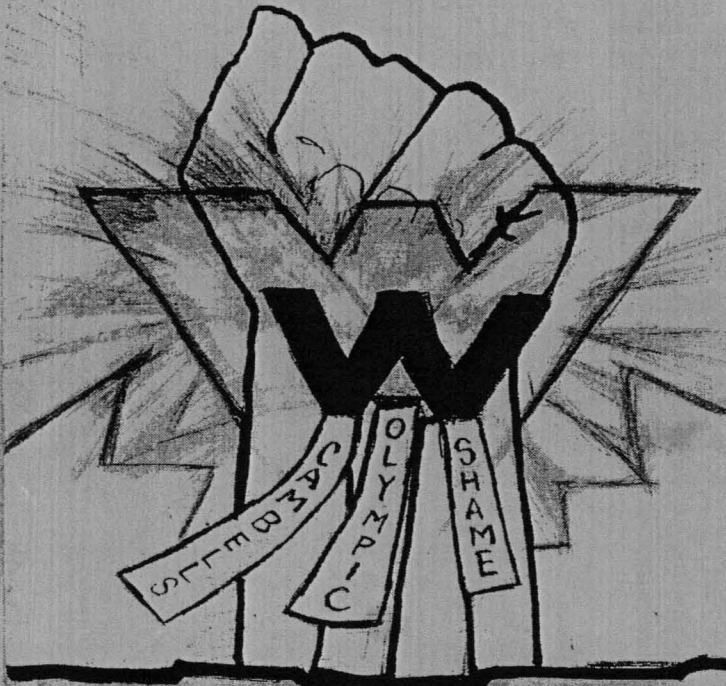


Rally!

All out to defend Woodward's Squatters!



Meet at Woodward's
(Abbott & Hastings St.)

6 PM
Tuesday
(That probably means today!)

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Squatters and supporters are calling for a large rally and demonstration Tuesday, September 24 at 6 PM at the Woodward's building (Abbot & Hastings).

Over the past week thousands of people across Vancouver have rallied around the Woodward's building and for the immediate need for social housing. The BC Liberal government has cancelled all new social housing projects. Shelters throughout the lowermainland are full, and people have been forced to create their own housing.

This community response has been met by police brutality and ignored by politicians responsible for Vancouver's housing crisis. The most recent attack came Sunday night when dozens of Vancouver police physically attacked people outside of the Woodward's building without warning and threw beds, blankets, food and personal items into city dump trucks.

The Anti-Poverty Committee denounces the brutality that is currently being unleashed by the Liberal government and police. These attacks are in response to the successful mobilization that has occurred over the past week. It's clear that the people of Vancouver and BC want social housing – the BC Liberal government and Vancouver police want to attack the homeless and their supporters.

We call on all people and groups opposed to the BC Liberal government to meet at Woodward's tomorrow at 6pm. We must face these brutal attacks head on, and once again mobilize massive numbers to challenge and ultimately defeat this government.

Groups and individuals are encouraged to bring down building supplies, food donations as well as banners and flags showing their organization's support.

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