

## Lawmakers Hit Rent Like As Unfair Tax

By JOSEPH KAHN

A coalition of 18 legislators today attacked the city's Maximum Base Rent system as "merely a mechanism for transferring \$431 million from tenants to owners in the form of rent increases."

The local, federal, state and city lawmakers, in a statement prepared for delivery at a press conference at headquarters of Local 1199, Hospital Workers Union, 310 W. 43rd St., charged the MBR with failure to implement the building maintenance provisions of the law and with a disregard for tenants' rights.

In condemning the Housing and Development Administration's implementation of MBR, the legislators called on the City Council to hold public hearings to investigate the rent control program.

Furthermore, the legislators stated, the council "must take bold action to revise the MBR formula so that tenants do not pay hidden taxes and so that rents and profits are conditional upon actual building maintenance, rather than upon assessed value."

**"Hidden Taxation"**  
The MBR, said the legislators, passes 100 per cent of property taxes onto tenants, regardless of their ability to pay.

"This is hidden, regressive taxation," they charged, "actually the city's formula for balancing the budget on the backs of low-income tenants."

It was also asserted that the HDA has failed to set up procedures to verify owners' certifications to provide essential services and to guarantee that 90 per cent of the rent increases are spent on building maintenance.

In addition to the combined statements, Rep. William F. Ryan (D-L-Man.) said:

"It is time for the city to stop hiding behind the federal Price Commission's inexcusable exemption, and take the initiative in putting an effective halt to the upward spiraling of the city's rent."

Bronx Borough President Robert Abrams, who also signed the coalition statement, asked for MBR's repeal because, "the only thing it has produced is a guaranteed annual rent increase for tenants which will place totally intolerable burdens on low and middle income families."

Abrams charged that under the law passed eight months ago, rent hikes for 800,000 apartments in the city have been granted on the basis of landlords' claims that essential services are being maintained in the buildings. But the landlords' certifications, he said, are not verified even by the Housing and Development Ass'n's own files on building code violations and service complaints.

"Tenants have been threatened with eviction if they fail to pay the maximum base rent," Abrams said, "and landlords have received a tip on the writ for perjury themselves."

Assemblyman Andrew Stein (D-L-Man.) said the HDA "has effectively created an unchecked declaration system for landlords by failing to audit landlords' books and inspect buildings regularly."

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### The Air

Latest samplings taken by the Air Resources Dept. showed the air quality was acceptable.

The first of the new series of Air Quality Index (AQI) data was taken by the Air Resources Dept. on Monday, August 14, 1972. The AQI is a measure of the degree to which the air is polluted by various pollutants. It is based on a scale from 0 to 100, with 0 being the best and 100 being the worst. The AQI is calculated by averaging the readings of five different pollutants: ozone, carbon monoxide, lead, particulate matter, and sulfur dioxide. The AQI is then rounded to the nearest integer. The AQI is a useful tool for assessing the quality of the air and for making decisions about whether it is safe to go outside.

## Old Ladies Who Kill Strays

By LEONARD KATZ

Members of an underground network of animal lovers, opposed to the policies of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, are chloroforming stray cats and dogs in their homes for humane reasons.

The loosely-knit network is composed mostly of elderly women who have made contact with each other through their mutual interest in doing something about the exploding population of strays on the city streets.

The animals, they say, are for the most part starving, diseased and often subject to cruelties from mentally disturbed people. Putting the animals to sleep gently, they feel, is the only answer to this burgeoning problem.

There is a state statute, the Agriculture and Markets Law, Section 355, which forbids the injuring, maiming or killing of animals "unjustifiably," according to the ASPCA. But because the women involved in putting down the animals are doing it for clear-cut humane reasons it would be difficult to prosecute any section of the law enforced.

**Several Complaints**  
The opposition of these women to the ASPCA is founded on several complaints but they particularly deplore the Metcalf-Hatch Act, passed in 1902, which forces the society to honor requests from medical research groups interested in experimenting on the animals.

A spokesman for the ASPCA says that the number of animals taken to medical experimenters is negligible.

"In our last fiscal year we turned over only 348 animals," the spokesman said. "The researchers get animals from other sources. There are breeders who breed especially for this market."

Miss Elken Evans, 62, a school teacher in an exclusive private school who put 79 cats to sleep with chloroform during the last three weeks of July, admits that she is aware of the ASPCA claim.

**"Psychological Threat"**  
"There is a psychological threat that the animal you turn over to the ASPCA will wind up in the hands of a research group," she explained. "The fact that only a few animals have been asked for in the past year doesn't mean that the animal you turn over won't wind up in the hands of the researchers. And if this happens the ASPCA must comply."

Miss Evans, who lives in

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Elken Evans with her merry killing apparatus.

## Yiddish Rebels Upset Yeshiva

By BERNARD BARD

David Katz, 16, is the leader of a very unusual brigade. He wants to bring Yiddish into a yeshiva.

Yiddish, of course, is the language of his grandparents, and to their own grandfathers or to Yiddish newspapers.

David Katz does not fit into this category for a very special reason. His father is Menke Katz, a distinguished Yiddish poet and also a poet of note in the English language whose works twice were nominated for the Pulitzer prize and who won the 1970 Stephen Vincent Benet Narrative Poetry Award.

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## Little Old Ladies Who Kill Cats, Dogs

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Manhattan, puts down only cats and puppies on occasion. She refuses grown dogs because she can't handle them — they tend to be larger and more difficult to destroy. But there are others in the city, she says, who handle stray dogs.

She has two cats of her own, aged 14 and 7, and has a few kittens she is seeking to place in homes. But it is becoming increasingly difficult to find anyone willing to adopt even kittens. As for the older animals, she says, no one wants them. Other women who go around the city picking up strays but are squeamish about putting the animals to sleep bring them to Miss Evans. She complains because she feels it is the only humane thing to do.

### 'It's Gruesome'

"I don't want to go through life killing cats," she said. "I've been doing it for 12 years and I'm tired of it. It's gruesome. I don't mind putting them down so much but there's something gruesome about disposing of the little bodies afterwards."

Miss Evans has been dumping the bodies at the Sanitation Depot at E. 73d St. and York Av. Others have been doing the same.

Miss Evans says that as a result of research and experience she has devised the most gentle way to put the animals to sleep. Her method is to dab a one per cent solution of chloroform on cotton, place the animal in a wooden "chamber," heat

it with a candle flame and then on a wire that dangles into the box. "They don't seem to mind," she says. "They just go gently to sleep. It takes about 20 minutes."

Mrs. E. B., a 62-year-old retired stenographer who lives in Queens, brings stray cats she collects to Miss Evans. Stray dogs she has destroyed at a veterinarian or at an upstate pound where she pays \$2 apiece.

Mrs. E. B., who has three dogs and five cats of her own, usually keeps the strays she picks up for several days to a week trying to place them in homes before taking steps to have them destroyed.

**'An Outrage'**  
Her opposition to the ASPCA is twofold: she is against the Metcalf-Hatch Act and she feels the animal society has no right to charge \$5 to pick up an animal.

"The ASPCA is not entitled to \$5 to pick up an animal," she said. "I consider it an outrage. With me it's a question of principle."

Because of "principle," she spends an estimated \$200 each year on the strays she picks up. She cannot easily afford that kind of expense, but she does it because she cannot bear the animals having to suffer.

Mrs. M. P., who is in her 40s and lives in Manhattan, also spends about \$200 a year on strays. She has two dogs and four cats of her own, and spends much of her time feeding

and trying to place the cats and dogs she befriends. She also refuses to turn any of the animals over to the ASPCA because of the Metcalf-Hatch Act.

"The two dogs and four cats I own are all little refugees," she says. "But I just don't have room in my home for anymore."

Mrs. M. P. says she doesn't know how many people are doing the same thing in the city but that she has personally heard about dozens. "So many are doing it because conditions are so terrible," she says.

All the women say the stray dog and cat population is exploding and they accuse the ASPCA of not doing its job properly. Each has a collection of horror stories of mistreatment — helpless animals being skinned alive, thrown into fires, disemboweled and so on.

"We live in an age of violence and the animals are really getting it," Mrs. Evans says.

The biggest population explosion of strays, the women say, is occurring in the city's ghettos. There, they explain, household pets are allowed to roam loose and countless numbers of unwanted puppies and kittens result.

**Chaper Spaying Methods**  
The solution, they say, is to have the ASPCA or some other spaying facilities. It now costs anywhere from \$40 to \$80 to have an animal spayed at the ASPCA.

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## Fairest of the Fair



Associated Press Photo  
Karen Gillespie, 15, of Vineland, N. J., is crowned by Linda Carol Glusac, 21, of Maplewood, N. J., as the new Miss New Jersey State Fair at Atlantic City's Steel Pier. Karen will reign over the state fair in Trenton on Sept. 8-17.

## Pro-Yiddish Rebels Stir Yeshiva Row

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## U. S. Gov't Has Its Own Tycoon

By Alexander Auerbach

LOS ANGELES (LAT)—Arthur F. Sampson runs an \$11.5 billion conglomerate.

His organization has massive real estate dealings, operates a 57,000-car fleet of vehicles, runs a telephone system and gives away land. It will soon excite the coin-collecting market by a \$120 million sale, and plans to auction off the world's largest airplane.

Sampson, 45, is the acting administrator of the General Services Administration (GSA), the business arm of the federal government.

He was in Los Angeles recently to announce the award of a \$1 million-plus contract to Golden Oaks Inc., a black-owned local firm, for the manufacture of 500 wooden desks to be used by Uncle Sam.

Under provisions of the Small Business Act, the GSA can negotiate contracts with minority-owned firms. Sampson noted in an interview: "This year the special contracts will total 237 million and will cover everything from plastic folders and wooden pallets to demolition and construction work."

The minority contract program is just one of many GSA activities that go far beyond simply sending out purchase orders.

The GSA also has the job of unloading what Uncle Sam doesn't need.

**Land Giveaways**  
Sometimes that's relatively easy. Since 1970 the agency has been busily turning over to state and local governments some 25,000 acres of land that the federal agencies no longer need. The land—144 tracts in all—has become parks and recreational areas.

But what do you do with 2.8 million uncollected silver dollars dating back to the late 1800s? An audit by the Treasury Dept. in 1964 found the coins, almost all

of which had been produced at the Carson City, Nev. mint in various vaults.

The coins were still in their original sacks, in uncirculated condition. Somehow they had escaped the great "coin melts" of the early 1900s as paper money replaced coins.

Since the coins have a value over 120 million to coin collectors, the GSA was asked to come up with something more imaginative than simply putting them into circulation.

The result will be a special sale early next year. Citizens will be able to bid on the coins—up to a maximum of 12 coins per person—on forms available in a few months at post offices.

**Small Biz Loans: Interest Rises**  
Interest rates on bank loans to small businesses rose in July, the Federal Reserve Board announced.

In its latest monthly survey of rates charged on certain loans by 270 banks, the Reserve Board said the rate on short-term non-institutional loans of between \$10,000 and \$50,000 to businesses rose to 7.54 per cent in July from 7.23 per cent in June.

Other rates were mixed last month, the report showed. Consumer installment credit rates for new cars dipped to an average of 9.95 per cent from 9.98 per cent in June, while the rate on installment credit for mobile homes rose to 10.73 per cent from 11.69 per cent.

In response to Levitt's report, the city said that a new payment system has been instituted by the Dept. of Social Services to prevent delays in payments to the future to homes that have been closed and the action has been taken to recover the outstanding overpayments.

## Business Briefs

**ADVERTISING:** Zenith Radio Corp. is launching a sharply expanded fall advertising campaign. The nationwide campaign to introduce Zenith's 1973 product lines will represent an increase in spending of "more than 20 per cent over last year's aggressive campaign," said Walter C. Fisher, president of Zenith Sales Co., a division of Zenith Radio Corp.

Daniel & Charles Associates has appointed Joy Golden and Frank Camardella as senior vice presidents and co-creative directors.

**PEOPLE:** Gus Rosen, of the General Motors Corp. public relations staff in New York, is being transferred to GM's Washington, D.C., office. He will be succeeded in New York by Bill Winters, of the Fisher Body Division, Detroit.

Robert D. Williams, president of First National Bank of Arizona, has been named chief executive officer and chairman of the executive committee of the Western Bancorporation affiliate.

J. Robert Chermak and Stanley Sauerhaft are new executive vice presidents at Hill and Knowlton Inc.

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Ramsey Clark tells reporters in San Francisco that North Vietnam's leaders say they will release all PWs when "we stop this senseless bombing."

## SIC Report: A Primer On Narcotics Dealing

By Joe Feurey

The Police Dept., already under fire for alleged widespread corruption, is also losing the war against drugs here because of "incredible" ineptitude, according to the State Commission of Investigation.

The SIC's 380-page re-

port, released yesterday after portions were disclosed last Friday in The Post, backed up the Knapp Commissioner's contention that the city's criminal justice system was riddled with corruption.

But the SIC also fo-

used heavily on what it called "startling . . . incredulous . . . and disastrous" Police Dept. bungling.

And its rundown of alleged police corruption reads like a primer on narcotics dealing.

Much of the report dealt with a lack of cooperation between units of the Police Dept., engaged in the war on drugs, with individual sections competing fiercely to pad their records with a large number of low-quality arrests, according to the probe.

These results often sounded like something

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# CLARK BACK, ROW GROWS OVER WAR

From Combined Services

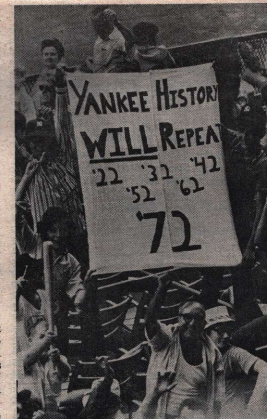
SAN FRANCISCO — Former U. S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark says North Vietnamese leaders have assured him that American prisoners of war will be released "when we stop this senseless bombing and get on with the business of peace."

Clark did not elaborate fully but did say he would speak in more detail at a press conference today.

As Clark spoke briefly to reporters after his arrival here following a two-week visit to North Vietnam, the debate heated up over his criticism on Radio Hanoi of U. S. bombing policies in the war.

Sen. McGovern yesterday accused President Nixon of conducting a virtual smear campaign through his subordinates against Clark as part of a "low road" campaign for reelection.

"Yes, I'm accusing the President of taking the low road by remote control," the Democratic Presidential candidate told



Post Photo by William Jacobellis

THIS FAN reminds us all that the Yankees have won lots of pennants in years ending with the number 2. And there's peasant fever in The Bronx now. See back page.

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