

CLINTON HILL NEWS

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VOTE TO FIGHT "BLIGHT" CASE BEFORE U.S. SUPREME COURT IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Newark - The Save Our Homes Committee of the CHNC has voted to support the plaintiffs in the light industrial "blight" case in carrying their suit to the US Supreme Court.

The 7 plaintiffs have agreed to go on to the highest court in the land in their quest for justice. Plaintiffs are Mr. and Mrs. C. Webster, Mr. and Mrs. A. Frazier, Mrs. M. Lyons, and Mr. and Mrs. S. Winters.

The group acted after the NJ Supreme Ct. refused to rule on the case and thereby upheld the judgment against them by the Appellate Division last winter.

Plaintiffs allege that 1) the city acted unfairly at its June 1961 hearing when it asked for a "blight" declaration on a 74-block area in Clinton Hill and the Central Ward where 18,000 people live; 2) city failed to follow procedures set forth in NJ law for such "blight" hearings. 3) City and Newark Housing Authority did not in fact prove that the area was "blighted"; 4) Plaintiffs were denied due process because of the nature of the hearing.

Contributions to the Legal Fund may be sent to Mrs. M. Battle, 110 Chadwick and made out to the CHNCouncil.

100 PICKETS AT 5th PRECINCT

A well-organized picket line of over 100 persons, mainly from Clinton Hill, filed past 5th Precinct HQ on Monday, June 29, to demand changes in local police procedures.

The line was initiated after police had made insulting remarks to local residents and ticketed a double-parked car belonging to C. Adams, 716 Hunterdon St., but ignored other double-parked cars belonging to cops.

Pickets asked for an end to double-parking; a play street; removal of abandoned cars;

No ice cream trucks after 10 p.m.; court toward residents; equal law enforcement.

A delegation of pickets met with Capt. Max Steinberg to make these demands. Residents are watching to see if the police take action and the situation improves.

FLAGG TO DISCUSS SOUTH SIDE PROJECT AT JULY 9 MEETING

NEW JOBS H.Q. AT 716 BERGEN IS HOST

An up-to-date report on the South Side Human Renewal Education Project will be presented to CHNC members and friends on Thursday, July 9, at 8:00 p.m. by Thomas J. Flagg, coordinator of the project for the Newark Board of Education.

The occasion is an open meeting of the CHNC assembly, held every 2 months.

The meeting will be held in 716 Bergen St. corner of W. Bigelow, the site of the new office of the Newark Full Employment Project, opened in June.

The meeting will also hear a report on the new job-generating project and accounts of other CHNC activities and block-meetings.

All members are urged to attend and bring friends so they can take full part in the discussions and get the latest information on what's going on in Clinton Hill.

If you need a ride, call BI 3-6880, 371-0822, BI 2-8938, and 243-7803. Rides home are assured for those who need them.

ARABIAN STOMPERS PERFORM AT JUNE 30 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEET

Persons attending the June 30 meeting of the Newark Bd. of Education at 31 Green St. were treated to an eye-catching display of drill and dance steps by several dozen girls who have formed a group known as the "Arabian Stompers."

The girls, with help from CHNC leaders, asked the Board for a place to practice regularly. Formed at first in the Belmont-West Runyon (Temporary) School yard, they were told two weeks ago they had to get out.

CHNC members, informed of their ouster, got the girls' parents together and suggested means of saving the situation. Comments by Board members and Mr. J. Liddy, recreation director, indicate there is hope that Clinton Place JHS yard will be available.

The girls have impressed by their discipline, pride, and precision.

In Memoriam

On Wednesday, April 1, 1964, Fred Weisbart was shot to death. Mr. Weisbart ran a grocery store at 760 Hunterdon St. for many years. He was well-liked by neighborhood residents. On April 4, the CHNC sponsored a street memorial meeting for Mr. Weisbart attended by 250 persons.

Moved by the tragic event, Mrs. Lillie Belle Warren, 755 Hunterdon St., composed these two poems. Mrs. Warren is the wife of Benjamin Warren, CHNC vice president.

I

In Memory of Mr. Fred - SOME WHERE

Some where we have lost him beyond the blue / Some where we have lost a friend
so true; Gone are the smiles we will no longer see / Because of some one he will
no longer be.

He has been taken from our sight / But he lives on in our hearts day and night;
A kind voice has vanished from the corner store / He no longer will wave as we
pass the door.

O' gentle, kind, polite, and everything that's good / Doing for others whatever
he could and would;

Each little tear that falls from each eye / Seems to wonder, why did he have
to die?

Some where in the silent night / You shall awake and light a light,
There you will stand and if only you could see / All the tears we have shed,
Freddie for thee.

As the sun rises and brightly shines / Darkness covers our open little minds;
We would spend millions if we could buy you a life / If you could return to us
And your lovely daughters and wife.

II

IN WORDS

Gone are you, but never will your smiling face / Vanish from the good people of
this neighborhood who / Truly loved you and respected you as a big Brother;
For surely you were an example of how decent people / All over the world can get
along together, regardless of color.

We could not have had any more love, or could not have been / hurt any more if you
would have been some one of our own color; it is respect that counts.

We shall pray each and every day that your killers are caught / And may the law
have no mercy upon them; / And to your lovely wife and daughters,

We cannot give them the love that you gave them. / It will be missed, but

We can let them know we love and respect them and / That they are not alone
in their grief and sorrows.

As the sun of life must go down for each of us / Some day

You will never be re-placed in our neighborhood; in the store - yes,
But in our hearts - no.

May these kind words live on forever with / the Weisbart family;
As you mourn, so shall we, all that knew him.

WERE & THERE ON CLINTON HILL!

Calendar of Meetings

- South 14 Street - 3rd Saturday after first Monday of the month, at Mrs. Troupe's, 868 South 14 Street. Raising funds for children activities this summer...
- Baldwin Avenue - 2nd Friday of each month; will resume in September...
- Tillinghast Street - Wednesday, July 8, at Threlgill, 65 Tillinghast...
- South 17 Street - Thursday, July 16, at Zion Baptist Church, Avon and S. 17 Street...
- Millington Avenue - Saturday, July 18, 7 p.m., 38 Millington...
- Hunterdon Street - second Tuesday, Hudson residence, 744: July 13...
- Hillside Avenue - Wednesday, July 15, 129 Hillside Ave., asking for demolition of unsafe housing, play street, regular street cleaning...
- Save Our Homes Committee - Wednesday, July 8, 182 Ridgewood, Lyons residence ...
- Education Committee - Mrs. Noble residence, 34 Baldwin, July 6...

PLAY STREETS

Requests for playstreets between 9-5 pm have been made to the city by the block-branches on these streets:

Baldwin Ave., Hillside Ave., West Bigelow at Bergen, and Hunterdon.

Want a play street? Write in behalf of your block-branch to Mr. Edward Cyr Traffic Engineer, City Hall Newark 2, New Jersey.

If no answer in 2 weeks, call BI 3-6880 or 371-0822 and report to CHNC officers.

I GOT A COT?

A dozen young people have come to Clinton Hill this summer to help the neighborhood improve itself and develop a program for new jobs and more jobs for Newarkers.

They are jointly sponsored by the CHNC, the Newark Committee on Full Employment, Students for a Democratic Society, and the National Committee for Full Employment.

Some of these young men and women still need lodging. They are doubling up and tripling up.

Got a spare corner of a room? Call BI 3-6880 or 243-7803. Report it.

No eating is required. Just a place to sleep and wash up.

A CITIZEN-GIVEAWAY

(An editorial)

While our neighborhood and others cry for decent public schools, a scrap of park and play space, and better sanitation and other services, the giveaway of the city's valuable downtown land goes on.

It takes years to get one-side-of-the street parking. It takes years for Clinton Ave. merchants to get new parking signs and better lights.

But it takes just a few weeks for Sears Roebuck to get a whole street turned over to it for expansion below Elizabeth Ave.

It takes a few days for an auto dealer to get 12 whole acres around Washington and West Kinney Streets at a write-down cost subsidized by citizens.

Meanwhile, what of the low-income people who were thrown out of that area? They now live in basements, attics, and storefronts. They now pay higher rents than before.

How long will this giveaway go on? The daily press backs it because it's getting its share. The Ledger is expanding on urban renewal land; The News just got a zoning variance for expansion in back of Market Street.

Public elected officials have a responsibility to all citizens, not just big business interests. But the citizens must constantly remind them of that.

Council Joins Schools Committee

Always interested in bettering Newark's often not-so-hot schools, the CHNC has voted to affiliate with the new Newark Citizens Committee for Better Public Schools. Over a dozen groups have already joined. Interested persons may get more information by calling Mrs. Genevieve Worde, CHNC vice-pres. for education, at 248-1285. There are many dedicated teachers and principals but sometimes they lack support.

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If your name and address on this newsletter have the number '63 next to them, you have not yet paid your 1964 dues of \$1.00.

Please send in your dollars now - to CHNC, 26 Shanley Avenue. Failure to do so will mean 1) you will be dropped from mailings; 2) you will no longer be supporting an organization that fights for you and us!

The 9th annual conference of the CHNC was held on June 7 at Clinton Ave. Presbyterian Church. About 75 persons attended.

The Conference discussed "Jobs, Unemployment, and Civil Rights." Chairman was Mrs. Gladys Washington of S. 14 St.

The Conference approved 3 resolutions which it asked the CHNC Assembly to act upon. They were:

- a) Set up a Council ad hoc Employment Committee to enlist jobless people into the council and work for more jobs and job retraining;
- b) Set up an Educational Policies Committee to get expert study of the Newark public schools;
- c) Ask the Bd. of Education for a large-scale attack on school problems through smaller classes, after-school and remedial work, new schools, and eliminating de facto school segregation.

The Conference heard Stanley Aronowitz, chairman of the Natl Committee for Full Employment, report that 2 million factory jobs a year were being eliminated and that new jobs were not taking up the slack.

"Men are working more and taking home

R E M I N D E R

Thursday, July 9th at 8:00 p.m.
716 Bergen Street, opposite Bergen Sch.
Open CHNC meeting - hear about the South Side Human Renewal Project...

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less than 3-5 years ago," Aronowitz said.

This pay-cut imperils neighborhood maintenance and civic interest, he said.

Office workers will also be hit, he predicted, and even a high-school education is no guarantee any more.

The solutions he suggested were 1) expand service centers for young people seeking jobs; 2) get the government to create new jobs; 3) mass public pressure.

New jobs, Aronowitz said, should include building new schools, new housing for low and low-middle income families, and better community facilities and services.

"If we don't solve the job crisis," he said, "it will be more and more difficult to keep up our present public facilities." He urged that existing programs be fully utilized and new ones explored.

Kenneth Gibson, Housing Authority engineer also spoke. Mrs. Rose Heyman, CHNC president, brought greetings to the conference.

The conference gave an ovation to Mrs. Elsie Layton for her efforts as hospitality chairman. Mrs. Louise Patterson and Stanley B. Winters, council vice-presidents, helped summarize the discussions.

Others helping included Mrs. M. Battle, Mrs. Kennedy, William Payne, Ralph Sims, Mrs. F. Brown, Mr. C. Toomer, Andrew Washington, Edw. Livingstone, Mrs. R. Lan-dever, B. Moore and D. Winans.

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