



TENANTS ...

On Radical Change in Housing (TORCH)



DO YOU HAVE:



Leaky roofs
Rickety steps
Leaking gas outlets
Bad wiring
Rats or roaches ?

Do you feel that your rents are too high?
Does your landlord invade your privacy?
Have you been given an eviction notice?

if so

You can help yourself by joining

TORCH, a tenant union in South and West Berkeley.

MEETINGS EVERY MONDAY NIGHT: 8:00

3284 Adeline St.
Berkeley, Calif.

For information call TORCH at 841-9151.

WHY TORCH?

Most people in Berkeley have had their rent raised since 1968. Most people are forced to pay these higher rents because there is a housing shortage in Berkeley. Out of every 100 apartments or houses for rent, only 1 1/2 are vacant at any one time. So people must take what they can get or move out of Berkeley. How many people do you know who have moved to Oakland or Richmond because they couldn't afford the high rents in Berkeley?

RENT INCREASES AREN'T ALWAYS NECESSARY!

Though most landlords will not admit it, they are making money by buying property, raising our rents, then selling the property for much more than they paid for it. In order to sell the property for a large profit they must keep the rents high so that the buyer will think he can make a high income on rents. Landlords save money by refusing to hire a manager or a repair man to maintain the apartment buildings; the same landlords steadily collect our rent.

Some landlords enter apartments or rented homes when the tenants are gone just to see how they're keeping up the property.

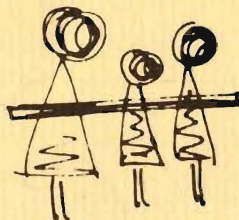
Some children have been injured in apartments with broken stairs.

MANY OF THESE THINGS ARE UNFAIR OR ILLEGAL!
TORCH can fight these things with your help.

With the support and participation of tenants we will:

- negotiate with landlords
- counsel people on housing
- provide a lawyer to tenants
- when necessary.

BERKELEY IS IN DANGER OF BECOMING AN ALMOST ALL
WHITE MIDDLE AND UPPER CLASS COMMUNITY. WE MUST
ACT NOW TO FIGHT FOR LOWER RENTS, BETTER LIVING
CONDITIONS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF MORE DECENT
LOW-COST HOUSING IN BERKELEY. HELP T O R C H
AND YOU WILL HELP GOOD THINGS HAPPEN IN BERKELEY.



LAWYERS ARE ESPECIALLY CRUCIAL TO THE SUCCESS
OF THE TENANT UNION MOVEMENT. LAWYERS WILLING
TO ASSIST TORCH SHOULD CONTACT Margot Dashiell at
2052 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley, 841-9151.