

HOW TO SUPPORT THE SQUAT

Donations can be brought down directly to the squat at the corners of Abbott and Hastings, or to the office at #42 Blood Alley PH 604-682-2726. Things we need (ongoing): Food and Spices, Blankets, sleeping bags, etc., Water, Juice, Coffee, Pillows, Quilts, Large cooking pots, Warm jackets, sweaters, socks, Disposable dishes and cutlery, Mattresses, foam pads and tents, Fuel-Fed Cooking Stoves and Fuel, Tarps and Rope, Cleaning supplies, Rolls of Plastic, Art materials (paint, markers, large rolls of paper etc.), Hammers, pliers, nails etc., Money for cooking materials and security (radios etc.), Staple guns, 8 1/2 x 11 and 11x 17 paper, Computer, printer, Ongoing photocopying access, Toilet paper, tampons and napkins, Soap, towels and toiletries.

THE "WOODWARD'S 58" NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

In the early morning hours of Saturday, September 22, 2002, the Vancouver Police Department Riot Squad stormed into the Woodward's squat which homeless people and their supporters had been occupying since the previous Saturday. 58 people were arrested and charged with violating a Supreme Court injunction. The squatters and their supporters have to return to court November 7, 2002 to face civil contempt charges. The two lawyers who have so far represented us cannot possibly handle all of our cases themselves. THEREFORE, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE RAISE SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR OUR LEGAL DEFENCE. PLEASE DONATE WHATEVER YOU CAN TO THE "WOODWARD'S 58 LEGAL DEFENCE FUND" AND ASK YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, CO-WORKERS, UNION, HOUSING CO-OP, CHURCH OR COMMUNITY GROUP TO DO THE SAME. Please make checks payable to the "Woodwards Legal Defense Fund". Checks can be mailed to:

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Legal Update On Britannia Arrestees

DAY 25 - TUESDAY - 08 OCT 02

Legal Update - October 7, 02

It is now a couple days since the police riot at Britannia Community Centre. There have been some developments politically and legally since the riot happened and the initial arrests were made. The police and Gordon Campbell have denounced the demonstrators as "thugs" and there has been another arrest made. The situation, however, has not essentially changed... people are still resisting the cuts being made by the BC Liberals and the Liberals and their Police are reacting violently and defensively because the defences and the organization of poor and working people in the province are taking shape and developing in a way that cannot be stopped.

Legal Situation of the "Minors"

THE 13 YEAR OLD BRITANIA HIGH SHCOOL STUDENT

Charges: Assault Police

Conditions: Non association with the other minor arrested / not to be within two blocks of the premier / not to carry a weapon / not to wear a mask in public.

Comments: He was assaulted (punched in the face and had a gun pulled on him) by a big cop (badge #2072). The police attempted to cover this with fraudulent charges against him of assault police. He was harassed and intimidated in jail.

"KASPER"

Charges: Obstruction Police

Conditions: Same as above.

Comments: The police stopped his wagon in a parking lot and asked him to step out and "be tough" with a circle of 20 officers. he refused. All throughout his time in jail he was harassed and intimidated... told "you want to be like those APC guys? We bootfuck them and love it," etc... Subjected to "psychological examination" and other intimidation tactics.

IVAN DRURY

Charges: 2 counts obstruction police; 2 counts assault police.

Conditions: Not to be within 100 feet of Gordon Campbell / Not be near the queen on the 6th or 7th of September / Not to wear a mask in public / Not to carry a weapon / To otherwise keep the peace.

Comments: The crown tried to stick Ivan with conditions of "non-association" and to "not be within 2 blocks of Campbell or Chretien or the queen" but he argued them with the Justice of the Peace and won. The JP decided that the imposed conditions did not have legal ground in the case and overthrew them. This sets an important precedent for the conditions imposed upon the other 8 arrested when they go into court on November 8th. Ivan was released from jail on Sunday October 6th at 5:30pm.

Ivan was picked up alone while riding his bicycle at Main and Cordova on Saturday October 5th at 11pm. He was flanked by 2 cop cars and told to drop his bike and backpack because he was not wearing a helmet. He was served with his warrant and was handcuffed. When he was being handcuffed, a truck rolled by full of undercover cops. They stopped to chant, "YOU WILL LOSE! YOU WILL LOSE!" and then drove away. It was clearly a planned operation.

All arrestees are scheduled to appear in court on Friday, October 18th at the Cordova and Main courthouse... room 100. All are encouraged to attend to encourage the fight against the conditions that have been imposed upon the initial 8 and proved illegal by the latter arrest. They cannot divide us, separate us or defeat us. We will not be intimidated by police harassment or brutality and WE WILL WIN.

I must make another plea for legal defense fund support. There are a total of 63 people being charged through the courts between the Woodward's squat arrests and the Britannia Police Riot. This requires a lot of lawyers and a lot of money in order to defeat their trumped up, harassment charges designed to over-occupy us and stop us from our real work. Together, we can defeat them on every front... even legally.

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