

Newark mayor held slow in probing police brutality

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NEWARK, N.J., Sept. 4 — Sigfredo Carrión, spokesperson for the People's Committee Against Repression and Police Brutality, told the Daily World yesterday evening that the committee does not feel that Mayor Kenneth Gibson will take concrete steps to deal with their demands for an investigation of police brutality in the city. The committee had met with Gibson yesterday afternoon following the civil disturbances of the last few days.

The PCARPB was formed by a group of community people on Monday in response to several weeks of police brutality which culminated in a police riot at Branch Brook Park last Sunday.

Members of the committee that met with Gibson included Ramon Rivera, director of OYE, a Federally funded Spanish youth organization; Sigfredo Carrión and Melba Maldonado, of the Puerto Rican Socialist Party (PSP); Alfonso Roman and Marina Berkowitz, of the Congress on Puerto Rico, and community members Nydia Clas and Jose Rosario.

Carrion said, after the meeting, that their next move is to mobilize community support for their demands, which include:

Freedom from persecution and free medical treatment for those arrested and for those injured during the police riots; formation of an independent special investigation committee, including community people, to look into the Branch Brook Park incident and previous incidents of police brutality; and the Mayor's help in establishing a police-community review board to deal with future cases of police brutality and corruption.

The PCARPB has already collected 10,000 out of the 17,000 signatures needed to place the police-community review board demand on the ballot at the next election.

Earlier yesterday Mayor Gibson

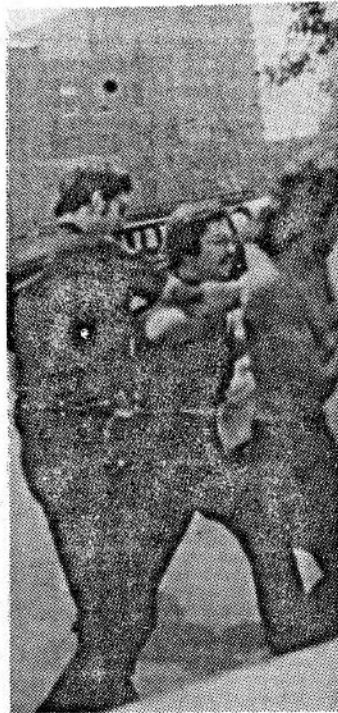
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banned demonstrations and street gatherings of three or more. He met with various representatives of the Hispanic Emergency Council, a body composed mainly of Puerto Rican City Hall appointees and poverty program directors, in a maneuver to bring the situation under control.

Carrion described the Mayor's ban on demonstrations as "dangerous" because, he said, it could lead to further abuses by the police.

Daily World sources reported the situation as "calm" this morning, but said that unless the city administration takes positive steps to meet the demands of the community to curb police power, it can become dangerous.

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Jersey candidate urges state probe of Newark cop riot



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Newark police hustle Puerto Rican youth into police car Monday.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J., Sept. 6—Paul Schiff, Communist candidate from New Jersey's 15th Congressional District, today called for a state investigation of the attack by Newark police on Puerto Rican picnickers in Branch Brook Park last Sunday.

Schiff urged Gov. Brendan Byrne and the state legislature to initiate the investigation immediately. He said it must cover the brutal force used by the police, particularly the tactical squad and mounties.

Schiff also urged "a full airing of charges made by the Puerto Rican community of abuses they have suffered over a long period of time at the hands of Essex County police in Branch Brook Park. The role of State Senator Anthony Imperiale in further inciting the police to greater brutality must be brought under scrutiny. Branch Brook Park is public property. It is time the law told Imperiale it is not his private ball park. It is for all who wish to use it."

Branch Brook Park is in Newark's North Ward, which Imperiale represented on the Newark City Council before he was elected to the State Senate.

The site for the Kawaida Tow-

ers housing development, which was the object of a racist campaign led by Imperiale, is also in the North Ward.

Calls for unity on probe

Referring to the police attacks which have already resulted in the deaths of two Puerto Rican residents, Schiff said, "It is imperative that all people of good will, everywhere in New Jersey speak out against this racist assault on the Puerto Rican people." He called for the broadest unity to force a complete and honest investigation and to support the just demands of the Puerto Rican community.

The demands listed by Schiff included the dismantling of the tactical police squad in Newark, as well as the mounted police in Newark and Essex County, unconditional release of all those arrested, free medical care for all those injured and the establishment of a civilian review board.

"Like all other large U.S. cities, Newark is dying because of the lack of funds," Schiff stated. "It is unable to provide the decent and necessary housing, schools, hospitals, recreational facilities, and, if necessary, jobs."

"As a member of Congress I will work endlessly to slash the military budget, which is sucking the life blood out of the working people, and will introduce legislation and organize people in an all-out fight to get those funds into the city treasuries," Schiff concluded.

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