So we stand here on the edge of hell in Harlem and look out on the world and wonder what we're gonna do in the face of what we remember.

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-Langston Hughes

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Police Storm Muhammad's Mosque

By ROBERT KNIGHT

Gunfire shattered Harlem's peace Friday afternoon as scores of police attacked Muhammad's Mosque #7, leaving at least 5 cops, and 4 civilians injured, and 2 Muslims arrested.

The invasion began as two armed patrolmen burst into the Temple at 116th St. and Lenox Avenue in response to a "10-13" — officer in distress — signal. Police claim

they received an anonymous phone call shortly before noon advising them that there was "a patrolman in trouble on the second floor of the mosque."

The entry of the first two patrolmen, Phillip Cardillo and Victor Padilla, with their sidearms was a "blatant breach of procedures" which had been established by Muslims in conjunction with police officials, and a desecration of the Temple, in which absolutely no weapons are permitted.

While one patrolman hesitated at the desk, asserting that there was "trouble on the third floor, too," the other burst past the desk and started up a stair-

Moments later, members of the Nation of Islam had apprehended the second officer and brought him back downstairs, as six more cops arrived on the scene. A scuffle broke out between the police and the Fruit of Islam, during which all but three cops were ejected, and the doors of the Temple were lock-

Temple Stormed

Police reinforcements then began arriving armed with submachine guns, automatic rifles, tear gas, handguns, and bulletproof vests. They smashed the windows of the doorway, inserted their pistols through the holes, and fired several rounds into the temple.

Upon entering the building, they found officers Navarro Padilla, and Cardillo injured, the latter with a critical gunshot wound.

Although police officials theorize that Cardillo was shot by a defender who seized his gun, there is wide speculation that he was shot as a result of the police barrage.

The Reverend Louis Farrakhan, Minister of the Temple suggested that "maybe he shot himself."

The department's highest Black, Deputy Commissioner for Community Relations, Benjamin Ward is heading an investigation into that and other questions surrounding the police at-

One such question is whether or not the raid was "unprovoked, wanton, and possibly a premeditated attack," as Minister Farrakhan charges.

The unusual speed with which large numbers of heavily armed police arrived, coupled with evidence that the Mosque had been under surveillance for some time suggest that the incident was more than a "tragic mistake," as Deputy Commissioner Robert Daley contends.

After the invaders had gain-



Police evacuate plainclothes sniper.

ed access to the Temple, they arrested Brothers Lewis Dupree and Bobby Hopes, both instructors at the University of Islam located at the mosque.

They also conducted a search of the temple in which nearly fifty children had been attending classes. At one point, a 9year-old brother saw a cop approaching a baby. The young Fruit of Islam (F.O.I.) grabbed the infant, threw it to a companion, and hit the policeman over the head with a chair. The youth was not arrested.

Meanwhile, approximately 3000 community members gathered outside to express their outrage, as the police responded with 300 men, low-flying helicopters, sporadic beatings, and the threat of a bloodbath.

Machine Gunner

Their contempt for the un-

armed mass of men, women, and children was indicated by

Text of Minister Farrakhan's Statement on Page 2.

the presence of a plainclothes machine gunner on a nearby rooftop.

He remained there, presumably ready to fire indiscriminately - or "discriminately" into the crowd below until he was spotted by those on the street. The F.O.I. and several other brothers went to the building and demanded that he be removed immediately.

As the gunner was being removed, he was clobbered with a brick that sent him staggering to his knees, stunned, to which another plainclothesman responded by firing four shots (Continued on Page 2)

Walkout The City College of New ence as a sham.

Third World

York last week sponsored "The Heritage and Identity of Ethnic Groups in N.Y.," a three day conference in commemoration of its 125th Anniversary. This conference, which was to portray Ethnic minorities and Ethnic minority communities, was planned without any proper consultation of the Ethnic students and faculty on cam-

The Ethnic students and faculty were notified of the conference only two weeks before the conference was to begin, even though the conference was planned nine months ago. As a result of this, all of the 3-day activities planned were attended by mostly whites.

The main purpose of the conference was to solicit funds to help supplement CCNY's plans to rip off Harlem (another Columbia). Plans have been made to expand City College over the Convent Ave. and St. Nicholas areas, thus forcing Black people out of their homes. Third World students have raised several criticisms:

- Allocating an enormous amount of money for construction of a whole new campus when the surrounding community is deteriorating.
- Using the ethnic conference as a publicity stunt to attract private and federal funds for white oriented and white controlled ethnic studies departments.
- The administration has systematically excluded grass roots community people in this ethnic conference for fear that

they may expose this confer-

 The administration intends to create their own conception of ethnic studies by isolating and systematically destroying the existing ethnic studies departments and their programs.

Student and Panelist Walk-Out

In protest against the purpose of the conference and the planning of the conference, Third World students consisting of Asians, Blacks, and Puerto Ricans walked out of a panel discussion moderated by Ted Brown, CCNY Academic Assistant to the President, and invited the panelist to join them in a more relevant panel discussion.

The panelists, which consisted of Piri Thomas (writer, author of "Down These Mean Streets" and other works), Paule Marshall (novelist and short story writer, author of "Soul Clap" and "Sing" and "Brown Girl, Brownstones"), and Ling-chi Wang (a notable Asian writer), joined the Third World students.

Paule Marshall said, "I was notified about this conference nine months ago. I find it strange that no Third World students knew about or had anything to do with planning it. If I would have known, I would not have come."

Third World Panel Discussion

The panel discussion consisted of an explanation of the purpose of the walk out, a general discussion of topics under Third World liberation, and Third World writers' role in the struggle.

In reference to the educational system in this country, Piri Thomas said, "This country was built on our blood, sweat, and tears; we have a right to learn what we want to learn."

"Too long the University has been indifferent to the needs of our community," added Lingchi Wang.

In the discussion about the struggle, Paule Marshall told us that "not only must we emancipate our Black, Asian, and Puerto Rican communities, but we must overcome the psychological damage that has been done to us . . . find a new identity."

Piri Thomas went on to say that "any struggle that is meaningful is made up of 360°. (including people of all trades) if you take over a building you need someone to run that building,"

Bill Robinson, President of (Continued on Page 3)



Minister Farrakhan: "Just be cool . . ."

Minister Farrakhan's Statement

The following is a statement delivered by Minister Louis Farrakhan, Muhammad's Temple No. 7, N.Y.C., N.Y., concerning the attack on the Temple Friday, April 14, 1972 at approximately 1:30 p.m.

This press statement was delivered by the Minister the following day at 2 p.m. at the Muslim's Salaam Restaurant, 116th St. and Lenox Avenue.

We have called this press conference this morning to voice our anger, our outrage, and out bitter resentment over the unprovoked, wanton and possibly premeditated police attack on this religious house of worship.

If this were the first time that a Ten-Thirteen call had gone out on one of the Muhammad Temples in the New York area, we might be able to agree with Deputy Commissioner Daley when he said that it was a tragic mistake; However, since I have been the Minister of Muhammad's Temple for the past seven years, Ten-Thirteen calls have gone out with regards to Muhammad's Temple, twice in Brooklyn, once in Corona, twice in the Bronx and two prior times in Manhattan prior to this one.

We have on other occasions sat down with precinct captains and worked out the proper manner and procedure that would follow in the event of such type of call. On two occasions here in Manhattan, the police dept. received a call of that nature and they responded and they responded intelligently and of course we responded in kind intelligently.

They went away and they knew that no such officer was in distress. However, in this instance, the police responded differently.

The officer came to the door demanding entrance. The door was opened, he came in. He said that something was going on on the third floor and that an officer was in distress. When the Brother asked him to wait a minute the officer rushed by the Brother and ran up the stairs, disrespecting our desk; and disrespecting our house.

He came in as a criminal and we went after him as an offender of our religious house of worship. We apprehended him and brought him downstairs to the same desk that he had disrespected. There in the lobby, several of his brother officers had come in and a fight broke out.

We are not an aggressive people, but we are taught by our Holy Koran to fight with those who fight with us. We did not break into anyone else's home, they came into our home. They did not come into our home' respecting it as a religious edifice, they did not respect the fact that we had children here in school, they came as brute beast, and we met them in the same manner that they met us.

Then the Brothers forced them out of our Temple and locked them out of the door and three of the officers were laid on the ground. Then the officers broke the glass (on the entrance door) and began firing.

They stated later that they fired shots in the air and the ceiling but they fired point blank. As the vestibule was cleared of Brothers, one of their brother officers opened the door and they came in, and they came in armed with submachine guns, they came in armed with automatic weapons, they came in armed with every kind of handgun imaginable.

They came in wearing bullet proof vests in a Temple where there were no arms among a people who were unarmed. They lined up our children, some of them in the restaurant, brandishing guns in the faces of our children. They cracked the skull of one of our students. They beat several of the Brothers and they shouted obscene, filthy, indecent remarks at the Brothers.

One officer said according to a report I received, "Let us take them one by one in a room and kill these so and sos."

And a Black officer was heard to have stated from what I understand, "Let us burn this so and so Temple to the ground."

This is the way they came. I repeat! WE are not an aggressive people, but we will fight like hell with those who fight with us!! We are not going to retreat or back up. We are not here to apologize to the world for our justified and legitimate actions.

We are here calling this press conference to demand of the mayor and the police comissioner a reason for coming to our house of worship in such manner after they had agreed on a procedure and proper manner to carry out a Ten-thirteen call. This is what we want to know.

The community of Harlem and the Black community of New York is incensed over this outrage. The community poured out in numbers last night to voice their sentiment.

Roy Innis of C.O.R.E., Mr. Wingate of the Urban League, Congressman Charles Rangel, City Councilman Taylor, Assemblyman Hulan Jack, just about every elected official came and stood by our side, along with welfare mothers, along with the Harlem Youth Federation, along with church groups

They understand that the Muslims are a peaceful people and I think Deputy Commissioner Daley said these are a peace loving people. If you believe this to be so, then why did you come to our house in such an unpeaceful warlike manner.

You would of thought that you were going after Viet Cong in North or South Vietnam the way you came to our house of worship. And now you are trying to give us the black eye as if someone lured the police officer into our building.

This is a coverup. I was reminded of the fact that State Senator Sidney Von Luther also came to offer his assistance to us. And to those of you whose names I did not call and whose organizations I did not remember, I do hope that you will forgive us.

It is not that we are trying to slight you, it is just that at this time we do not have all of your

names and groups, but we can make a list for you available if you desire,

The mayor was on television last evening, and he was asked whether he was satisfied with the actions taken by the police and the mayor answered, "Yes."

The Black community would like the mayor to clarify this. If the mayor meant by yes that he was satisfied by the way the police conducted themselves on the outside of the building we might be able to agree that they showed great restraint.

But if the mayor means that he is satisfied with the way that they broke into this religious house and violated the sanctity of this religious institution, if the mayor means that he is showing utter contempt and disregard for the Black community and the houses of worship within this community.

When a swastica was painted on a Jewish synagogue, the mayor went there personally. When a Jewish synagogue was burned down, the mayor went there personally. I am sure that if St. Patrick's cathedral was assaulted or any other synagogue assaulted in any white community, the city today would be up in arms because it was a religious institution in a white community.

But this happened to be a Black Muslim Temple in Harlem. And we say to you, if our Temple means nothing to the mayor, then maybe tomorrow it will be Rev. Wyatt T. Waler's Canaan Baptist Church. And the day after that it may be Bishop Bonner's refuge Temple, or Rev. Licorishe's Abyssinia Baptist Church or the NAACP office or Harlem Prep.

It may be any institution in the Black community, because this is not an assault on us; this is utter desregard and disrespect for the Black institutions in the Black community.

And so in light of this we are demanding an apology from the police commissioner, and the mayor. We are demanding that the charges be dropped on our innocent Brothers who are now being charged with a police crime.

They assaulted us and now charge us with their crime. In light of the fact that these white officers who came to our Temple showed such insensitivity, such contempt and such disrespect, not only to us; but this is a constant thing in Harlem, we are asking that all white policemen be taken out of our area.

We want them replaced with Black officers under Black commanders. Our community is volatile and can be easily inflamed and there could very well have been last evening a severe bloodbath.

We don't want to see our people's blood spilled. We don't want to see any blood spilled. However, with these insensitive, brute beast attacks on the Black community how can you avoid war and bloodshed, insurrection and revolution? These men came in the uniform of peace makers but acted as peace breakers.

Police Raid Mosque

(Continued from Page 1) into the air as a warning against further retaliation by the crowd.

Residents replied with a hail of bricks, bottles, and other ghetto missiles as the crowd scurried for cover and the police sniper escaped to the safety of a passing bus.

Farrakhan Speaks

By this time the crowd had attained a state of sheer fury, but further violence was averted by the example of the highly disciplined Fruit of Islam and the words of Minister Farrakhan.

The people respectfully heeded the Minister's admonition to "just be cool . . . don't let anybody here provoke you. We all know how to fight — the question is, do we know when."

Apparently, they did, for the demonstration slowly subsided, as the highly visible white reporters were removed from the scene. The order to remove the police was given at 1;50 p.m. Nevertheless, traffic had been allowed to pass through the crowd during the afternoon risking injury to on-lookers as a tactic to disperse the mob.

Community Meets

Later that evening the Minister met with such community officials as Charles Rangel, Percy Sutton, Livingston Win-



The Paper/Robert Knight Community gathers at Muhammad's Mosque

gate, Roy Innis, Charles Gibson, Sidney Von Luther, and Benjamin Ward.

The outcome of these meetings was a press conference Saturday in which Minister Farrakhan demanded apologies from the Mayor, and the removal of all white police from the community, since "they have proven that they are insensitive to the needs of the community, and have no compassion for us."

Police Commissioner Patrick Murphy rejected this proposal out of hand as "impossible," though increasing community pressure may force him to reconsider his position.



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By JAIME H. RIVERA

The Puerto Rican revolutionary movement here at City and throughout the city as a whole, I think, is due for some candid criticism. Only through this channel can we help both our people and our organizations realistically come to grips with the real issues of the day by providing a check on ourselves and the leaders we sanction.

A new theory of life and politics has developed within our community which holds great promise for change, but which is subtly destroying individuality. Those that hold steadfastly to this theory are looking down on those whose opinions do not fall within the sphere of strict revolutionary thought.

This is not to praise individualism. But can we afford to alienate our brothers and sisters whose thing is not political struggle? Should we dictate to others what they should do with their time and energy and turn our backs on their views and values?

As I said, this new awareness has its advantages; we are communicating more with ourselves and extending each other greater respect. However, this subtle undercurrent to which I refer is forcing some of us, for the sake of remaining "in," to put aside reason and reality and fall in line with the views of the "majority" on issues of importance.

Let's take voting as an example. There is validity in the claims that the electorate has become deeply disillusioned. After all, we vote and struggle only to get a near fascist as president and a reactionary as senator. Nothing is done about the war and less is done about our junkies, sick communities, and the poor. Yet the suggestion is that we turn our backs to the voting process and fall into political apathy.

This position stands diametrically opposed to our present ends of educating and making our people aware. The purpose of our revolutionary awareness and education is to turn this system over and shake out the dead-wood—the opressors, to force changes that will be to the advantage of all the people and close the ever widening gap between the haves and have-nots. So where the hell are we to start? I mean, turning our backs to the voting process isn't going to help a process which is destined to take years to develop.

In a sense, we are being used to further the interests of those who would see us fail in our efforts. An example was the defeat of the civilian review board here in New York. When our people come out to vote, not only had we let ourselves be brainwashed into believing that this review board was bad for us, but we caused its defeat.

We let ourselves be used because we did not undertake any kind of campaign. And still we do not resort to any meaningful political pressure tactics. Now that we have the vote, we refuse to unite behind it and use it to our advantage.

Most of the 200 million people in this country don't think our way. Because of apathy, vested interest, or blind patriotism we are destined to have Mr. Nixon in for another term.

Is our solution to sit back and let these people have their wish, huh? I agree, our choices are narrow indeed, but we can always do without Mitchell and his group who are still in real control of this country's legal system. Yet man, if we think things are so goddamed bad, why do some of us aspire to be lawyers?

The fact that we are no longer gullible to antiquated theories and practices has been pointed out as an admirable point. Yes, we see the shambles of politics, the folly of our courts, and the overall conditions our people have to withstand.

Yet the influx of new methods to remedy these ills seems to pass our leadership by like ships at sea. Along with the change in attitude, there has developed a hard core group of leaders, well educated and quite adroit at articulating the problems of the Puerto Rican community.

But due to the respected positions in which they have been placed, and human frailties, some have gone off on ego trips. It seems that with so much to learn, we can't learn any more — little Maos.

Meanwhile, we hassle with the question of who's more politically educated than who, spreading ourselves wafer thin, meeting here and rapping there, while the larger issues pass us by. Let's face it baby, this campus couldn't even be mobilized to win us an election where only 10% of the students bothered to stop off at one of the election desks.

The end result is inevitable, people, and there are many, who are laying back checking out the issues, swinging with the pendulum. Those of us who feel that we still have a great deal to see and learn before committing ourselves are going to be alienated. A person can't go around thinking that because he's going to P.E. class he's any more qualified to reach a conclusion than anyone else.

What I'd like to see done is spending more time thinking about that which affects us and society, rather than spilling rhetoric about it. All of our people should be considered "in."

If a realistic plan of action to solve our ills has been adopted, I haven't been put hep to it. Our ability to act seems to have diminished proportionately with our increasing ability to articulate our problems.

As can be gauged by this article, I have a real dislike for politics. But I can think, and so can we all. We must apply this ability to ourselves and undertake a very close inspection of both ourselves and the direction in which we are headed. Why do we adhere to certain policies and where will they get our people?

This is necessary: 1) because our movement has reached a certain degree of maturity and, 2) because things tend to fall apart without an internal controlling force. Our oppressors know this, and I hope that we are not blinded to it. We need direction, and it isn't going to come from some "brother" sitting atop some political pedestal dictating our thoughts.

Take this all with as many grains of salt as you like, but I had to bring it out; and I hope that you can see the validity of it.

Overweight? There's Hope

Do you know of anyone who is overweight? If so, maybe there's help.

Dr. Elizabeth R. Taylor (no joke), a practising psychotherapist will be offering an "Overweight Workshop" for those who want to lose weight but are having difficulty doing so.

The "Overweight Workshop" will consist of seven seminars, the first of which will begin on Tuesday, May 2, 1972, at 8:00 in the evening. The remaining seminars will take place every Tuesday thereafter, for a period of six weeks.

The sessions will be held in Dr. Taylor's office, which is located conveniently in mid-town Manhattan.

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Taylor's experience has shown that when groups of people with related problems talk about the depression and frustration surrounding their overeating dilemma, they will often arrive at positive alternatives with which to deal with their situations.

The workshop series will also include a relay system, which Dr. Taylor has used previously, and in her words, "has proven to be quite effective in maintaining the moral support of individual members."

Dr. Taylor feels that her methods will give over-eaters desiring to lose weight, positive results. She firmly believes that when people understand their deep-seated reasons for overeating and discover new ways for coping with old anxieties, they will not be tempted to replace a discarded habit for one equally as bad.

For more information, please call Dr. Taylor at 679-1439. But hurry. Registration ends April 29th.

Walkout

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the Student Senate, stated that
"½ of 1 percent of the economy
is controlled by Blacks, the
statistics are similar for Puerto
Ricans and Asians. As long as
we depend on white forces for
food, clothing and shelter we

will continually be oppressed."
During a discussion on the Third World intellectuals, how institutions use them against us and how some of these intellectuals forget who they are, Dean "Roke" Fong, an Asian student, said "Just because you (the intellectuals) made it does not unshakle you from your people."

Third World writers and their role to their people and the struggle was discussed. Louis Rivera, Associate Editor of "The Paper" noted that "writers have a tendency of getting involved in what they are and how they got there, but they don't get into the whys or roots — the causes of their oppressions."

Several questions were raised by N. Norton, a lecturer of the English Dept., such as "Have we as a reading community restricted our writers?" and "The writer has two goals, to develop as an artist and to serve the people in the struggle, are these goals divorced?"

The discussion ended with the panelists stating their devotion to the Third World struggle.

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News In Brief

By AYAD MOHAMED

There was a rally at CCNY on April 17 to stop racism.

The rally took place at noon at the North Campus Quadrangle,

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25 Senatorial Votes Illegal

According to reports, Sam Pitkowski of the ABC Slate, was caught stuffing the ballot box with 25 forged votes.

Joe Polland of Main Events

charged that Pitkowski asked him for all the pens he had, so that the blank ballots he was said to have stolen would look different.

The New Front made five alternatives in validating the election results. One alternative was to have another election. for the executives of the New Front Slate.

Pitkowski won the position of Executive VP, beating Louis Rivera, of the New Front slate by thirteen votes.

Mississippi Child Molested

February 28, 1972: A 7-year-, old girl was sexually molested by a 58-year-old man.

The girl was identified as Doreen Wallace (Black) and the man was identified as D. Hunt (white), both from Vicksburg, Miss.

The witnesses of the incident included Doreen's brother, Robert Earl Walker, 14, her twin sister, and another 6-year-old child of Mrs. Walker.

Doreen was later taken by her mother to the hospital, where doctors examined her and found medical evidence of the incident.

The District Attorney said he would not charge Hunt with rape. However, the attorney does not know what to charge the man with.

Hunt was freed within two weeks with a \$100 fine. On March 14th, the Grand Jury hearing ruled that Hunt would not be indicted due to "lack of evidence."

Racism Through "The Law"

Two 19-year old youths (Black), who acted "in concert" with a cop killer, were given a death sentence in the electric chair.

The youths were identified as Cornelius Butler and Lawrence Hayes, both of 1914 Bergen Street, Brooklyn.

Patrolman Kenneth Nugent (white) of Amityville, L. I. was on duty when he saw a robbery of a Queens luncheonette, located at 207-22 Hollis Avenue, Queens Village. While trying to break up the holdup, Nugent was killed in a gun battle with Rudolph Graham.

Graham, 19, of 306 Hopkinson Avenue, Brooklyn was killed by Nugent.

A Queens jury decreed the death penalty be given to Hayes and Butler.

According to a law passed in 1965, capital punishment can be given to anyone who killed a cop.

The sentencing was set for May 12 by Brooklyn Justice Albert Bosch.

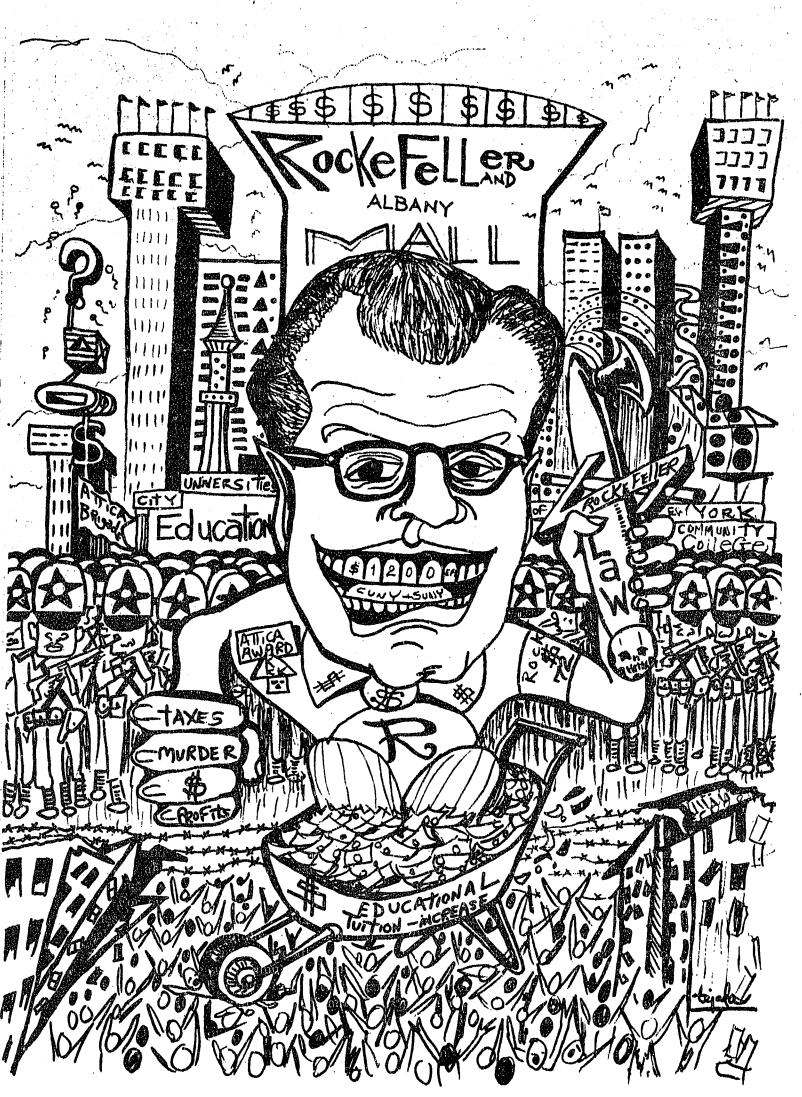
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ABC

The Paper: Where is Ming Mar now? Is he the Treasurer of the College now that the Asians took over the campus?

Doris, What part of Brooklyn do you

Greg, why? (With knife in hand.)

Doris, because the next time I drive through there I'll know not to stop.

To H. M. Now that you finished f---ing with

our books, are you trying to determine our editorial policy? -Staff

Bob. Is he homosexual?

Cynthia

Cynthia, don't know, but he might be Methodist.

- twenty five, twenty five, twenty five five five. Louic, bet's hold hand were just the right size.

LeeLee

He's skinny, too.

Cynthia

But Johnny Mathis didn't give anything to push Bob

I know, the little bastard!

Angie

Bob: Isn't it a nice night for a moondance?

Celeste: . . . A fantabulous night to make romance/

Bob

Court Jester: Is it true that you stutter and drop books?

Well, I'll be damned . . . Louis

You probably will be.

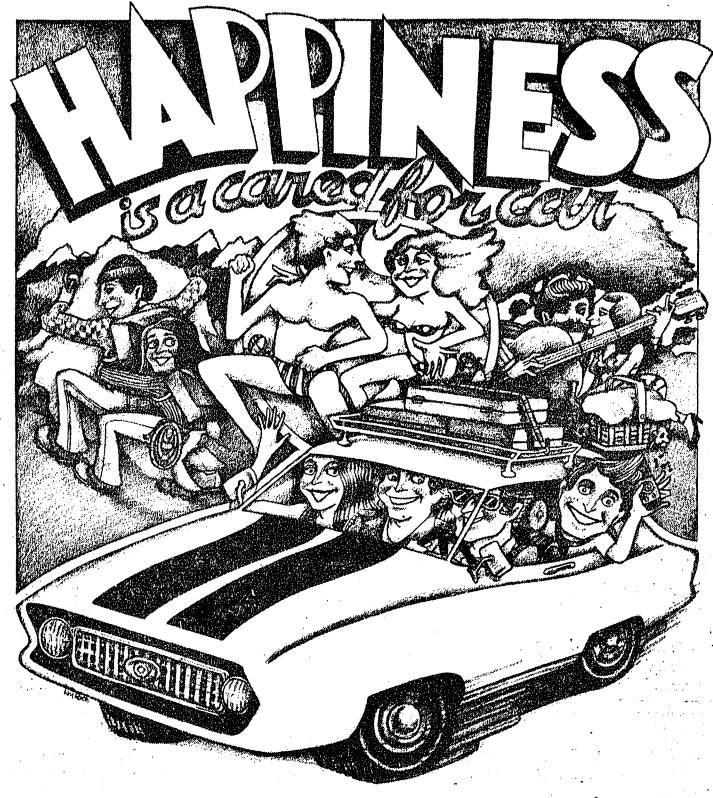
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Yeh. . . . In thinking about it, I have arrive dat the conclusion that more than likely damned is what I'll be. Louis

"Soul Train" is taken from The Chi-cago.

Jeff

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Poetry

Stretch-Out

By CLEMSON BROWN

'A new nation
's setting in the sun
'A new manhood arises
'A full breath
deep in its lungs
Unafraid to build greatness
The new image of you and I
The embryo of our blackness and unafraid

Unafraid to build Build a house Build a home Build a family Build a business Build ideas Build a Nation

Learn technology
Infuse it with spirituality
Make the truth, TRUTH
Dream bigger, bigger than
slaves and fearful men
Stretch-out
Stretch-out and live
Stretch-out longer than
school-bouse lies
submerged in rivers of blood
and the years it has taught us
that we were nobody, and nothing

Stretch-out
Stretch-out deeper than
school-house lies
that process our minds
to be imitation white boys
and imitation white girls
and left us to die
in the hell of nothingness and pain

Stretch-out
Stretch-out to the fullness
of the strength and knowledge
of our regenerated realness

Stretch-out wider than ghetto buildings and small-time pimps and hustlers Jump over walls of dope and kill the pusher

Make black studies life Make it dynamite for truth Blast your way to freedom

Stretch-out
Stretch-out bigger than
dead souls sitting on stoops
talking emptiness
Too lazy to work
but able to scheme on
brothers and sisters who

Too punkish to go downtown and steal from the real thief too dumb to think about nation building too weak to grow

Pass him by

Stretch-out
Stretch-out pass fools and idiots
to freedom
and knowledge of the universe

Understand that blood flows to the brain in parallel to waters flowing through the earth

Stretch-out
Dig life with a purpose
and a meaning
Grow in this wilderness
of America, as a cactus
grows in desert sands
Unyeilding, until the oasis
of freedom and brotherhood
is the rain that falls
upon our people
Stretch-out

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Review:

Comedy in Black

By ANGELITA REYES

Focusing on the theme Comedy in Black or Survival Time, the Third World Theatre Workshop presented Soul Gone Home by Langston Hughes and Happy Ending by Douglas Turner Ward.

Soul Gone Home, one of Hughes' classic vignettes, is a comedy -- a comi-fantasy in structure. But does the natural atmosphere and effect of the characters really depict a means for Black survival?

Ronnie, a soul gone home, comes back to haunt "his po' ma." His mother, a prostitute, begins to recall the trials and aggravation that her sickly son had caused. Ronnie died from tuberculosis. Because of their acute poverty, he was unable to get proper diet and care.

The mother performs the wailing ritual to the end (when Ronnie returns to the spirit world). Since she is among the living, her work continues in the street.

Soul Gone Home is a Hughes work that makes you laugh to keep from crying - crying at the Black dilemma.

However, Vicky Hunter's overall performance as the prostitute mother was real to the point where laughter ceased. From the onset, Ms. Hunter was convincing as an uneducated Black street wo-

Her interactions with the son, portrayed by Oswald Arnold, was at a fast give and take rhythm. At times, Ms. Hunter took the various transitions of the mother too fast. Her changes stemmed more from a technical method than from the organic.

And finally when she revealed herself as a totally unsympathetic street woman, I was somewhat disappointed with the movements which led to "Tomorrow, Ronnie, I'll buy you some flowers . . . if I can pick up a dollar tonight. You was a hell of a no good son, I swear!"

Throughout the run, Arnold held Ronnie in a reflective, remorseful mood.

Happy Ending

OK, I'm not blaming anyone for being domestic workers either. It is the only kind of work available sometimes and it carries no stigma in itself. Again I ask, does the Third World Workshop believe the "carryin' ons' in Happy Ending depict Black survival?

Too many Black men are in the most unproductive state of mental and physical activity. In other words, too many Black men like the one portrayed by Junie in the play, are doing nothing or letting a Black woman do it for them.

Vi and Ellie certainly find their counter parts outside of the theatre.

Ward's play from the absurd theatre is good light entertainment. Therefore how can it reflect an element so dimensional as Black preservation? In reality the domestic worker is no fool working in white folks' homes. But survival through this means is only a day to day materialistic procedure.

Returning to the context of the production, I experienced Vi and Ellie through Paulette Hood and Carol Leverette.

The fast moving comedy



Happy Ending

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prompted a breathing technique that produces an integration of natural movement, concentration and dialogue patterns.

Comedy is achieved through a serious treatment of the character. Inded, Carol Leverette and Paulette Hood had the audience laughing throughout via Vi and Ellie's efforts to keep the Harrison's from "gettin' a divorce."

As Ellie, Ms. Leverette's movement was natural in an uninhibited stage manner. In fact, her performance was excellent. At certain moments that intergrated flow of monologue and movement came out in spurts. But Ellie had the audience on her side from beginning to end.

Luther Wilson was semi-con-

vincing as the well-dressed, unproductive nephew. His performance was rather less organic but interesting.

The CCNY campus needs a continuous bombardment of productions coming out of the Black consciousness. And the Third World Theatre needs responsible people in all areas of production work.

According to Joseph Walker, director of the workshop, the plays were chosen because "they are more concerned with the survival instead of the rhetoric of revolution."

Well . . . at any rate, passive or active, the workshop needs students' support in order to emerge as a permanent force in campus theatre.

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