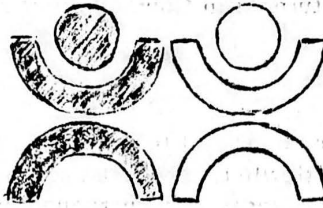


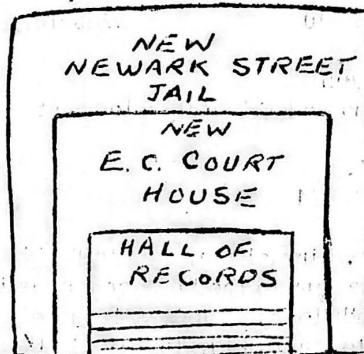
# UNDERSTANDING



THE COMMUNICATION MEDIA FOR OPERATION UNDERSTANDING  
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December 26, 1972

As the rent strike at Stella Wright Homes begins its 34th month there will be Action on High Street.



HIGH STREET NEWARK, N. J.

- 1) Wednesday, January 3, 1973, - 9:00 a.m., Essex County Court House, 10th floor, Toby Henry, President, Stella Wright Tenant Association and (Rev.) Thomas Comerford will be sentenced by Judge Irwin Kimmelman of contempt of court.  
Max.: 6 months and \$1000.00 fine.
- 2) Friday, January 5, 1973 - same time, same place, same Judge.
  - a) 3 lawyers from Essex County Law Reform Project, Harris David, Gerard Clark and Michael Callan, who represented Stella Wright tenants will be tried on contempt of court charge.  
Max.: Disbarment or suspension, fine.
  - b) Stella Wright Tenants who received money back from fund are ordered to return it to court on this day or face contempt of court charge.

## LET IT BE KNOWN -

The Action on High Street has nothing to do with the Conditions on Prince Street except to say that they will remain.

## UP DATING

- 1) Citizens Inspection Day, December 16th, was very successful. 100 people representing 20 different organizations inspected Stella Wright Project and united to plan support actions.
- 2) A committee was formed headed by Bishop John Dougherty, Msgr. Thomas Fahy, President, Seton Hall University and Rev. Paul Stagg, General Secretary to N. J. Council of Churches which will meet December 27th to plan further actions.  
e.g. a) Delegation to Washington, to City Fathers in Newark.

b) Educational and Organizational mass meetings at Seton Hall University in near future.

- 3) There was a beautiful turnout in Court on December 18th, both tenants of Stella Wright and supporters.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- 1) Come to Court on January 3rd and January 5th. It is most important that the courtroom is filled and overflowing, and that there are many white faces supporting the tenants and their lawyers. Your presence does make a difference.
- 2) Write letters - make phone calls to legislators and media.

The Hon. Clifford P. Case  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C. 20510

The Hon. Joseph G. Minish  
House Office Building  
Washington, D. C. 20515

The Hon. Harrison Williams  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C. 20510

The Hon. Peter W. Rodino, Jr.  
House Office Building  
Washington, D. C. 20515

The Hon. James T. Lynn  
Department of Housing and Urban Development  
H. U. D. Building  
451 7th Street, S. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20024

- 3) Write to Hon. Irwin I. Kimmelman, Courts Building, Newark, N. J. 07102.  
Help to educate him on the broader issues involved, your interest, your awareness of the conditions, your knowledge of the defendants, Toby Henry, Tom Comerford, the tenants of Stella Wright, their lawyers.
- 4) Speak to your group or organization, educate them, invite them to inspect the project, urge them to take a public position.
- 5) If you can volunteer a day occasionally to help with mailings or make phone calls, contact Adele Kane, 824-3110.

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Montclair Bingo Hall  
408 Bloomfield Avenue (next to Wellmont Theatre)  
Montclair, N. J.  
Every Friday night - 7:45 p.m.

KEEP IN TOUCH:

Operation Understanding  
Adele Kane, 824-3110

Stella Wright Tenant Assoc.  
Toby Henry, 242-6772

Stella Wright Christian  
Community

Tom Comerford

Louise Brummell, 242-1441

On January 2nd, a motion will be heard requesting Judge Kimmelman to remove himself from the case based on his statements in court on December 18th. If he does remove himself there is a possibility of a postponement of the sentencing on January 3rd. If you are planning to be in court on January 3rd, call any of the above numbers after 11:00 a.m. on January 2nd to check on the outcome of this motion.