the following brands: Sandalwood for Men, Blue Grass, Memoire, Skin Dynamics, and Velva.

3. Educate medical students and doctors about Lilly's dope dealing. Students could put a label on their free "Lilly" doctor bags, such as "methadone kills," etc. Health schools and journals could be pressured by students into refusing donations from Lilly.

4. Some people have suggested a class action lawsuit against Lilly for over-production of dangerous drugs. We have a lot of evidence and potential witnesses.

5. Eventual exposure and prosecution of Lilly officials as top level dope dealers.

6. Struggle to destroy the profit hungry system of capitalism which creates monsters like Eli Lilly & Co.

HEROIN

and IMPERIALISM

The dictators our government forced us to defend with our blood, made huge profits by producing the drugs which are destroying our people. The government knows what's going on, protects it, and, in fact, stands exposed as the architect of this system of death and destruction.

Heroin is big business. There are more than half a million addicts in the U.S., each forced to spend an average of \$8,000 a year to maintain his habit. That's \$4 billion annually for organized crime. But heroin is also big business for more "respectable" types.

Heroin is made from opium. The British introduced the opium trade into Asia in the 19th Century. They saw it as a way to finance their empire and at the same time control the people in their conquered territories. The French learned from the British, and they too developed an opium monopoly in their Far Eastern colonies. Today, 70% of the world's opium supply comes from the Golden Triangle, a small section of Southeast Asia where Burma, Laos and Thailand come together.

When the British and French empires collapsed after World War II, American busi-

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To control these movements the U.S. needed friends. It found these friends in gangs of local cutthroats, businessmen, and corrupt politicians who were willing to front for U.S. interests in return for guaranteed control of the drug traffic.

U.S. Gov't Builds Drug Trade

(1) After 1950, the CIA financed the organization of a Nationalist Chinese guerrilla army in Burma to stop the spread of popular revolt. With the knowledge, protection and assistance of the CIA, this army spent most of its time developing fields of opium poppies which today provide 1/3 of the world's illegal supply.

(2) In Laos, the CIA created a mercenary army of Meo tribesmen, again to resist liberation movements. The commander of this army became one of the chief manufacturers of heroin sold to American GI's in Vietnam. Air America, the CIA airline, ships the opium from Laos to Thailand and Vietnam for processing and sale.

(3) The former commander-in-chief of the Laotian army obtained millions from the U.S. Agency for International Development to build a Pepsi-Cola bottling plant. In 5 years, not one bottle of Pepsi has come out

of the plant. But it has placed huge orders for the chemicals used to manufacture heroin. (4) The South Vietnamese airforce and navy have a monopoly on the smuggling of heroin into Vietnam. Distribution and sale is in the hands of army officers. Profits are shared with the civil bureaucracy and powerful members of the National Assembly. The South Vietnamese government and military are financed entirely by U.S. tax dollars.

(5) The chief advisor of South Vietnam's President Thieu was named by NBC News as the "biggest pusher" of heroin to GI's in Vietnam. The U.S. government has supported Thieu against any and all democratic opposition with full knowledge of his involvement in the traffic in heroin.

GI's Victimized

Finally it became obvious that all the gangsters, mercenaries and corrupt poli-

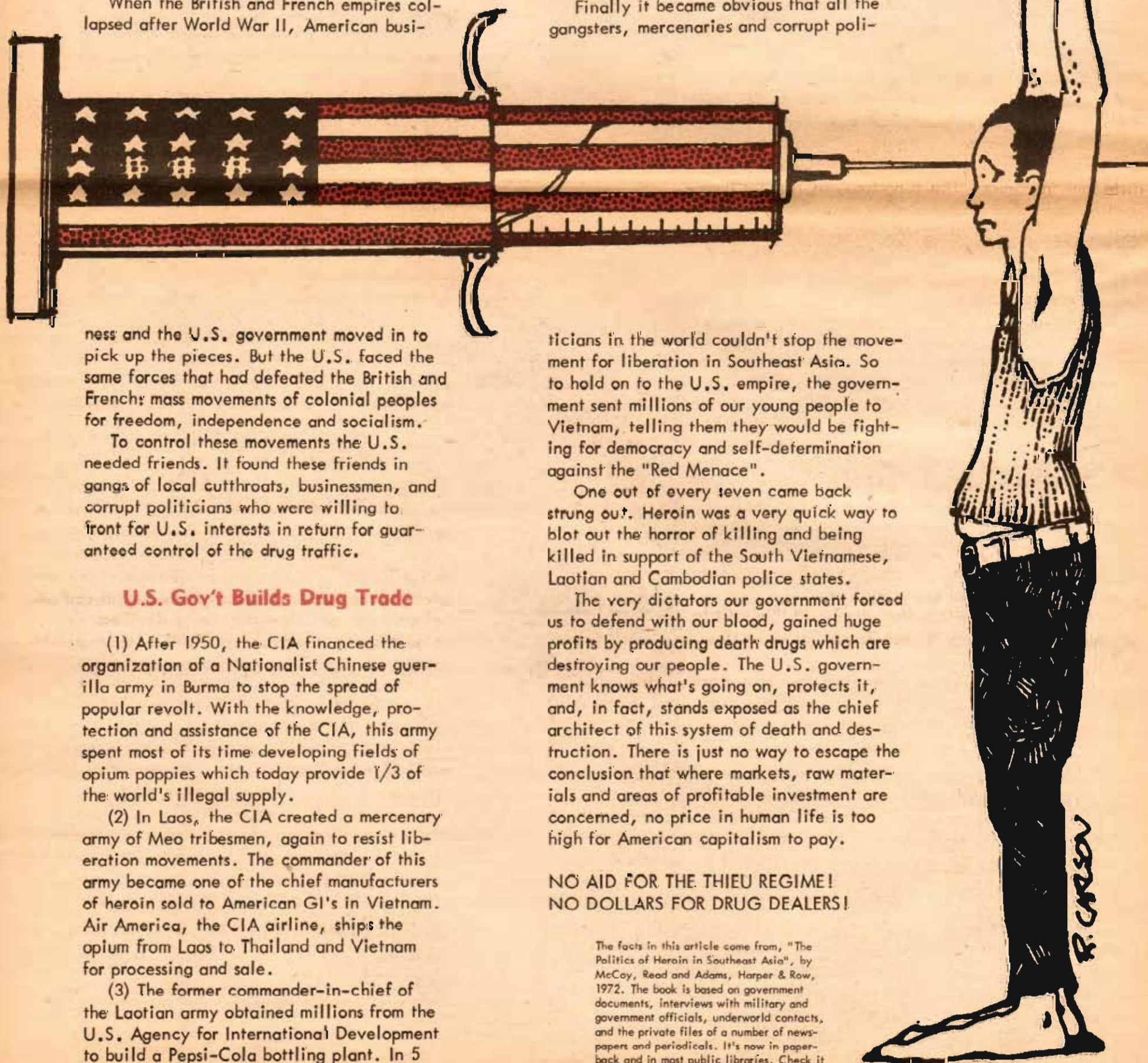
ticians in the world couldn't stop the movement for liberation in Southeast Asia. So to hold on to the U.S. empire, the government sent millions of our young people to Vietnam, telling them they would be fighting for democracy and self-determination against the "Red Menace".

One out of every seven came back strung out. Heroin was a very quick way to blot out the horror of killing and being killed in support of the South Vietnamese, Laotian and Cambodian police states.

The very dictators our government forced us to defend with our blood, gained huge profits by producing death drugs which are destroying our people. The U.S. government knows what's going on, protects it, and, in fact, stands exposed as the chief architect of this system of death and destruction. There is just no way to escape the conclusion that where markets, raw materials and areas of profitable investment are concerned, no price in human life is too high for American capitalism to pay.

NO AID FOR THE THIEU REGIME!
NO DOLLARS FOR DRUG DEALERS!

The facts in this article come from, "The Politics of Heroin in Southeast Asia", by McCoy, Read and Adams, Harper & Row, 1972. The book is based on government documents, interviews with military and government officials, underworld contacts, and the private files of a number of newspapers and periodicals. It's now in paperback and in most public libraries. Check it out. This article only skims the surface.



The Jails They Have For Rich People Would Be A Working Person's Palace

Paradise Prisons For Presidential Patsies

As the Watergate investigations continue and the various members of the scandal-ridden Nixon administration are tried and convicted, certain prisons have begun to accommodate these new, special prisoners.

These institutions are no ordinary prisons. The facilities that the penal system has chosen to hold Charles Colson, Jeb Magruder, Richard Klindienst, Donald Segretti, Eli Krogh, and other ex-White House aides are plush, minimum security pleasure compounds especially made for wayward lawyers, accountants, stockbrokers, and government officials.

Lockups such as the federal prison at Lompoc, California, or the so-called "federal Hilton" at Elgin Air Force Base, in the sunshine state, Florida, feature such luxuries as golf, gardening, bocci ball, and comfortable, furnished living quarters. The rich criminals at Lompoc can even take their wives and girl friends for a picnic on the well kept grounds, under singing birds in gently swaying trees. Additional luxuries, including an afternoon pass to a nearby motel for a visit with the lady of his choice, may also be purchased by the Lompoc prisoner.

Guards at these paradise penitentiaries are courteous well dressed, and are at the prisoner's service. There are no walls or bars and escape is no problem. Very few men really want to escape only to spend the rest of their lives in hiding. They can easily serve their little time in comfort. This is particularly true for the wealthy and the Watergaters who can pay the fringe costs, have friends in the government, or both.

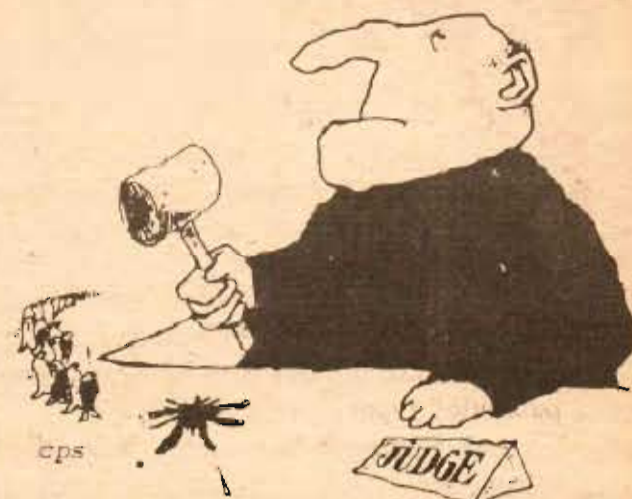
The jail terms haven't been long for convicted Watergaters either. Bernard Barker, Frank Sturgis, Eugenio Martinez, and Virgilio Gonzalez, four of those convicted in the Watergate Hotel break-in, were released after serving only two months at the "Hilton".

The most notable difference between the paradise prisons and the ordinary American correction facility is the absence of a "prison atmosphere" as one inmate put it. No strip searches, beatings, or harassment of the special prisoners is ever heard of. Work is available for those who might be bored with the offered entertainment. Most of us on the outside have never had it so good but some of these clowns still complain of boredom. Crowded impersonal cells, airtight isolation boxes, and experimental programs for the control of "chronic sociopaths" are deemed not necessary here.

Those anti-social millionaires who would like a little privacy are free to hang "Knock Before Entering" signs on the doors of their rooms.

The imprisonment of government aides for their crimes against the people is apparently an act, performed to close the curtains over the American people's eyes.

---taken from the Black Panther newspaper



Brother From 198th St Writes About His Prison Experiences

March 1974

Dear White Lightning,

I am doing four years for robbery. At the time I got arrested I was 16 and a drug addict. The main reason I'm writing you is because I want to expose some of the things that go on here at Matteawan Prison. I told my immediate family about what goes on here, but they think I exaggerate.

I saw this inmate Charley Johnson put in a straight jacket and then beaten almost to death by about 15 officers. Another inmate, who was hated by the officers, was walking through the corridor when he was jumped by 3 officers. While two of them held his arm behind his back, the other officer said, "You don't like to mind your own business nigger. Well you just earned yourself a broken arm." And they broke his arm in three places.

I haven't been beaten up yet, but I was thrown into a room where I was stripped naked with no bed, no sink, and no toilet--just a small pot. I wrote to the Commissioner about it, but you know how that goes. . . .

April 1974

. . . . There was a guy here at Matteawan named Thomas McCarthy who filed a complaint against this institution. Later he was given an overdose of medication. He was then supposed to be brought to an outside hospital, but there was "no ambulance available", so they say. The man just laid in his bed all day and night which caused him to die. There are a lot more cases of unexplained deaths I could explain to you.

(13 deaths were reported by Matteawan in 1973. In many cases the cause of death was listed as "unknown." in the final official report. An 18 year old was listed as dying of "exhaustion" and a 34 year old's death was listed as a "freak accident." These facts were reported to the NY Select Legislative Committee on Mental & Physical Handicaps on Jan 17, 1974. As far as we know, this report has been ignored---White Lightning)

A few things have happened to me since that last letter I wrote. Some officers threatened me, because I was writing a class action law suit against 2 officers, Dr. Agnew, program director, and Mr. Oleary, program director of D & E. . . .

United we stand
Divided we fall

-- Brian



The Land Across The Sea

In the land across the sea
They say a land of opportunity
They say a land where people can be free.
From Italy my people came
Across the sea to make a claim
And to build a life in the land across the sea.

Well, many years have passed since then and
I have grown to be a man
Living in the land across the sea.
Where freedom is a much used word
But how they use it is quite absurd
When there's so many people
struggling to be free.
They tell you freedom is yours to find
But try and find it and they don't like
your kind.

In the land across the sea where the
Red man once ran free
In a land that was graced by god's beauty.
Before the air was turned to gas, before
the mountains became a highway pass
When people worshipped God instead of
money.

*You rob some money they call you a thief
Steal a nation you're a king.

In the land of opportunity where the
rich man owns it all tax free
While the working people are struggling
for our suppers.
And they try to manipulate all the people
so that they hate each other
Divide and conquer, it's the same old plan.

You pay your taxes to the king
They blame your problems on people with
different color skin.

In the land of opportunity
Where the rich man owns it all tax free
While the working people are struggling
for our suppers.

But the working people are gonna rise
We're gonna open up our eyes.

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*These lines are from an old Japanese
proverb and are the basis for the song.

Words & Music by Mario Giacalone
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The Human Condition

WHITE LIGHTNING REVIEWS:

OUR BODIES OURSELVES

A BOOK
BY AND
FOR
WOMEN



A few months ago when I thought that I was either pregnant or having a nervous breakdown, I got out one of my favorite books *Our Bodies, Ourselves*, and started looking through the section called "childbearing." I wasn't positive I was pregnant when I finished that section, but I felt better and more informed.

I "discovered" the book a couple of years ago when it was still more or less in a pamphlet form. Since then it has been expanded and revised into an even better book about women, their bodies, needs and emotions. It was written by the Boston Women's Health Book Collective with the help of many of their friends.

Right now I have spent most of my time in the childbearing section, but the range of the book is much greater than just talking about having children. There is an informative section on birth control and another on abortion.

Chapters 3 and 4 deal mainly with sexuality and personal relationships. Women talk about their fantasies, virginity, sexual feelings, feelings about marriage, celibacy and

gayness. The part on lesbians helps us to begin to understand gay women and their needs to be loved, respected and treated as human beings.

Another section that is very good is the one on the anatomy and physiology of reproduction and sexuality. Women generally grow up alienated from their bodies, not knowing how they function and being discouraged from finding out. The chapter combines factual information and women's personal experiences of discovering themselves.

The sections on 'Women in Motion' and 'Nutrition and the Food We Eat' both have to do with getting our bodies in shape, which helps us feel better mentally & physically. If you're feeling sick, there's no way you can feel good in your head. This sets up a vicious cycle of never feeling that you can quite cope or deal with things.

I am just touching on all the information and the sense of personal identification that you get from reading this book. The price is \$2.95, and it can be gotten at most bookstores

Health clinics and other groups providing health counseling can get the book for 89¢ each, for 12 copies or more.

BOYCOTT GALLO!



Young people on Sedgwick Avenue in the Bronx are joining the nation-wide boycott of Gallo Winery products. From April 1967 to April 1973 the United Farm Workers Union, AFL-CIO held a contract for the Gallo Winery. With the signing of the first contract, conditions drastically changed. Wages increased, toilets and fresh drinking water were present in the fields, child labor came to an end, dangerous pesticides were closely supervised, and a union hiring hall was established which eliminated the hated labor contractor system which brutalized and humiliated workers. NOW Ernest & Julio Gallo refuse to renegotiate with the United Farm Workers, the union their workers built themselves. Gallo has refused to hold union elections, evicted 70 workers and 400 children from company housing, fired and intimidated hundreds more. The United Farm Workers, AFL-CIO, are on STRIKE. Support the strike by boycotting Gallo wines. Common brands to boycott are: Boone's Farm, Spanada, Ripple, Thunderbird, Andre's Cold Duck, Red Mountain, Tyrolia, Paisano, and the many "Gallo" brands. Other wines of similar quality and value are not covered by the boycott such as Bali Hai, Iago Sangria, Taylor's Cold Duck, Swiss Up, Almaden and Italian Swiss Colony brands. SUPPORT THE GALLO BOYCOTT!!

Lincoln Detox--The People's Program

On Wednesday, May 15, an armed group of people later identified with the National Caucus of Labor Committees attacked the People's Program--Lincoln Detox as a CIA-LEAA, methadone-pushing, terrorist organizing front. The program barred their entrance to the hospital and in the scuffle that ensued several persons were injured and one person sustained a superficial wound in the shoulder. The following statement was released by Lincoln Detox for immediate distribution.

Many friends have been asking us to write a statement regarding recent attacks on the People's Program--Lincoln Detox. As all struggling sisters and brothers know, while repression takes many forms, its intensity usually relates directly to the material threat progressive programs pose to the controlling forces in our society.

Since its inception on Nov. 10, 1970 (when a group of drug victims in the South Bronx took over space in Lincoln Hospital starting the People's Program) we have been continually attacked by State, Corporate, and right wing forces--attacks aimed at discrediting and eliminating our presence in the South Bronx.

As the revolutionary Black leader Malcolm X said, "You know when the enemy attacks you must be doing something right."

What are the "threats" that we pose?

We are a People's Program for openers. In practice, that means that 90% of our staff are ex-drug victims themselves. As such we have an intimate understanding of the role drugs are playing in our community. We understand why sisters and brothers turn to drugs as an alternative to the stench and decrepitude of their lives. We understand

how drugs are killing our people. Every level of the program is aimed at the exposure, explanation and creation of alternatives to this genocidal plague.

We have challenged all traditional therapies offered drug victims. To us any therapy not aimed at the root causes of addiction perpetuates the problem rather than solves it. Our education problems orient around studying our own history--the history of Puerto Rican struggle for independence, the history of the Black revolutionary national liberation struggle and the struggle of poor white and working people.

Detox Serves The People

Our women's, housing, court, food cooperative, medical, welfare and education collectives all have on going community projects aimed specifically at our basic survival problems.

This people's approach threatens white male professional control of the drug abuse field. This people's approach threatens the interminable treatment plans of federal and corporate interests. As a drug program we are aimed at putting ourselves out of jobs. Our experience at the 6th Annual National Drug Abuse Conference in Chicago, April 1st, showed us how very unique this approach is. The national drug scene is dominated and controlled by methadone drug interests: Air America, CIA, Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, the Eli Lilly Co., Mallinkrott Drugs and other private drug and "pseudohealth" corporations raking in desired social control and huge profits from the rapidly expanding methadone maintenance market. Our women's group and med-

ical outreach projects are constantly recruiting methadone victims to our program for detoxification. We are in a constant struggle with law enforcement agencies, welfare, parole board and courts to allow victims to attend our program rather than compulsory maintenance.

Alternative To Methadone

Finally, our initiation and promulgation of a non chemical means of detoxification and therapy: namely, the ancient people's medicine, Acupuncture, has threatened the very foundation of the American health system. This system, oriented totally on chemical therapy, has no place for drug free therapies and programs. Acupuncture which we are now beginning to use to painlessly detox heroin and methadone victims, we see as a real people's alternative. Once established, we hope to ride all chemotherapy and chemotherapists out of our community.

In conclusion, our understanding is that as the empire continues to crumble behind Vietnams, Guinea-Bissaus, Angolas, Mozambiques, Watergates, etc., we are going to see the renaissance of many crazed expressions and forms of Ku Klux Klan-type repression. This is a time to break down sectarian ties and join together in a unified resistance in the spirit of Lolita Lebron, Nat Turner and John Brown. For as the recently assassinated African revolutionary leader Amilcar Cabral said, "the great lie which we all dared to believe in is coming true."

STRAIGHT AHEAD. YOURS IN STRUGGLE, LINCOLN DETOX--THE PEOPLE'S PROGRAM



Mrs. Rice, a Bronx telephone operator, recently died of a heart attack at her switchboard. She was feeling sick and her doctor advised her to stay home from work. Because Mrs. Rice was on "final warning," at the phone company, being absent would mean losing her job. Mrs. Rice went to work ill. She paid her life for it; she died at her switchboard of a heart attack.

This is an especially brutal example of New York Telephone Company's absence and lateness control plan, "the step system." Employees at the phone company are not allowed any days off for sickness or personal reasons. The step system is the plan used to penalize workers who miss work. Each penalty is called a "step." There are 5 steps. The first 3 are warnings, then a final warning and the 5th is "termination" of the employees job.

Steps are frequently skipped and people go directly from the first warning to being fired. The power to "step" an employee or grant a sick day is in the hands of the supervisor. Workers who fight back or who have a "big mouth" are classified as having an attitude problem and the step system is used against them.

New York Telephone used the police to get rid of an operator named Diana Richardson at Albermarle Road in Brooklyn. She had just been suspended and refused to leave her work area. Diana had refused to discuss a previous suspension behind closed doors. She said, "anything you have to say to me, you will have to say in front of all the operators." Her supervisor, Gregory Rice, then suspended Ms. Richardson for insubordination. When she wouldn't leave, he called the police. She was charged with criminal trespass. The charge was later dropped.

CWA: THE PHONWORKERS' UNION

Most employees of New York Telephone are members of the Communication Workers of America (CWA). The union will only file a grievance against what they feel is an unfair "step." They never challenge the step system as a whole or the principle behind it. In this way CWA acts as a buffer to keep peace between the workers and management.

The death of Mrs. Rice, suspension and arrest of Ms. Richardson are examples of the harrasing and life threatening step system. The phone company claims to be a service industry, which acts "in the public interest." But we can see how disrespectfully they really treat people by the way they deal with the telephone workers.

A group called Strike Back was formed by phone workers to let people in different of-

fices and boroughs know what is happening to their fellow workers. Strike Back has protested Mrs. Rice's death and other atrocities. They have a newspaper called STRIKE BACK and can be reached at 636-9533.

Right On Rich & Ray!

A lot of us have a tendency not to take young people seriously. We think they're "too young"--too young to understand what's going on, to have clear ideas, to have strong convictions, to make a real contribution to the community.

Rich is 10 years old. His brother Ray is 11. They've done more than a lot of adults to make people aware of what's going on with housing, safety and sanitation in the community. On their own, they've investigated the problems their neighborhood is having with garbage filled vacant lots, abandoned cars and abandoned buildings. They came to us and insisted that we find the responsible parties. They got us to help put together community leaflets and they took on the major responsibility for distributing the leaflets.



Rich & Ray understand what it takes most of us a long time to learn: community problems are all connected and it's important for people to get together to struggle consistently to change things.

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Landlord Forced To Make Repairs!

15 members of the tenants committee of 1120 Wyatt street met with their landlord on June 3 to hear what repairs he's made and insist he make all repairs.

The tenants committee was formed in April. Since then it has given Mr. Castle a list of all the things that need to be fixed. As a result of the tenants pressure, Mr. Castle has been busy making repairs, some of which have been neglected for years.

A favorite trick of landlords is to make the small and very visible repairs (like painting) and try to get away without making the more serious and expensive ones. The tenants committee made it clear they wouldn't accept this nonsense.

Mr. Castle refused to put in a voice intercom at the front door, even though he could raise rents for it- he said he couldn't raise the rents enough! He refused to give the elevator the thorough repairs it needed. Castle shows he just doesn't care about the tenants health and safety.

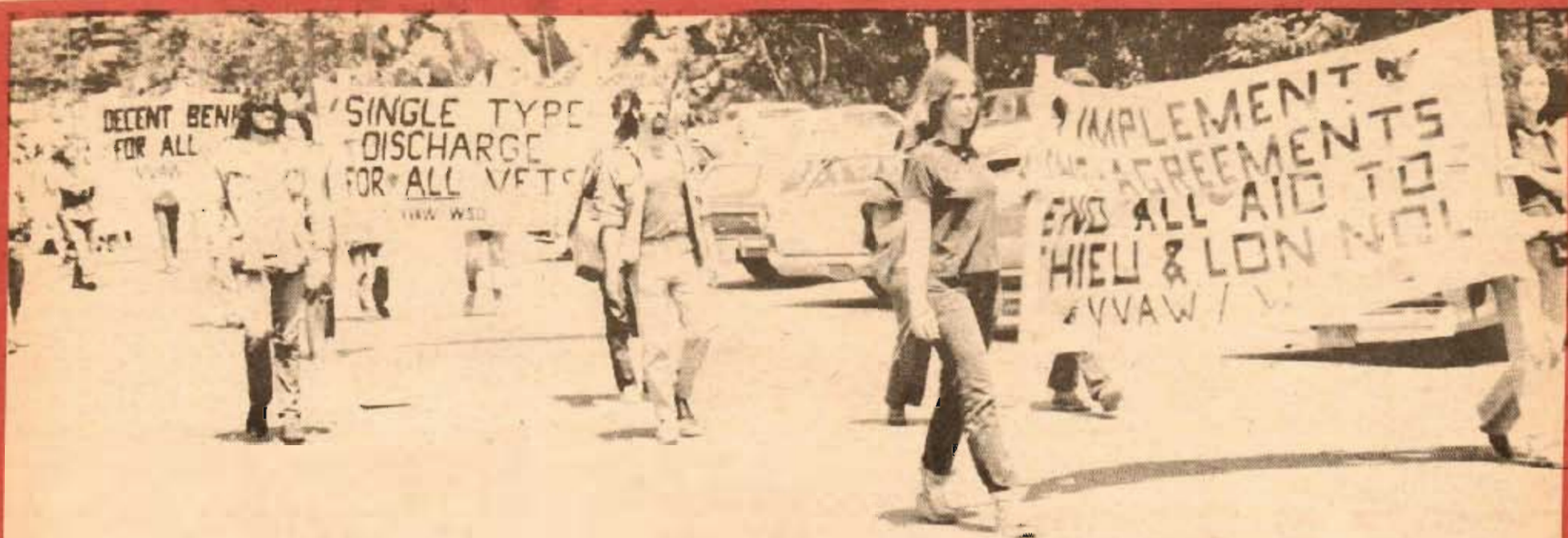
White Lightning has found out that Mr. Castle and his family own at least 6 other buildings in the Bronx: 1881 and 1970-72 Walton, 3556-3570 Rochambeau, 12 E. Clark Place, 1884 Cromwell, and 2041-47 Holland.

If the tenants of these buildings fought together against the landlord, Mr. Castle will learn to respect his tenants.

Good Housing Is A Human Right



Parkchester security guards read White Lightning



Rally In Washington July 1-4!

The Winter Soldiers

Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization began as a group of veterans dedicated to combating the imperialist suppression by the U.S. government in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. The Vietnam war was fought by poor and working people so that a handful of rich people could make more profits.

Recently VVAW/WSO has expanded their organization to include all sisters and brothers who want to fight against the U.S. government's repressive policies inside the U.S. as well as abroad.

On July 1-4, VVAW/WSO will hold a demonstration in Washington, D.C. which will include actions at the White House, Congress, Justice Department and the Pentagon. At the campsite there will be cultural and political education events. Bev Grant and the Human Condition will be on hand to entertain the people.

Universal Unconditional Amnesty

The Indochina war, which had originally divided our people, has brought us together in our opposition to it. Nixon now seeks to divide us on the question of Amnesty. He says that it would be a slap in the face to Vietnam veterans to allow war resisters off the hook, but in fact he's the one who has slapped vets in the face and closed his ears to their outcries for help. We in White Lightning believe that Universal, Unconditional Amnesty should be given to all war resisters.

Decent Benefits For All Vets

Vietnam vets are receiving more lip service and less concrete help than ever before. They have the highest rate of unemployment of any group in America. The V.A. that is supposed to serve vets spends as much on salaries, pencil sharpeners & paper clips as it gives out in benefits each year! Vets with medical problems have to suffer in V.A. hospitals that are worse than the field hospitals in Vietnam.

Implement The Peace Agreements End All Aid To Thieu And Lon Nol

Six billion dollars of our money went to Nixon's puppet governments in Saigon & Phnom-Penh this year. "Food for Peace," & other programs to prop up the faltering economy of the Thieu and Lon Nol fascist dictatorships, are financed by our tax money. Money that should be used to deal with our social problems at home is instead being funneled into the ongoing war in Indochina.

A Single Type Discharge For All Vets

The largest single group in need of Amnesty are vets with less-than-honorable discharges. These discharges are usually the result of righteous resistance to the U.S. military. The movement to win a single type discharge for all, which would include a retroactive upgrading of all bad discharges, is a central feature of VVAW/WSO's campaign for Universal, Unconditional Amnesty.

Kick Nixon Out

(Expletive Deleted)

For further information contact
VVAW/WSO, 135 W. 4th St
473-3636.

NEW VVAW/WSO

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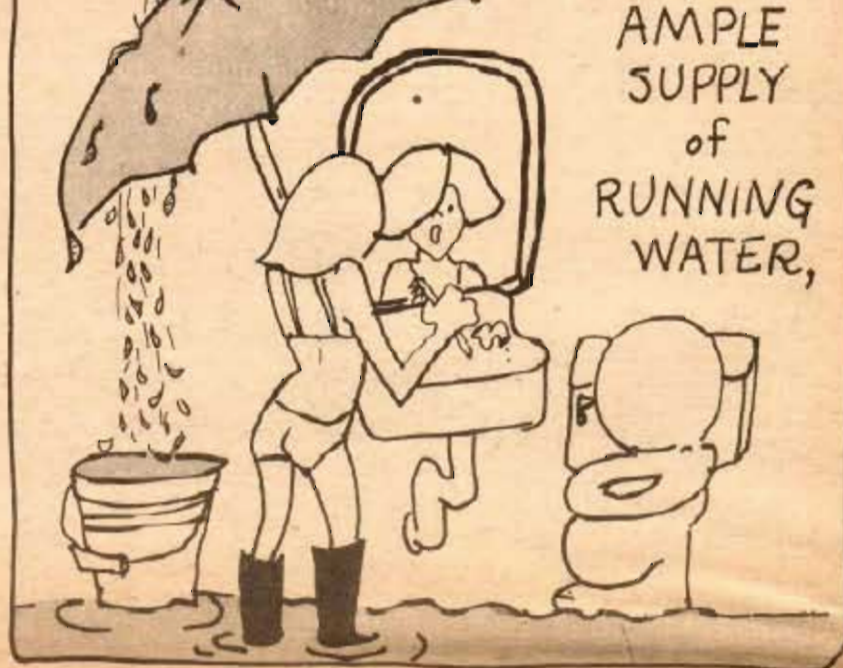
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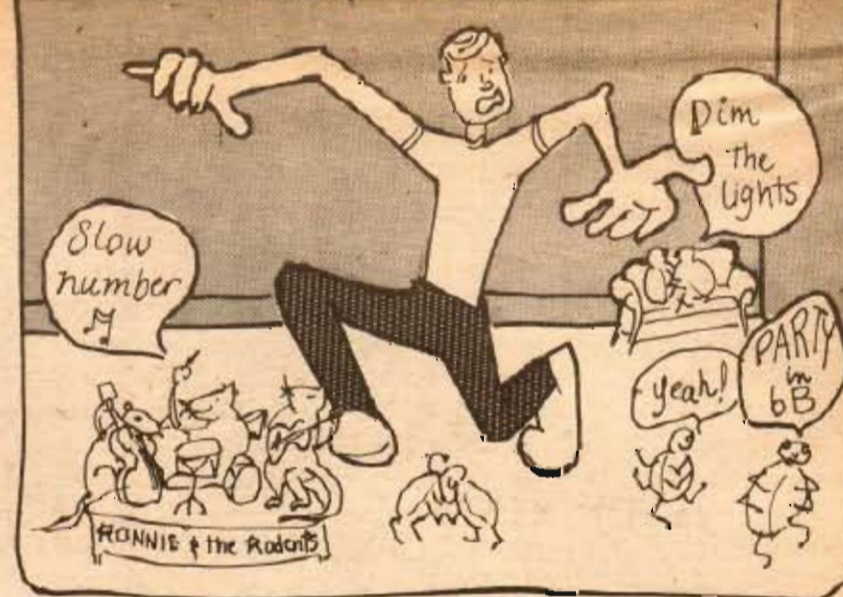
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