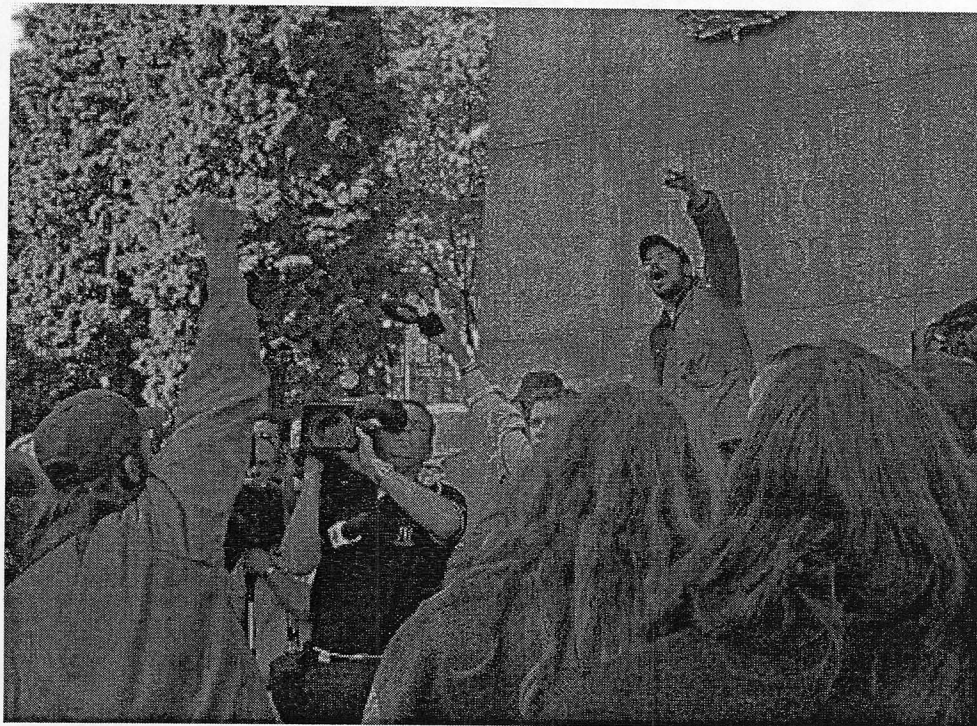


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**Stirring The Hornets Nest**  
**2002 September 23rd**



*Ivan Drury Addressing The Crowd  
Victory Square Early Morning 2002-09-23*

*"First they ignore you.  
Then they laugh at you.  
Then they fight you.  
Then you win."  
- M. Gandhi*

I have been receiving a fair amt of traffic on my page the last twenty four hours. Mostly because the images I posted last night I also posted on the Vancouver Subsite of Indymedia.org as well as this afternoon.

Last night I just reposted my journal entry entitled 'Wholly S\*\*T!!!' this morning I posted some images from the Rally that was held this morning at

Victory Square in response to the actions taken by the Police Cleanup last night.

At first there weren't many people at Victory Square at 10am, but within an hour it definately grew to a large amt of people who were pissed off about what had happened. Ivan shown in the picture above was pissed off enough that despite his shoulder being dislocated last night by police was able to raise his fist and start the chant of **WE WILL WIN, WE WILL WIN**. We all headed down hastings Street walking in the middle of the street not caring if we were obstructing traffic back to where the people who were protesting were still attempting to call home.

Abbot & Hastings, The Woodward's building.

One person made a bunch of leaflets and used the pictures I posted last night for it. I thanked him greatly for doing so because this helps get the word out to people who aren't online.

Once we got there it didn't take long for the new foodtable to be set up and people to start getting things going again, in a few short hours food was being served, people had foam mattresses to sleep on and albeit there was a great deal more graffitti than last night it looked pretty much the same as it did before the raid happened.

The police attempted to remove all trace of the protest ever happening, what ended up happening is that everything the police did actually seems like it was the fictional event.

But the people there know it happened some were carted away last night some lost their id, and personal belongings, when everything was tossed into big garbage trucks that crushed everything and carted it away to the dump.

All on a frivolus bylaw of obstructing the sidewalk, which wasn't the case because the sidewalk on Abbott St is two or three TIMES the width of a normal sidewalk, and was accessable without a problem. Even if it wasn't, its a BYLAW, you can give a TICKET you can't do what they did last night.

They also said it was unsanitary that it had become a sewer of filth on the street, even though there were a number of people making sure that the place was clean all the time, and the foodtable everyone wore gloves things were cleaned with industrial strength cleaners and everything was made to be as clean as possible.

There weren't any portapotties around but they used the Metropole pub where they could and went to other places where they could far away from the woodwards building. The police were called in as well as the sanitation workers because they wanted the problem to go away.

Thing is it doesn't look like it will go away, that the protestors while staying nonviolent will continue to fight and will resist the actions of the police until the situation comes to a resolution.

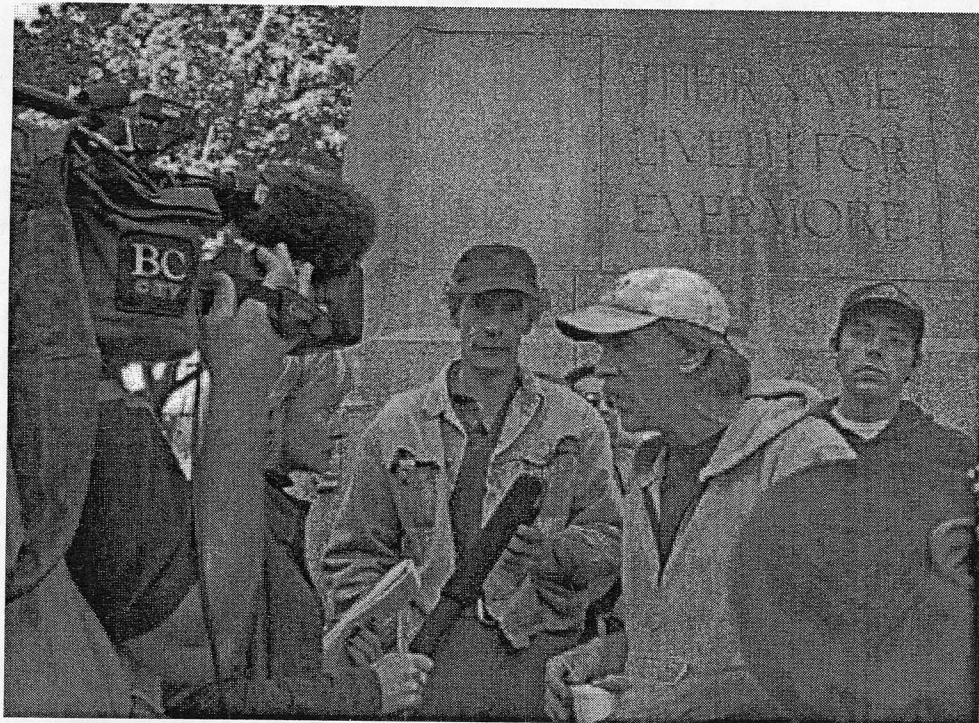


This is a community action this is a community protest, this is community. I've helped out, other people in the community helped out, we all put our time in to make these people safe, warm and no longer hungry. I want to see them get a home to stay in, I want to see this resolved peacefully, lets just hope the police do as well. So far however they haven't given much reason to believe they will.

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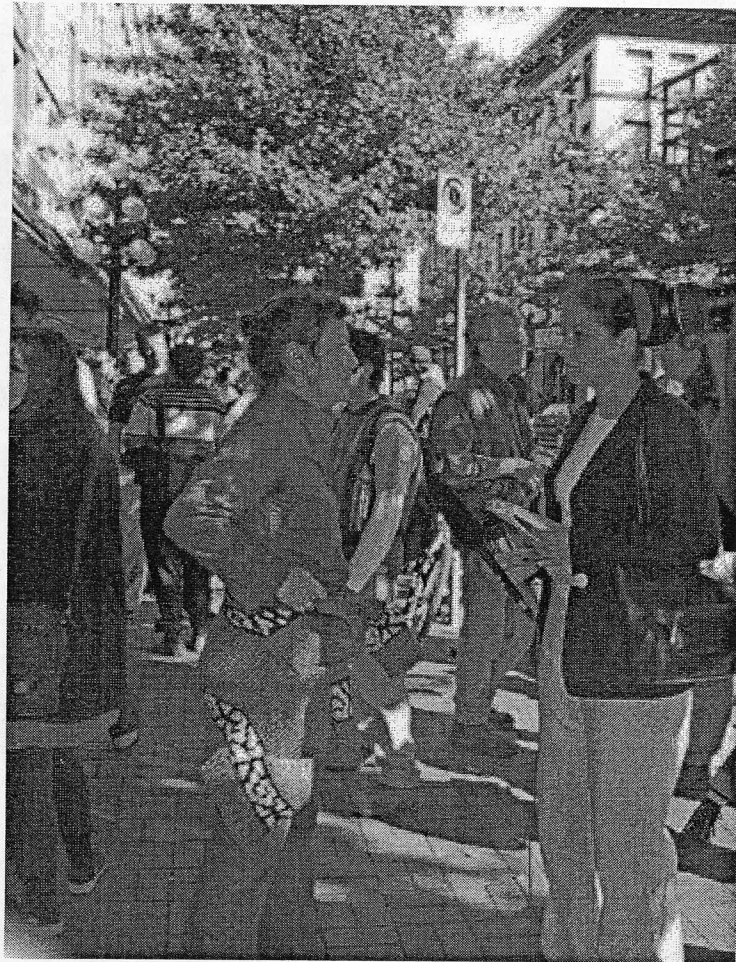
Here are some other pictures from today



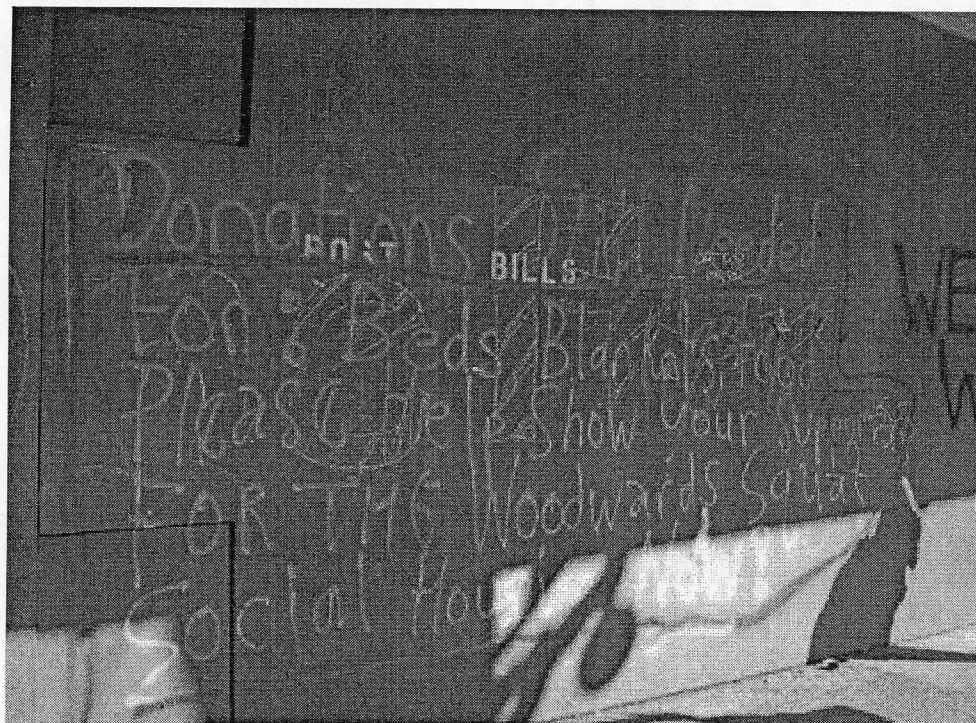




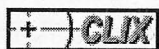








More to come soon, check out IndyMedia Vancouver for Text, Audio & Video Updates about this whole situation. I post there as well as a number of others, it has up to date info because as it happens I and a bunch of other people post there to make sure the story is heard.



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