

OFFICE OF THE POLICE DIRECTOR
NEWARK NEW JERSEY
M E M O R A N D U M

August 17, 1964

TO: LT. ROCCO FERRANTE

FROM: DETECTIVE WILLIAM MILLARD

SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATION - CLINTON AVENUE & BADGER AVENUE (RENT STRIKE)

At 10:15 A.M. a Demonstration on Housing took place at the above intersection - 416 Clinton Avenue and 406 Clinton Avenue - both apartment houses.

Mr. Robert Inlander, whose offices are located at 11 Hill Street, Newark, is the owner of 416 Clinton Avenue.

Shustack and Steinberg own the property located at 406 Clinton Street. Their offices are located at 910 Bergen Street.

There were sixty people on the picket line at one time. This line formed in front of 416 Clinton Avenue. Thirty minutes later, they formed a line in front of 406 Clinton Avenue.

At least ten of the pickets were the same as those observed at all Demonstrations in this City. There were some new faces - colored and white. Not all involved in this Demonstration walked. Some of them stayed across the street in the park. Pickets also had a few photographers on hand to take pictures of the Police. The picket line had at least three people under the influence of liquor. One Negro male was standing in the doorway with a pint of whiskey in his hand. The Police Photographer took this picture.

Most of the tenants did not take part in this Demonstration. In fact, very few of them did.

Present at the scene were John Barnes, of the Newark Human Rights Commission, and Louis Pitts, Freeholder. Earl Harris was also present there.

The tenants conducted tours for the Human Rights Commission and the Press - D. Eldridge of the Newark News - through the buildings, pointing out violations. This was an orderly Demonstration.

At 11:30, they marched back, in single file to their Headquarters at 716 Bergen Street. A paper passed out by them is submitted with this report.

Inspector Murphy and Acting Captain Morrison were present at the scene.

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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: RENT STRIKE DEMONSTRATION

Mr. Emmet Lee, Superintendent of 416 Clinton Avenue, stated that he has about ten tenants who refuse to pay their rent. Also, there are a number of tenants at 406 Clinton Avenue who are withholding their rents. He stated that they intend to hold their rents until repairs are made by the City or landlords.

This Demonstration attracted about three hundred people, who were standing on the North side of Clinton Avenue, and in the park on Badger and Clinton Avenues.

Demonstrators sang hymns and freedom songs.

Robert Curvin of C.O.R.E. was in the picket line, along with other members of C.O.R.E. There were also members of Anvil Enterprises in the line.

Respectfully submitted,


WILLIAM MILLARD Det. #64

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