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“... James Rector saw the policeman aiming at his face. He turned his back and began to run; he was too late. Three pellets caught him in the lower left back, and he crumpled onto the roof....”

STATEMENT TAKEN FROM MICHAEL MEO, WITNESS TO THE SHOOTING OF JAMES RECTOR:

For about half an hour we were on the roof of the Granma Bookstore at the intersection of Telegraph and Dwight; there was a standing order among the watchers on the roof not to throw anything, not to say anything, not to do anything to antagonize the police. We watched silently as they beat up groups of demonstrators below and blanketed the area with tear gas. Before the shooting started, we were in conquered territory; the police had control of Telegraph Avenue all the way from Durant to Parker and were patrolling without incident the turf in between.

At the “fish and chips” place at Blake and Telegraph a crowd penetrated onto the Avenue; the police replied this time with shotguns. At first, of course, we didn't believe that they were shooting at unarmed people--“What the hell is that?” we asked each other. Somebody suggested it was rock salt. Then a group of four, five, or six police in the middle of the block raised their guns to shoot. “Buckshot!” somebody shouted. James Rector saw the policeman aiming at his face. He turned his back and began to run; he was too late. Three pellets caught him in the lower left back, and he crumpled onto the roof.

I was standing beside him when he fell; again I still didn't believe that there had been any shooting; perhaps Rector had sprained his ankle. But when I got to him he couldn't breathe; and when I lifted up his jacket there

were three bullet holes in his back.

Whether it was birdshot or rock salt or whatever, we had to stop Rector from going into shock. Myself and two other guys lifted his legs so the blood would flow to his head, we positioned him more comfortably and told him to breathe deeply and evenly, and we wrapped him in blankets to keep him warm. It was a near thing; according to the doctor when he reached the hospital Rector's blood pressure was zero.

First we called Herrick Hospital for an ambulance, but they said to call the police, for they had control of the ambulances. Then we called the police, but the secretary told us Rector had been throwing things at the cops and hung up. Desperate, we shouted down to the Avenue, “There's a man shot up here! Get an ambulance!” The cop slowly climbed the stairs to the roof, looked at Rector and Blanchard (blinded by the buckshot in the next building), took a lot of notes, refused to lend Rector a gas mask, and left.

But eventually an ambulance did come; of course the medical people refused to go climbing over rooftops to retrieve Rector; they handed us the stretcher instead. We lifted Rector onto the stretcher, strapped him down as gently as we could, and lifted him, back to the opposite rooftop. When the ambulance drove away they refused to say which hospital they were going to.

UNDERGROUND COMMUNIQUES

After yesterday's four o'clock gas storm in front of UC, one truckbound Guardsman raised a V-sign to the crowd. When a comrade-in-arms pulled down his arm, he raised the other. Three more men pulled him to the floor. Keep on truckin'!

A sister called late last night to ask what would happen if some people each dropped handfuls of nails on major thoroughfares like Shattuck.

UCLA students are holding a memorial service for James Rector this morning, after which they intend to march and occupy at least one building.

Get your hands on as many goggles and surgical masks (used to cover mouth and nose in hospitals) as you can. The goggles protect your eyes and the surgical mask, with wet paper towels or cheesecloth stuffed in it, helps you breathe. It's not perfect but it helps.

Brother Guardsman Feliciano laid down his gun yesterday afternoon. He was busted, put in a jeep and handcuffed, and guarded by his peers at bayonet point before being taken away.

Wouldn't it be far-fucking-out if the Guard signed and passed along petitions asking to go home? Talk to them about it. It's the most radical thing they can do and still be legal.

Take U-shaped fencing staples bent to a 120° angle, solder together so that points are opposite. When they land in the street one point is always up.

The Guard is bivouacking at the Marina. Go down and turn them on with drama, music, rap, vibrations, information, feedback. Attention Mime Troupe, Lunar Society of Drama, etc.

There are many things, small but effective, that can be done with reasonable safety. A cherry bomb in a UC toilet makes work for a plumber.

Our older brothers and sisters, realizing the futility of channels in the wake of the City Council meeting, are trying to get it together. The Concerned Citizens of Berkeley propose that between 12 noon and 12:30 each day "every day until we have been given effective voice" each citizen (in his neighborhood, at work, shopping) wear a white armband and/or turn his car lights on.

Get info or offer your help by calling 549-1359.

A den of Cub Scouts in blue and gold uniforms passed a crowd of demonstrators in a station wagon yesterday. All of them gave the V-sign and yelled, "Peace, brothers!"

The litter of pigs guarding Heyns' residence clubbed some brothers for leaning against a shiny new Buick parked outside. The people responded with fists, insults, and spit. The pigs gassed everyone in sight, and got handcuffs on one person. Didn't do any good, though, because the people took him away from the pigs. If you see him, help him get out of those fucking handcuffs.

Today (Tuesday) many of those busted were taken directly to Santa Rita. The Berkeley Police Department has NO record of those brothers and sisters.

The Alameda County Sheriffs' Department will ask the Board of Supervisors for a pay raise Thursday morning at 8:30, on the fourth floor of the County Building in downtown Oakland. The public is invited to testify.

A MEDIC SUGGESTED THIS TO INCREASE OUR EFFECTIVENESS AND SAFETY

- 1) Move in groups of 5-7. Know each other by sight, and take care of each other.
- 2) Don't leave the medics behind. They have to stop to treat people, and if we march on without them, the pigs will pounce on them. TAKE CARE OF THE MEDICS -- THEY TAKE CARE OF YOU.

SURVIVAL

IF BUSTED

836-3013

give only your name, address and age.

Beyond that, remain silent.

Use your phone call to call PEOPLE'S PARK DEFENSE, 836 - 3013 (unless you have your own lawyer and bondsman). They will get you bail and legal contacts. Write the number on your hand.

There is an urgent need for BAIL MONEY to get people out of jail. High bail has been set on people picked out at random by the pigs, beaten up, and then charged with assault.

Make checks out to:

PEOPLES PARK BAIL FUND
Free Church
2200 Parker Street
Phone 549-0649

Mailing lists for donation are also needed.

Free food mobile corps needs cooking paraphernalia, raw food material, transportation, and people to help. Call Michael at 849-0351

Free Child Care - Sponsored by Berkeley Women's Liberation. Men & women needed to staff. 11 a. m. - 5 p. m. Bring food and toys to 2814 College Avenue.

Mrs. Bryant will babysit from 8 to 1 daily at 953 Arlington.

AMBULANCE SERVICE:
848-1030

OXFORD HALL
2140 OXFORD

Call Ted for ambulance at 653-0525

ACLU PHOTO COLLECTION CENTER

All photographers, beware! The pigs are confiscating film taken to local photo labs; also, some local processors are returning black film. The Berkeley ACLU office, which is collecting photos of police action against citizens, will also develop b&w film if you can't get it done out of town. ACLU will distribute the photos (whether they develop them or not) to the newspapers and/or use them in court cases. Bring materials and witnesses to the office at 1919 Berkeley Way or call 548-0921 or 548-1322.

WITNESSES NEEDED

EVERYONE WHO SEES AN ARREST OR BEATING BY THE PIGS, AND ANYONE WHO IS ARRESTED, SHOULD CALL:
PEOPLE'S PARK DEFENSE COMMITTEE

836 - 3013
IMMEDIATELY!

They will take your name and where you can be reached and contact you later to get a statement.

FREE CHURCH NEEDS

People to Pass out leaflets all the time (6 a. m. - 8 p. m.) Do it - 2200 Parker

A Message from Frank Bardacke:
"Getting busted is a drag. Avoid it if you can. But, jail is better than ever... Blacks are friendly... The pigs are confused and worried... The graffitti is Superb - a sample from Oakland Holding Cell: IF REAGAN RAN THE WORLD, HE'D PUT A SPEED LIMIT ON FUCKING.



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