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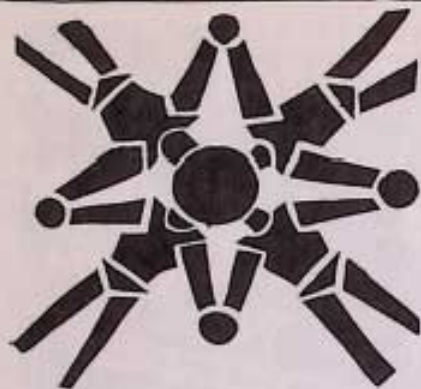
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SQUATTERS STAND UP TO NEW YORK CITY

Valentine's Day '86 - At noon on this cold and gray day, about one hundred and fifty people gathered before New York's City Hall to protest the city's and the H.P.D.'s treatment of homesteaders and squatters. They aimed to force the H.P.D.'s head, Anthony Gliedmann to meet with group leaders he has refused to speak with. The demonstrators main demand was for amnesty for low income people living in city owned abandoned buildings, a statute which has already been passed in Philadelphia and other cities.



The demonstration was endorsed by the Lower East Side Joint Planning Council, a homesteaders organization, the Citizens for Constitutional Rights, and many other groups of squatters and homesteaders from around the city.

The demonstration was a very mixed assembly of young and old, black, white, and hispanic; men, women and children. They picketed before City Hall for an hour before proceeding to the Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) offices at 1000 Gold Street for the planned civil disobedience. Unfortunately, timing was awry and before people could make it into the HPD offices, - police had barricaded the building. The demonstration went on, however. Guitars were brought out and people sang

chanted before bewildered office workers and city officials. "We don't want what Gliedmann sells, we want homes not hotels!" was one of the chants, as well as "Gliedmann's the pimp, the city's the whore, he breaks peoples' homesteads and sells them for more!"

Shouting and chanting, demonstrators made their way through the Wall St. area to 75 Maiden Lane, the HPD's other office building. Twenty or so people managed to get in and occupy the offices before the police barricades moved in. They watched angrily as demonstrators grew so loud that workers in the offices, even on the top floors of the building, were distracted from from their work. Since sound devices were prohibited, demonstration leaders took a stand in the square before the building, spiritedly denouncing city housing officials for corruption and stupidity.

At the same time, at 100 Gold Street, two demonstrators were caught in the HPD offices and charged with trespassing. The demonstration immediately made its way back to that building for a final rally. As the two were brought out and placed in the paddy wagon, police announced that anyone remaining in the area would be arrested. The demonstration, however, did not disassemble until the two were taken away. The two arrestees were released after spending the night in jail.

The aim of these occupations was to force Gliedmann to meet with homesteaders who were facing eviction battles in court.

The Valentine's Day demo was the first in a series of actions that will dramatize the plight of homesteaders and homeless in NYC. The message of the day: it's time for people to get together and organize to fight the city's long planned gentrification efforts. The people must not be forcibly pushed from the inner cities of America.

**OUR LAND + OUR HOME
AND WE WON'T LEAVE!**



DEMONSTRATIONS!

A small but growing coalition is emerging around the northwest corner of Central Park to oppose two planned luxury towers. The proposed buildings, between 109 & 110th and between 110 & 111th Streets on Central Park West - Frederic Douglas Boulevard, would be completely market rate. And what a market: single bedrooms from \$150,000!

Aware that many other developers are waiting eagerly in the wings to see if these towers actually go up, the Rockefeller Partnership (the major investor) has christened the project "Open the Gate" (the "Gate" being the southern edge of Harlem). Aware of all this, the Coalition has called itself the "Close the Gate" Coalition and is made up of tenant associations, churches, the Colubus Tenants Union and, importantly, the Harlem Reclamation Project group assisting squats and homesteads throughout Harlem.

Rallies have been happening every Saturday at 11:00 am at 110th Street and Manhattan Avenue throughout the winter, but participation has picked up noticeably these last few beautiful weeks. Signs at the last rally read: "We Don't Want to Live in the Shadow of some Rich Strangers! Let's Stop Luxury Towers Let's Start Low-Income Homesteads" and "Harlem is for the Folks that Live Here". The speakers are strong, the songs are coming along and the movement to reclaim Harlem is beginning to grow. Join us!

HARLEM



7th STREET HOMESTEADERS FIGHT BACK

274 - 278 East 7th Street

Homesteaders on 7th street are fighting the city to keep their project alive. Why the city won't sit down and meet with them this reporter can't say. The homesteaders are working hard to up-grade their buildings, but the city just keeps trying to push them out. The buildings are safe, clean, and coming along well. The 7th street homesteaders are also involved in the community - struggling to improve their block and neighborhood. Why push them out?



LOWER EAST SIDE

On Friday morning, April 4, the police invaded the homestead at 537 E. 5th Street, forcing out the residents with threats of arrest. Once the building was vacated, HPD began to brick up the building, in violation of the right to due process. In essence, the City of New York violated a law which states that it is a crime to evict anyone without notification and a court hearing if they have lived in a building for more than 30 days - this law applies regardless of whether you are a legal or illegal tenant. The cops ordered the homesteaders to vacate immediately. Ho hum! Some due process!

Also the cops told the homesteaders they were no longer occupants. Meanwhile, the HPD continued to brick up the building, with all their possessions and cats and dogs inside!

Some officers from the 9th Precinct were quoted as saying that they understood the homesteaders - many of whom had resided in the building over 5 years - had a right to due process in a court of law. However they used the excuse that Mayor Koch had personally ordered the cops to evict homesteaders in city-owned buildings.

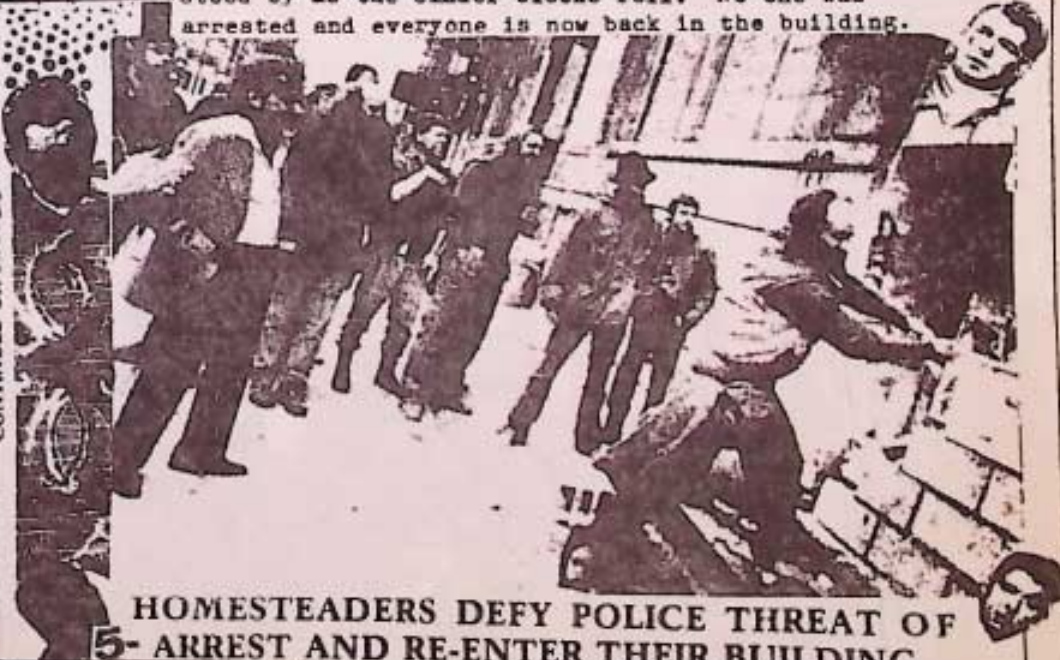
The 5th Street homesteaders, however were not easily defeated. They contacted supporters through an eviction hot line and returned to their homes the next day with about forty people and press reporters. Police stood by as the cinder blocks fell. No one was arrested and everyone is now back in the building.

LANDLORD SABATAGE

Tenants at 41 and 43 Ave. B were rudely surprised by police who evicted them from their home on April 28th. According to tenants, police forced about 50 residents to leave 22 apartments in these two adjacent buildings because they were in imminent danger of collapse. One elderly woman with emphysema was carried out from 41 Ave. B in a chair and police refused to allow anyone to re-enter the apartment to get her medicine.

According to one resident the landlord, Joseph Cohen and agent Vickers Mgmt. (located at 428 E. 83rd St. NY, NY 10021 tele. 212-628-2313), had been ordered in housing court to make repairs to the buildings back wall. Even though the tenants repeatedly tried to force the landlord to do these repairs, he did nothing and deliberately allowed the building to deteriorate. Now all the tenants are out on the street. This is the "justice" that we

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5- HOMESTEADERS DEFY POLICE THREAT OF ARREST AND RE-ENTER THEIR BUILDING

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FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVEN'T HEARD... a corruption scandal of city officials is sweeping New York City. First brought to light during the first suicide attempt of Queens Borough President Donald Hanes, they allegations have continued to grow. The charges center around alleged pay-offs in various city agencies including the Parking Violations Bureau and the Taxi and Limousine Commissions. Mixed up in the mounting scandal are real estate developer Michael Lazar, lawyer Michael Dowd, and several of the city's top Democratic leaders.

Hanes, who was charged with accepting more than a half million dollars in bribes, succeeded in committing suicide on March 13th. His last official act as Queens Borough President was to authorize the building of a barracks style shelter in an old shoe factory. The plan is now under fire due to objections over the warehousing of 500 people in one large room.

Now the spotlight is on Bronx Borough President Stanley Friedman. There is mounting evidence that the corruption is widespread, encompassing other city agencies. Mayor Koch has remained aloof, hoping to sidestep the dirt and the responsibility. City housing departments have yet to be touched by the scandal. Strangely, however, in mid-February, in the midst of the PVB scandals, Anthony Gliedman, head of HPD - the Department of Housing, Preservation and Development, a Federally funded (HUD) city agency, responsible for many of the city's "urban renewal" efforts was "resigned" by Mayor Koch. Gliedman

is about to be replaced by someone as yet unknown. He has taken a job with Donald Trump, one of the biggest real estate developers around, owner of Trump Tower and numerous sites around town.

Now, in this city alone, 60,000 people spend their lives in the street, or close to it. HPD warehouses hundreds of thousands of abandoned units - routinely tearing down more than 2,000 living units a week. HPD rips the stairs out of vacant buildings and smashes water mains and pipes. Homeless people finding shelter in these buildings are harassed by HPD hired tough guys and police. At the site of one housing project on the Lower East Side, people were removed from the area and have not been permitted to live in the new building because it will house 1/4 of the number of people that were displaced in order to build it.

In short, the city agency responsible for "preservation and development" will do nearly anything to discourage renovations of abandoned buildings by low income people. Meanwhile, vacant buildings are auctioned off cheap by HPD to rich developers and business men. And wouldn't you know it, the decision to auction off our homes or to legitimate our homesteads rests on the shoulders of a person soon to be the head of the largest developer in NYC...HPD.

No corruption... You tell us.

ELEANOR BUMPURS LIVES

A lively demonstration was held on April 11, in front of the Bronx Court House. Angry demonstrators made it clear that they would not accept the acquittal of Eleanor Bumpurs' murderer. Stephen Sullivan, Ed. Koch, and Benjamin Ward, higher-ups in the Housing Authority and Human Resources Administration, all helped pull the trigger. They are all guilty and should be punished. Why Sullivan was let off and why Mrs. Bumpurs' murder was the occasion for some of the sickest racist posturing in years is because the state wants to intimidate all of us who fight for our homes against the war like forces of displacement and gentrification. We will not be moved and justice in the death of Eleanor Bumpurs will not be denied. The Eleanor Bumpurs Justice Committee meets regularly. For more information call:

893-3347 or 873-5885; ask for al

ELEANOR BUMPURS LIVES!



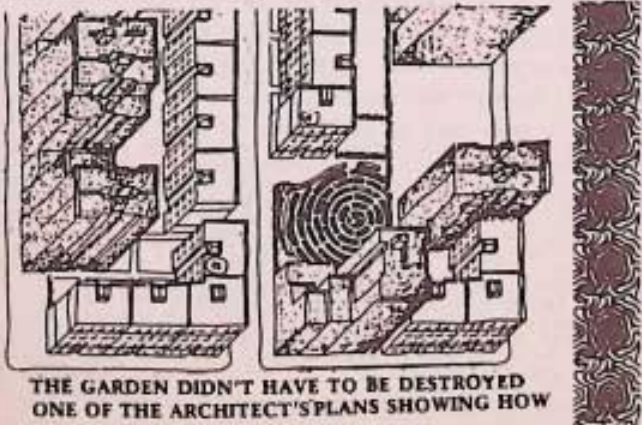
THE BULLDOZING OF THE GARDEN OF EDEN

A GOOD EXAMPLE OF DIVIDE AND CONQUER

In the Lower East Side many vacant lots of rubble have been turned into beautiful gardens and numerous abandoned buildings are being repaired and lived in by home-steaders. Reclaiming these buildings and vacant lots where we once lived - and which are now intended for the middle class - is a first step in stopping the city's plan to kick minorities and the poor (us!) out of our neighborhood. It is very important that we stick together inspite of personal differences and squabbles so that the city cannot pick us off one by one. It is only by defending each other that we can begin to grow into a force that can stop our forced removal from the neighborhood.

The city, who sees our unity as a danger, was behind some recent dirty tricks aimed at dividing our forces. Then falsely created the issue: garden v.s. housing. There are many unused vacant lots in the L.E.S. but it was insisted that a new \$13 million, 189 unit housing project could only be built precisely on the block where the Garden of Eden stood. Furthermore, even if these buildings were to be built on that block it would have been possible to do it WITHOUT destroying the Garden. Even the project's architects offered to draw up a plan that included the Garden, only to be turned down by the city.

We see no excuse for the destruction of such a beautiful thing as the Garden of Eden. The existence of the Garden was not contradictory with the building of the housing project. Justifying the destruction of the Garden because of a political difference on how to approach and deal with the city's threats is a tragedy we hope will never happen again. It is a real shame that some housing groups did not have the vision to defend the Garden and expose the city's dirty dealings in this case.



THE GARDEN DIDN'T HAVE TO BE DESTROYED
ONE OF THE ARCHITECT'S PLANS SHOWING HOW

We also need to question if this type of housing is the answer to homelessness on the L.E.S. There are grave doubts as to whether it will actually be filled with low income people since the Federal Government is no longer subsidizing low income housing (in order to be profitable, new projects being built tend to have only a token 20% low income people and these 20% can be taken from the upper levels of "low income", in other words no welfare, S.S.I., or minimum wage earners etc).

If this \$13 million in Federal money had been given to the poor and homeless who make up the homestead movement, instead of the A.B. Herman company, who stand to make a mint, just think what could have been done with it. Homesteaders can renovate and repair abandoned buildings for under \$5,000 per apartment (and often far under). This means we could have made over 2,500 derelict apartments liveable, providing housing for over 12 times as many people and including those people forced out in the past.



THE GARDEN OF EDEN
BULLDOZED JAN. 8, 1988

Homelessness, further is a problem created by the city itself. The block where the Garden of Eden stood is a good example of how the city destroys neighborhoods. The city calls it "land clearing". People were run out of buildings all along Eldridge and Stanton Streets through a process of neglect, arson, and a "closed eyes" policy encouraging heroin dealing. Others left "voluntarily" after being promised a place

in a housing project to be built in 2 years, and after 15 years they are still waiting! The then empty buildings - although on the most part still structurally sound - were torn down. In the end 400 existing units (apartments) were destroyed to make way for only 189 new ones. The community is destroyed, profits fill the pockets of the developers, once again the people's right to land is trampled on by private property, and a beautiful garden, the work of 12 years, is bulldozed.

The city sets up alot of bureaucratic red tape when we try to negotiate with it. There are all kinds of rules regulations, processes etc. that are set up only to discourage and confuse us. We only have to look at the process that was involved in legally becoming a homestead to see this! We are expected to follow a lengthy bureaucratic process to the "T" when trying to deal with the city. However when the city deals with us, they feel free to conveniently forget due process and even break

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WHAT IS THE

In 1973, Adam Purple, an organic gardener, began sifting through the rubble on a vacant lot on Eldridge Street between Stanton and Rivington. For twelve years he, along with the "Friends of the Garden", worked to create a paradise of fruit and nut trees, flowers, herbs and other beautiful plants. A friend of the garden described it this way:

"Sitting in the Garden at any time of year it is easy to feel that this is the only island of sanity in this over-developed and hyper-frenzied city of souls. Its concentric rings require one to move slowly, to contemplate, experience. Its central circle, the double yin/yang that is visible from satellite, is made of flowers."

The garden, which was featured in an issue of National Geographic Magazine, had no lock, no door and no gate to hang a lock on. All were welcome to enjoy it and work on it.



In 1979 Federal money became available to NYC and a plan was devised to build a housing project on the block where the Garden stood. Adam took the case to Federal Court on August 22, 1985 to appeal the decision to destroy the garden. The city ignored the fact that the case was in Federal Court and began to destroy the Garden. On September 24, 1985, bulldozers made their first attack destroying a hand laid stone wall, some black walnut trees the largest open-to-the-public black raspberry patch in Manhattan, a large trampoline and a stage. The second

surprise bulldozer attack, carried out clearly illegally with unsigned demolition papers, occurred in the early morning hours of January 8, 1986. In only 1 hour's time, 95% of the Garden itself was destroyed.

Neighborhood kids and "Friends of the Garden" have been unearthing what remains of the Garden from underneath the rubble. Spring flowers are now in bloom. On the first day of Spring, March 20, an all day long

FREE THE LAND!



GARDEN of EDEN?

festival was held. In spite of the cold weather, over 50 people showed up. We had a wonderful day working on the garden and singing, reciting poems and eating around a fire into the night.

The festival was preceded the week before by a lively march through the L.E.S. by over 100 people with costumes, drums, noise makers and banners. A flower was planted in the asphalt in the middle of St. Marks Place and the "world's largest earthworm" (about 20 feet long) wound its way through the streets and a supermarket looking for dirt. It's now happily living on the Chinese Empress Tree in the Garden of Eden.



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their own laws. The Garden of Eden was bulldozed on January 8 even though the case of the destruction of the Garden was still in Federal Court at the time. Furthermore, the demolition of the Garden, which caused several million dollars damage, was illegal because the demolition order was unsigned! The Federal Court has now ruled that the city acted in "bad faith" in this case and has been ordered "to show cause why sanctions should not be imposed against it". In other words the court ruled that the city has acted wrongly and is ordered now to bring forward any reasons why it should not compensate the "Friends of the Garden" for the damage done.

We hope that in the future we will be able to stick together so that no more gardens are bulldozed and no homesteads are evicted. Let's not be tricked into dividing our forces by false issues created by the city or others, such as the Garden of Eden v.s. housing. Let's stop being victims of the city's games and take steps to save our neighborhoods and reclaim abandoned buildings and vacant lots.



HOUSING: HAVE WE BEEN FIGHTING THE RIGHT BATTLE?

In January of 1980 Yolanda Ward, a black housing activist, made a speech to a conference of community activists from around the country. Shortly after this speech was given she was murdered. The murder remains unsolved but many people believe it was the handiwork of the federal government.

Ward's speech revealed that the "gentrification" scheme plaguing minorities and poor people in many American cities is not just the result of greedy real estate speculators viewing our neighborhoods as an open market to be exploited. It is the result of a sweeping national plan developed by the military/corporate/government complex for reasons that are political. The aim of this plan is to destroy the growing political power of the poor in the cities.

According to Ward and other activists involved, the government began devising this plan in the late 1960's in the wake of the inner-city riots. Intelligence agencies, business corporations and the military were pressed into service to discover the "cause" of urban violence and to prevent it from happening again. Of course they were not going to admit that the causes were poverty, unemployment, poor education or racial discrimination. No. Capitalism works - for them. Instead they concluded that the cause of the riots was the concentration of poor people and minority groups in the inner-city. They are afraid of us when we work together, forming our own community and eventually forming a rebellious mass which they cannot control. We can vote as a block and elect our own people. We present a political threat to the white ruling class when we are organized.

The military/corporate/government complex thought up a plan called "spatial deconcentration". Spatial deconcentration means thinning out our numbers (and therefore our political clout) by driving us from the cities, dispersing us throughout the metropolitan area and suburbs, and controlling the way we re-concentrate - preventing us from rejoining our former groupings!

HOW IT WORKS

The process of spatial deconcentration has two phases. In the first, as we all know and remember, a neighborhood is permitted to go to hell. Buildings aren't repaired and landlords are allowed to burn them out; junkies move in and the police don't stop them; the government withholds money needed for basic services, like sanitation and health care; banks refuse to make loans to local

businesses. The neighborhood becomes less and less liveable and people start to move out if they can.

The government establishes impossible homestead laws and refuses to finance home-improvement projects. But, it will provide people with money to travel to other neighborhoods, or to get out of the city altogether. The goal is to either get you out or to make you so weak that you won't be able to resist the next phase.

In phase two the now-abandoned property is reclaimed for the white middle class. Housing is renovated and sold to the so-called 'yuppies'. We are all familiar with this process.

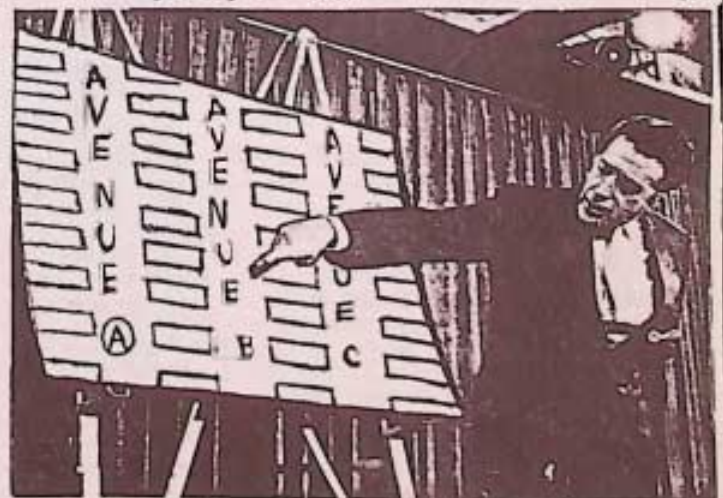
WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON?

What is unfamiliar is Yolanda Ward's evidence. She found out that this gentrification process was a massive nation wide policy made by the military and the government and backed by the wealthy business interests to weaken the political power of the minorities and the poor.

Ward and other activists backed their theory up with papers stolen from the files of the H.U.D. offices in Washington. It may be that the evidence from these secret documents cost Ward her life.

But much of her evidence came from books and papers available to the public. H.U.D.'s 1979 Guidebook contains a lot of information about "spatial deconcentration". There are also government and military experts who have published books and papers advocating that such a policy be adopted by the government.

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Casper (Die Hard) Weinberger, Secretary of Defence, at a recent "Build For W III" conference at the Pentagon, points out a few trouble spots that need to be "ironed out".

WHO NEEDS THE MONEY... WHO GETS THE MONEY

New York State Governor Cuomo recently announced the first awards granted under the state's new Low Income Housing Trust Fund. This money is supposed to be used to rehabilitate abandoned and delapidated buildings for low-income people. Instead this money often gets spent on getting poverty pimps fat, or on expanding bureaucracies of the middle class. The only way to insure that these funds which come from the taxes that WE pay, gets back into the hands of people is to fight for it. First, we must identify the organizations to whom this money has gone. Some of these groups are as follows:

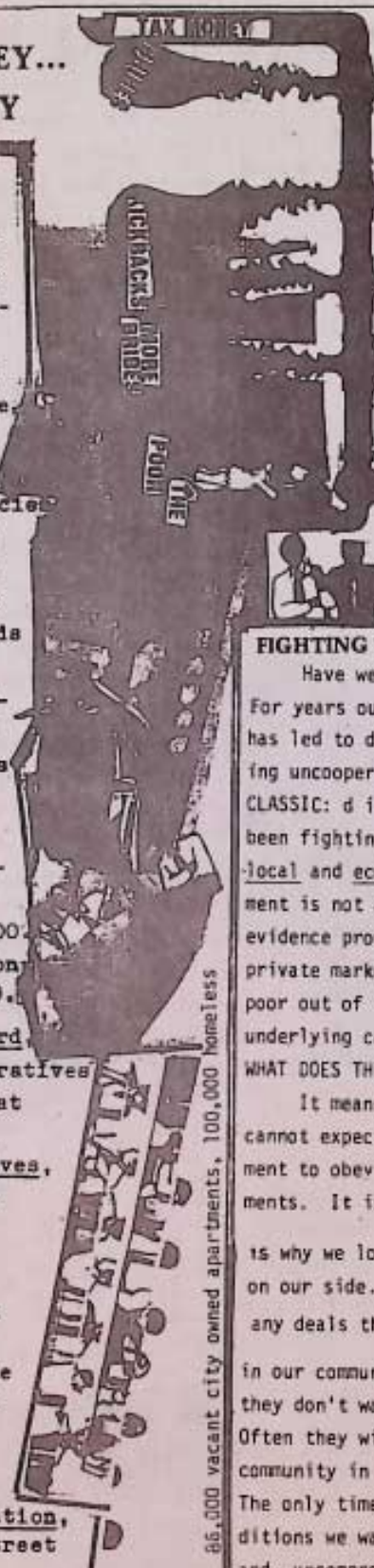
Pratt Institute - Center for Community and Environmental Design Consortium for Low Income Cooperatives, L.E.S., \$1,510,000. They are located at 160 Lexington Avenue on 30th Street, 685-3169.

Urban Homestead Assistance Board Consortium of Low Income Cooperatives \$1,050,000. They are located at 110th and Amsterdam, 749-0602.

Brooklyn Ecumenical Cooperatives, \$960,000 (not listed in Phone book).

New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development, \$3,000,000. These funds probably wound up at the Til office or the Urban Homesteading Program located at 75 Maiden Lane (lower Bway).

West Harlem Community Organization, \$845,000. Located at 116th Street and 7-8 Avenue, 678-5660.



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These groups will often channel monies to "smaller fish" located in "target" neighborhoods. These are the ones supposed to carry out the rehabilitation with other contracted groups. In other words, its a long way from the top to the bottom. By the time these "poverty pimps" have been paid off, a large chunk of the money is gone. It takes organization, cooperation and struggle to get what we need. Nonetheless, money turned into resources for the building helps. So get on it ...



FIGHTING THE RIGHT BATTLE CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9

Have we been fighting the wrong battle in this war? For years our confusion about the nature of gentrification has led to disillusionment and bitter dissensions - creating uncooperative situations within our groups. It's a CLASSIC: divide and conquer. We've been fighting under the assumption that the struggle is local and economic only. We've known that the government is not an innocent party to city problems, but Ward's evidence proves the close connections between it and private market forces in driving the minorities and the poor out of the cities. It's a national program and it's underlying causes are political.

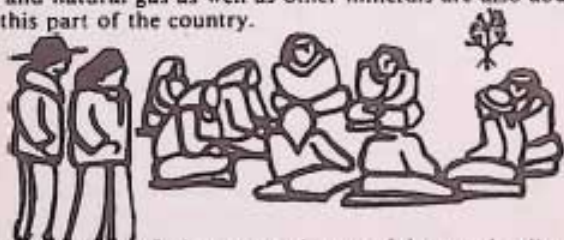
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR US?

It means that we are at war with the government. We cannot expect HPD, HUD, City Hall or the federal government to obey their own laws or to honor their own agreements. It is their goal to drive us into the river. This is why we lose in court even when the law is on our side. We should be suspicious of any deals the government wants to make and perhaps of those in our community they make them with. In the long run, they don't want to help us out, they want to throw us out. Often they will make concessions to one part of the community in order to pit it against another faction. The only time we will really get the kind of living conditions we want is when we are so organized and unified and uncompromising that we once again constitute a threat. That is to say, when they have to worry about being thrown into the river.

In Defense of Sacred Land

BIG MOUNTAIN

The case of Big Mountain begins before written record, before white settlers invaded the shores of what we call America. The Hopi and Diné Nation (Navajo) have always inhabited the area called The Four Corners, although during the Kit Carson Wars many Navajo were killed or moved to Fort Sumner in New Mexico. Yet, in 1882 under a presidential order from Chester A. Arthur, approximately 4,000 sq. miles were set aside for the Hopi and "such other Indians..." known as the Joint Use Area (JUA) in North Eastern Arizona. In 1921 oil was discovered and the problem arose of how to negotiate with the Indians. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), a government agency, created a Navajo Tribal Council (a supposedly representative body) granting all leasing authority to the BIA. In 1934 Congress enacted the Indian Reorganization Act mandating that the Indian Nations adopt an elective tribal council, European style, with which the developers would negotiate. Because most of the Traditional Hopi refused to vote, the election "lost" to the few "progressive" puppets. The majority of Hopi and Diné don't recognize the authority of these councils. They have their own government, culture, and language. Their life style has always been self-sufficient and dictated by respect and harmony with the earth. The Hopi are the oldest continuous race living in North America. In 1949 Kerr McGee Corp. discovered uranium deposits and in 1951 mining and milling operations began. Also, in the 1950's coal was discovered by Peabody Coal Co. who began stripmining. The coal is slurried by pipeline contaminating much of the water supply. Oil and natural gas as well as other minerals are also abundant in this part of the country.



The outcome of all this is that the Traditional People may be forced completely off their land, opening it up for mineral exploitation, with all new leases being authorized by the Hopi Tribal Council. Present living conditions at Big Mountain are more and more difficult with serious shortages of food and water becoming a reality. PL 93-531, also known as the Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Act, is obviously motivated by energy development on the JUA. This law was passed as a result of a 24 - year campaign by special interest attorneys, some of whom were under contract to both the Hopi Tribal Council and Peabody Coal, Co., the largest lease holder on Indian lands. In the past most of the energy leases have been granted to the Navajo Tribal Council as they have much more land than the Hopi and it is those areas that have been developed so far. With the completion of PL 93-531 the newly cleared land will now settle the real dispute, between the Tribal Councils, who greedily argue over more destruction and who will get paid for it. For obvious reasons the Navajo Tribal Council is not particularly happy about this so they appear to be more on the side of the Navajo People than in the past. The dispute then becomes more real to the average person getting his/her information from the straight press. Although in the past there have been problems between the Hopi and Navajo, they have found their own solutions and have been co-existing peacefully for the last 100 years. The Traditional Hopi and Navajo insist they are unified on this relocation issue and need no outside interference. Besides, they do not benefit from these leases in any way.

Much of the Four Corners is already contaminated by radiation because of lax safety regulations and major accidents like the 1 billion gallons of highly radioactive water released into the Rio Puerco River in New Mexico when a mill tailings dam broke. Of the 150 Navajo miners who worked at Shiprock, N.M., 18 died of radiation induced lung cancer. In 2 years 20 more were dead and another 95 contracted respiratory cancer and other related illnesses. Animals have also been contaminated so that internal organs have deteriorated. Further mining and development will use up or contaminate all the remaining land and water creating a "National Sacrifice Area", which even the Government has admitted would be uninhabitable. For the several hundred people who have voluntarily relocated health and mental illness have increased dramatically and many have lost the Government homes they were "given" when they could not meet the demands of mortgages and creditors. In the tract homes in border towns these Indigenous People can not practice their way of life, the only way they know. Many have returned to Big Mountain. These are the facts of the situation for the Hopi and Navajo on the JUA. There is much more going on than can be discussed here like the huge cost of this relocation to the American taxpayers and the corruption uncovered in the Federal Relocation Commission. Every day new "solution" bills are being introduced by various misguided legislators, none yet which has fully answered all the questions.

Now, comes the confusing part and some of the popular distortions. The US Government has been fostering the myth that there has been a long standing dispute over the JUA between the Hopi and Navajo who share it. Therefore, they had to step in and facilitate a settlement to this conflict: Public Law 93-531, passed by Congress in 1974. This law decided several things for the Native People on the JUA. One: a barbed wire fence would be put up dividing the area into exclusively Hopi and Navajo lands. Two: anybody on the wrong side of the fence will be relocated. About 10,000 Diné are said to be on Hopi Land and can not be moved to their side because there is no remaining land available. Only about 100 Hopi are on what is now considered Navajo land, and have already moved. Three: a 90% reduction in livestock (herding of sheep, goats, and other livestock has been at the center of Big Mountain people's life styles for centuries). Livestock has been confiscated regularly for 50 years on Hopi Lands and since 1981, when the BIA began issuing permits for livestock. Only 249 out of 9,500 Diné residents have been allowed to keep their animals. The BIA contends this was done to regulate grazing areas, etc. (this is ostensibly part of the "dispute": Hopi are angry at the Navajo for crowding in on their territory and destroying their farming land) yet the people have managed for hundreds of years to graze their animals without "destroying" the land. Four: a federal order prohibits any construction or building improvements on Navajo land.

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SQUATTING/HOMESTEADING



SHANTYTOWN

SHANTY TOWN - Northeast side of 6th Street
between Avenues C and D

A group of homeless people building homes for themselves and other homeless people, providing food for those who need it, with the aid and assistance of people with homes. The people of Shanty Town, with attorneys provided by the Center for Constitutional Rights have filed suit against the city of N.Y. for their rights to a decent and safe place to live. They have charged the city with creating homelessness instead of alleviating homelessness as required by the State Constitution. The city seeks to violate the right of Freedom of Speech by evicting these homeless people and driving the poor from NYC. They further charge that the city seeks to intensify their problems by throwing them out of their homes they built for themselves. This lawsuit would determine the rights of homeless people to use squandered and wasted city land to provide for themselves instead of confining them in concentration camps for the poor, as ordered by Mayor Ed Koch.

Land is just as much a natural right as the air we breathe- which is the only thing yet that they haven't found a way to own and make us pay for.

THE WORLD

Hamburg, West Germany

Around New Year's there was a festival of European activists at the Hafenstrasse complex in Hamburg, West Germany. The Hafenstrasse has always housed a variety of active people deeply involved in the anti-nuclear anti-police-state and squatting struggles. The complex is comprised of 3 big blocks of flats which were squatted in 1981 and legalized a few years ago. In spite of this very heavy eviction attempts were made at the end of 1985. As part of their defence the excellent people organized the festival. But the German state is none too pleased that the resistance is still not stamped out, despite its efforts to SANITIZE Berlin, wipe out the powerful squatting movement there, etc.

Earlier in December the police made a big attempt to evict the buildings. But the police FAILED because thousands of people turned out in front of the houses, armed to the teeth and prepared for outright war! They would not move, even when the police declared that if they did not "there would be deaths"! After several hours the police retreated. There is now a court case being pursued by the occupants, challenging the legality of the eviction.

German squatters/homesteaders, incidently, call themselves "Besetzer", meaning "occupiers". Homesteads/squats themselves are called "occupied houses".

Thanks to Crowbar, a squatters newspaper from London, England, for this news.

SOUTH BRONX

The South Bronx, site of military-style de-population programs throughout the seventies is also the home of the Children's Park Neighborhood Organization, a loose network of direct action community activists. Recently, two buildings seized by the community were faced with the cancellation of their leases (i.e. their 'right' to live by 'sweat equity'). The reason given by the HPD office was the inability of the tenants to meet their liability insurance payments; this, despite the fact that the insurance company had jacked up the coats to \$5000 per building (a 20% increase over 2 years)! Pohani Insurance Company, 279-8300, is the extortion racket that is most used by HPD and other housing groups to steal money from tenants, monies which could be better utilized for repairing the buildings for low-income and homeless people to live in. The tenants are resisting this attack and warn other homesteaders about the criminal and corrupt HPD-Insurance Company maneuvers.

PANTRIES

Church of the Ascension 12 W. 10 St.
(5 Ave.) Tues and Sat. 10-12

Trinity Lutheran 168 W. 100 St.
Tues., Fri. 3-3:30 PM

Holy Trinity Common Pantry
88 St. and Park Ave. Wed, Sun. 1-3 PM

Free food
for everyone

MONDAY

NYU Catholic Center: 58 Washington Sq. So.
Monday 12-2 PM

TUESDAY

Trinity Lutheran - 105 St. and Bwy Tues. 5 PM
Yorkville Soup Kitchen P.3. 151 (1 Ave
and 91 St.) Tues. 3:30-4:30 PM
West End Collegiate 245 W. End Ave, 77 St.
Hot meal Tues. 4:30 - 5:30 PM
St. Peter's: 54 Street and Lex. Avenue
Tuesday only 7:30 A.M.

WEDNESDAY

Temple Shaaray-Tevila 250 E. 79 St.
Wed. (80 people) Tickets 11 AM, noon meal

SATURDAY

St. Joseph's Church Waverly Pl. and 6 Ave.
Sat. 1 PM
Metro Baptist Ver:1 Park, 72 St. and Bwy.
Sat 12- 1:30 PM
Holy Cross Church: 329 9 Ave. and 42 St.
Sat. 11:30 - 1 PM
Unitarian Church 160 E. 80 St./Lenox Ave.
Sat. tickets 11:30, meal 12 noon
St. Gregory and Advent Lutheran: N.E.
corner 93 St/Bwy Sat. 12-1:30 PM, soup
and sandwich
St. Agnes Church; 143 E. 43 Street
Saturday only; 9-10 AM
Nativity Church: 44 2 Ave. Sat. 1 PM

SUNDAY

St. John's the Divine Amsterdam Ave./
112 St. Sun 2-4 PM hot meal
All Angels 251 W. 80 St.
Sun. tickets 1 PM, meal 2 PM
St. Francis Xavier: 30 W. 16 Street
Sun. 2-3 PM
Barbara Williams Outreach Center: Cen-
tral Harlem Cath. Char. 15 E 124 St.
Sun 2:30- 3:30 PM Sister Bernard
Blessed Sacrament: 147 W 70 St and Bwy.
Sun 2-3 PM

Thanks to Trinity Lutheran Church at 602 E. 9
Street for this list. They are one of the
friendliest places serving lunch during the
week - Tues., Wed., and Thurs., from 12-2 pm.
Anyone with additions to the list please write
and let us know.

BREAKFAST

Catholic Worker: 136 E 1 Street
Fri.- Sun; 10 A.M. to noon
Adolphus Gustavos Lutheran
155 E 22 St.; M-F 9 AM (25 Charge)
St. Francis of Assis: 135 W. 31 St.
Mon.- Sun: 6:30 A.M. (7 days)
Lamb's Church of the Nazarene: 730 W. 44 St
Friday only: 7:30 AM (nurse available)
Franciscan Missionaries: 225 E 45 Street
M-F; 9-11 AM Sat-Sun; 10-12 AM (7 days)
St. Paul's: 355 W 51 Street
M-Sunday 7AM Service
St. Bart's: 51 St and Park Ave
Wed 7:30 AM; Sun. 7:30 A.M. (clothing too)
Central Synagogue: 55 St. and Lex. Ave.
Thursday and Friday 7:30-8:15 A.M.
St. Michale's Episcopal: 225 W 99 Street
Amsterdam Ave. Sat 10-12 A.M.
Missionaries of Charity: 406 W 127 St.
everyday 10-11 A.M.

Calvary St. George: 209 E 16 Street
M-F Noon (brown bag lunch)
Our Lady Guadalupe: 229 W 14 Street
M-S 11:30 - 12:30
Holy Apostles: 296 9 Ave. at 28 Street
M-F 11 AM -1PM
Grace and Hope Mission: 3 Ave and 14 St
(clothing too) Tues. - Sun 7PM Service,
8 PM meal
First Moravian: 30 Street and Lex. Ave.
M-S 1:00 and 5-6 PM (40 years plus)
Lamb's: 130 W 44 Street; Tues. and Thurs.
1-4 PM get tickets at 11 AM, meal at 2 PM
(clothing Wed. 10-12; Fri. 2-5 PM)
Riverside Church: Riverside Dr. and 122 St.
M-F 12-2 PM
Helen Evans: 1843 3 Ave. and 101 St.
Wed and Fri. 12-3
Broadway Presbyterian: 114 Street, hot
meal Mon., Wed. Fri. 12-2 PM
Resurrection House: 57 E 129 St.
Wed. 1 PM; Sat. 12 noon

LUNCH OF DINNER (several days)

THE WAR AGAINST THE POOR...

CONSISTING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MILITARY, BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT



THEY DID NOT BELIEVE THAT POVERTY CAUSED THE RIOTS



THEY BLAMED THE RIOTS ON THE PEOPLE



A COMMISSION WAS SET-UP TO STUDY THE RIOTS.



Why Squat? If you are forced to live on the street, or in a so-called shelter, you squat because you need a roof over your head. Squatting then, is basically about securing a home. But in addition to these more immediate reasons, there are others as well. The forced relocation of the poor and the middle-income not so poor from the Lower East Side, East Harlem, Harlem, Clinton, etc. has been in operation for many years. The reasons for this spatial deconcentration of the poor through arson, unjust rent increases, and illegal evictions are twofold: on the one hand, the rich want the land to make profits through gentrification, to profit off of your home, on the other hand, the Federal government wants to insure control of the cities across the U.S. in the event of new imperialist wars abroad and the resulting anti-war movements at home. They don't want a repeat of the riots of the last decades. Hence, relocation of the poor, Blacks, Puerto Ricans and whites from places like the Lower East Side has both economic and control (national security) motives. The only way to insure the availability of housing for yourself if you are not rich is to defend yourself and your neighbors against evictions (defense) and to seize available unused, habitable public property as part of the peoples' right to housing (offense). Squatting or walk-in homesteading is the best way to prevent further speculation in our neighborhoods and thus prevent more evictions of the poor (that's us!). Let's take back our neighborhood out of the greedy grasp of the rich!!!

How to Squat? These are some suggestions if your group is looking to homestead a building. Remember, only a small percentage of homesteads are legal and those that are can become outlaws at the whim of HPD. So the moral of this story is to seize and improve the property first, negotiate, etc. second. The first thing is to locate an abandoned building, preferably one that's City owned. Enter the building (no more than two or three people) at an appropriate hour (no spies) through an appropriate entrance (hidden) in the rear or side of the building or via the roof (skylight, roof next door). Check for condition of roof i.e. how do the cross beams, parapet walls, brick work, water damage, and basement supports look? And what about the central stairs, the remaining plumbing, floor boards, debris, etc.? Remember the City has neglected many of these properties for years, you can expect the buildings to be in pretty rough shape. Don't despair! You'd be surprised what you and your skilled neighbors can do! If your group decides the building is workable you want to choose an appropriate time (say, early Sunday morning) to install a front door and to secure the entire building well. This should only be done when you are ready to stay in the building. Put the number of the building on your new door, your group's name, etc. Begin receiving mail there. This will often cool out the authorities who may see you as homesteaders rather than trespassers. It might be helpful to seek local Community Board support, although this may raise significant security issues. There are people in the neighborhood who can help you with locating water and electricity. Finally, remember, you have a right to a home. Everyone who lives in a City building, no matter how you got there, cannot be evicted without legal due process (court) if you have lived in the place for 30 days or more. This is the law! Police, Marshalls, goons, bureaucrats, etc. cannot evict you...but they might try. That is why we've formed Eviction Watch...to protect homesteaders from the injustice and lawlessness of forced relocation. Call or contact us:

FREE FOOD

Dunster-diving is the easiest way of scoring free food. You can also pick up free baked goods early in the mornings when the bakeries make their deliveries to local yuppie restaurants. They leave food in brown bags outside, hours before the restaurants open for business.

Taking food from big supermarkets is also an easy way of feeding yourself. But it is also an easy way of getting busted. However, in order to be prosecuted for shoplifting you have to leave the store with the goods. So I suggest that you eat the food before you leave the store; that way there is no evidence to be used against you.

If you have a partner and you are feeling adventurous, here is a good way of scoring a hot meal: First pick a yuppie restaurant that has a counter, then go in and order a meal, start eating and ask for the check. When you are about halfway through, your partner comes in and sits down right next to you and orders a cup of coffee (pretend not to know each other or you'll blow the whole deal). When you have finished eating, pick up the check for the coffee, pay the cashier, and split for the meal, but she/he has the waitress (or waiter) as a witness to prove that he/she had only a cup of coffee.

Of course not everyone is interested in using methods like this, so we are printing a list of places to get a free meal or food. + see page 14

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get from the courts. This situation is especially terrible when it happens today because there is simply no place to go once we lose our apartments - unless of course we have the money to pay 1,000 dollars or more a month rent! Refusing to repair buildings is just another way to kick us out of our neighborhood. It appears that Vickers manages over 300 rent stabilized or rent controlled buildings in NYC and owns an additional 100 or so buildings. According to another Vickers tenant in a building on the upper west side repairs are almost non-existent, yet new yuppie tenants move in all the time. Perhaps if we can find out enough about these other buildings Vickers runs we can start a city wide rent strike against them. As recent trends indicate all rental buildings with rich tenants go co-op and all rental buildings too poor to co-op are subject to neglect, terror, and poor services until the

ROOF REPAIR

For temporary relief of indoor showers from the top floor, nail down recycled tin sheets - from windows in your homestead - on to the damaged areas of the roof. Overlap the sheets to cover the whole area. Goop down the edges with asphalt roof coating. "Acquire" a tarpaulin to lay over the tin, the kind "Con-Ed" and "Ma Br'l" use. If this is not possible, plastic will do. With bricks, secure the sides and at the same time, divert the streams of water that naturally flow into those valleys. Next time it rains, check out if these rows of bricks are accurately arranged in and make direction changes if needed.

When you are ready to fix the roof right, call up a few roofers from the "yellow pages". They give free estimates. When they arrive, pick their brains on what techniques they would use to fix your particular roof ailments. Thank th and then plan it as a group project! A good supply house is Standard on Chrystie Street.

OFFICE: 537 E 13 St. 8-12 AM

HOW TO CONTACT US
 WE NOW HAVE AN OFFICE OPENED M-F 8:00 AM - 12 NOON AT 537 E. 13 STREET (BETWEEN A AND B). WE HAVE BEEN SETTING UP AN EVICTION WATCH AND PUTTING TOGETHER DEFEND EACH OTHER. WE ARE ALSO PUTTING BOTH LEGAL AND ILLEGAL EVICTIONS AND ON HOME-STEADING AND SQUATTING. THERE IS STILL A LOT TO BE DONE. OUR AIM IS TO STOP EVICTIONS AND TO HOUSE THOSE ALREADY HOME-LESS. THIS IS NEED LESS TO SAY A BIG JOB THAT CAN BE SUCCESSFUL ONLY THROUGH THE EFFORT OF MANY PEOPLE. COME BY!

tenants are forced out and the co-op plan can go thru via the landlord.

On Saturday night the cops ordered everyone out of the apartments on Ave. B, based on an anonymous phone call warning of imminent danger of the back wall collapsing. Finally, on Monday the 28th, police arrived with a "full vacate order" and carried out the illegal "legal eviction". A representative from Vickers Mgmt. at the scene of the crime, said that he had heard nothing about the vacate order until Monday morning. A cop guarding the entrance to the buildings said that the city had "known for a week" about the condition of the back wall and that the building department had determined the structure was too dangerous for people to stay.

Logally the residents of 41 and 43 Ave. B must now prove the buildings deterioration is due to the landlords negligence. If they can not prove this in court they will then lose their right to move back in and the city will simply claim the building as "condemned" only to be redeveloped for the new pioneers of the Lower East Side. Since theoretically a landlord inherits the problems of former owners the present landlord, who bought the building in October, should be found negligent.

ESTAMOS ORGANIZANDONOS PARA....

PARAR DESALOJOS!

LOS DESALOGOS/DESAHUCIOS SON UN PROCESO BRUTAL Y VIOLENTO QUE DESTRUYE LAS VIDAS DE INDIVIDUOS Y FAMILIAS COMPLETAS.



† ELIZABETH MAGNUM (BROOKLYN-1980) y ELEANOR BUMPURS (BRONX-1984) FUERON ASESINADA POR LA POLICIA DURANTE UN DESALOJO.

†MARY FINCH (BRONX-1985) SE QUITO LA VIDA MAS BIEN QUE ENCARARSE A LA HUMILLACION DE SER TIRADA A LA CALLE.

†90,000 DESAHUCIOS EN LOST ULTIMOS TRES ANOS EN NYC.

160,000 SIN HOGAR Y MAS DE 2 MILLIONES 2,000,000 EN LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS.

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| NO PUEDE PAGAR? | LE AMENAZARON O MOLESTARON? |
| EL DUENO QUIERE USAR SU APARTAMENTO PERSONALMENTE? | SE ACABO SU "SECCION 8"? |
| VAN A CONVERTIRLO EN COOPERATIVA O CONDOMINIO? | NO TIENE REPRESENTACION LEGAL? |
| LE ENCERRARON SUS COSAS? | OCUPA UN APARTAMENTO "INVALIDO"? |
| NO LE DAN SERVICIOS O REPARACIONES? | LA CIUDAD QUIERE CERRA EL EDIFICIO? |
| HUBO EN FUEGO? | ES IMMIGRANTE SIN PAPELES? |
| | QUIEREN SACARLO SU NEGOCIO? |

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