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Knocking on Heaven's Door

Susan Bregman

Boston College stands to gain yet another dormitory in Brighton, St. Gabriel's Retreat House and Monastery, on Washington Street. The Passionist religious community, leaving the monastery this month after 70 years, hopes to lease its buildings to the college on a short-term basis. Long-range plans for the buildings haven't been made yet.

BC plans to house 150 freshmen at St. Gabriel's through May 1980, assuming the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals grants the necessary variance at an August 29 hearing. St. Gabriel's expects to offer BC a lease from September 1978 to May 1979 with the option to renew for another year.

COMMUNITY SPEAKS

St. Gabriel's invited community leaders and neighborhood residents to meet with representatives from Boston College on August 17. Conspicuously absent from the meeting were representatives of Fidelis Way, which borders on the monastery grounds.

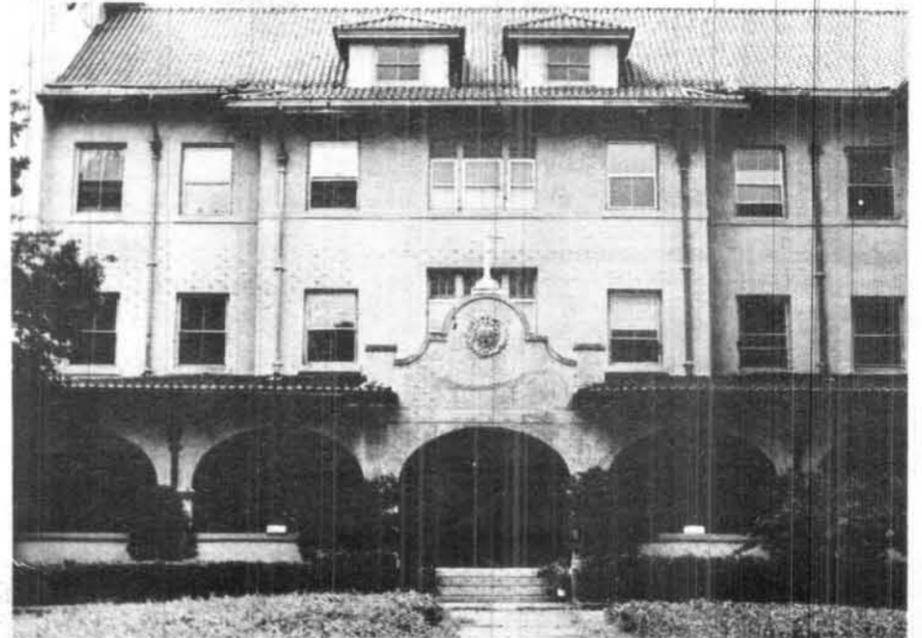
The Rev. Justinian Manning, who chaired the meeting, said that the Passionists wanted to "meet with the community to seek their advice." Apparently, though, the Passionists had already decided to lease their buildings to BC, and they sought advice on the terms of the lease.

The decision was based largely on expedience. Manning said that since the Passionists must leave the monastery by September 15, they didn't have much time to investigate too many possibilities. BC's offer came at the right time, and BC is a known quantity. He added that he called the meeting "to try to get the community's backing and understanding."

PROBLEMS CITED

This backing was not forthcoming, however, largely because the community understood the implications of the plan all too well. They were alarmed at the prospect of 150 college freshmen in their midst with their cars, beer cans, and stereos. Underlying this concern was opposi-

BC Eyes St. Gabriel's



Susan Bregman

tion to BC's continual expansion into the community, primarily in terms of student housing.

People were especially concerned about traffic and parking problems. Even though BC vice president for student affairs Kevin Duffy pointed out that freshmen are not allowed to own cars, the community members were not so easily appeased. One woman said, "No one can tell me that freshmen don't take their cars into the area, because they do. I don't see why people around here have to put up with this."

Security was another concern. BC will provide 24-hour-a-day security, at a reported cost of \$42,000. A foot patrol will be stationed in the building. In addition, two Jesuit priests and three older students will supervise the freshmen. Duffy noted, "We think it's an environment we can control."

MAINTENANCE

No matter how well supervised the students may be, people at the meeting feared the buildings would deteriorate. They cited the example of South Street, where BC-owned buildings are in a sorry state of disrepair.

Manning tried to assure the people at the meeting that the same thing would not and, in fact, could not happen at St. Gabriel's. BC will be responsible for maintaining the buildings inside and out. Manning said that he will check the buildings frequently, and meet with BC monthly to review the property and any community complaints. "I put our reputation at stake about this," he said. "You're going to be very sorry, Father," someone warned.

A BEDROOM COMMUNITY

The real issue here is Boston College's relationship with Allston-Brighton. As one resident noted, "BC is asking a lot of things of Allston-Brighton, and I'm still waiting to hear what BC is offering the community."

Allston-Brighton has long been a bedroom community for BC students. "The entire area has changed from one- and two-family houses to student apartments," said one woman at the meeting. "We do not want students here."

The situation threatens to get worse. Duffy said that although BC's enrollment has stabilized, more and more students want "a residential experience" at college.

BC plans to build an 800-student dormitory for May 1980, which will increase on-campus housing from 4,600 students to 5,400 (out of a total 8,400). "In the interim," Duffy conceded, "we do have a housing

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Everyone got involved in the tug o' war at the YAC Youth Day at Rogers Park for their last big fling before school starts this month.

Elizabeth Barry

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ABCN Endorsements

Vote Gallagher, Kellogg

This year, the state primary elections will be held on Tuesday, September 19. On the ballot will be a candidate whom we feel represents a departure from politics as usual in Massachusetts.

Tom Gallagher, running for state representative in Wards 21 and 22, has been an active member of the Allston-Brighton community for many years. He belongs to several

community organizations and was a founding member of this paper.

We support his progressive stand on the issues that affect our community—rent control, the classification amendment, elderly affairs, and unemployment. We feel that Tom Gallagher will be a hard working and innovative member of the legislature and offers a real alternative to the incumbent John

Melia.

In the State Senate race, Jarvis Kellogg offers a positive alternative to incumbent Francis McCann's consistently anti-progressive voting record on statewide and local-impact issues. On the basis of his answers to our questionnaire, we therefore endorse Jarvis Kellogg.

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Coalition Seeks Jobs for Community Residents

by Tom Maher

Many Boston residents, having been without work for months or years at a time, are growing increasingly outraged at constantly being told—NO ONE CAN GIVE THEM A JOB.

Government agencies are forever releasing reports on how no real change in the job picture can be expected soon, or reports that "tolerate" a certain level of unemployment, given the "present situation." Tolerate unemployment?! What about the people who remain unemployed—the mother who can't put bread on the table, the father who wonders how he'll meet next month's mortgage or rent, or the family constantly frightened of having their electricity turned off because they're too far behind on the bill. These people, like most of us, cannot "tolerate" unemployment, at any level. They can't afford to.

We do not have to look long and hard to detect even further abuses. Why are city residents hit hardest by unemployment, and many suburban communities so much better off than Boston? Should not the pain of unemployment be felt equally by the city and towns throughout the Boston area, rather than urban residents taking the brunt of it? Is it fair that so many of the jobs provided within the City of Boston are going to people who live outside the city? It's about time Boston workers were given their share of those jobs.

Understandably, Boston residents are sick and tired of seeing so many workers coming into our city from out of the suburbs, and the paychecks going back out to the suburbs, leaving our city jobless and

moneyless. Suburban folks have a right to their share of the jobs; they certainly need to work as much as anyone. But the disparity in the unemployment rate between the city and suburbs is excessive and unreasonable, and that's what's not fair. There should be a more even balance.

A growing citizens' organization, the Boston Jobs Coalition (BJC), is now organizing to do something about such discrepancies. BJC consists of a number of community groups located throughout the city's neighborhoods: community development corporations, tenant and church groups, and neighborhood organizations.

The Boston Jobs Coalition is advancing a popular message which Boston workers are taking to their elected officials—"Community Jobs for Community Residents."

BJC believes a fair proportion of jobs created within a given community should go to the local residents who live in that community. Equally important, as a fair exchange for Boston taxes that help create certain jobs in the city, a fair amount of those jobs should go to Boston residents who have paid those taxes.

This summer, the Boston Jobs Coalition (BJC) is focusing on jobs opening up on publicly funded construction projects in Boston. While BJC will be interested in jobs in other industries, construction jobs are the immediate issue. Thousands of jobs will be available in Boston on construction sites soon scheduled for development in the near future. The Jobs Coalition wants the city to enforce the hiring of Boston workers

for 50% of those jobs, craft-by-craft, on all public construction in Boston. That would mean millions of dollars in wages for Boston workers and their communities, since roughly 45% of construction costs go for wages. Those jobs should be shared fairly by workers from all the city's neighborhoods, particularly those hit hardest by unemployment. Because the Boston Jobs Coalition honors the union shop, it affirms that all Boston workers join the union if placed on a union job.

For the past several weeks, the Boston Jobs Coalition has been meeting with representatives of the Mayor through the Employment and Economic Policy Administration of the City of Boston; asking that the 50% Boston-worker policy

be officially adopted. Thus far, no commitments have been made by the Administration.

The Boston Jobs Coalition (BJC) however, is now developing a roster of names of Boston residents who would like to work construction in

Boston. It is from the names on this list that BJC will identify Boston workers who are willing to work construction in Boston, if those jobs become available to them. Should the city start looking for Boston construction workers ready for hire, there will be a pool of workers just waiting to be called.

While the Boston Jobs Coalition cannot promise jobs to anyone, it is promising to work hard for a policy to get them—for Boston workers.

If you want your name on the roster should the 50% Boston-worker policy be officially adopted, please mail in the following information, using the format outlined below. With your permission, your name could be registered with the City as a Boston resident who wants to work on construction in your own city; and that you join in urging the Mayor to adopt the policy to help open up those jobs for you.

Name

Address

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Qualification

Would you be interested in a training program?

Yes No

Mail to: Boston Jobs Coalition, Box 225 Essex, Boston, MA 02112.

St. Gabriel's

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problem." Still, he told the people at the meeting, "Our long-range plan does not include purchasing property in Allston-Brighton."

COMMUNITY INPUT

Whether or not BC buys property in our community, its influence remains. And yet the college has shown little concern about the changes it has wrought, and little interest in meeting with community representatives on a regular basis.

When asked whether BC plans to open its athletic facilities to the community or whether it will offer more scholarships to local students,

Duffy said that no decision had been made on either question.

And when Joe Smith, president of the Allston Civic Association, asked Duffy why BC was not meeting regularly with any community groups, Duffy said that there was no single representative group comparable to the groups he meets with in Newton and Chestnut Hill. When Smith assured him that setting up such a group would be no problem, Duffy said, "I guarantee I will meet with whatever group you put together."

In the meantime, another meeting was scheduled for August 24 to discuss the proposals that will come up before the Board of Appeals. But as we write this, it seems that BC is going to win the round.

St. Gabriel's Update

At a meeting held at St. Gabriel's on August 24, BC's Kevin Duffy reported that he had met with representatives of the Brighton Citizens Association to discuss BC's response to some of the issues raised at the last meeting. These are the concessions BC has offered the community.

1. BC has agreed to waive its ban on freshmen owning cars, and St. Gabriel's will set aside 150 parking spaces in its lot for the students housed at the monastery. The lot will be locked at night.

2. The buses that transport students between St. Gabriel's and BC will use the driveway in the back of the retreat, rather than the circular driveway in front.

3. BC will take full responsibility for maintaining the building and grounds and will pay a security deposit.

4. BC will add at least one floodlight at the entrance to the parking lot.

5. A BC police car will patrol the monastery once an hour in addition to the foot patrol stationed on the grounds.

6. Rev. Manning will meet with the community monthly to discuss any problems that arise. BC will attend these meetings at Manning's invitation only.

7. On February 15, 1979, after reviewing the use of the property and the future plans of the Passionists, Rev. Manning will decide whether to renew BC's lease.

8. BC will explore ways to work with the Allston-Brighton community.

Although these concessions address some of the issues that were raised on August 17, people at the August 24 meeting still voiced considerable concern about the impact of a BC dormitory on the community.

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ELECTION REPORT

Representative, Wards 21 & 22

The ABCNews asked the candidates in the local primary races to answer a questionnaire on issues important to our community. The following statements are their responses.

Tom Gallagher

Major Issues:

I consider some of the major issues of the campaign to be property tax reform, rent control, the Bottle Bill, nuclear power, equal rights for women and minorities, the quality of elderly services, and the high level of unemployment in Massachusetts.

Bottle Bill:

I support passage of the Bottle Bill (which the incumbent has consistently opposed) for several reasons. First, it would bring about a dramatic reduction in the number of bottles and cans that litter our streets. The experience of other states which have enacted Bottle Bill legislation has proven this to be true. Second, it would conserve energy currently being wasted in the mass production of containers which are used once and then discarded. Finally, it would result in a net increase in jobs, according to research done by the Federal Reserve Bank. Their study concluded that the number of new jobs that would be created in order to recycle bottles would be larger than the number of jobs that would be eliminated.

Tax Relief:

I strongly support passage of the Classification Amendment in November. It is our only means of preventing skyrocketing increases in property taxes paid by homeowners and tenants. If Classification is defeated some \$70 million in Boston's property taxes will no longer be paid by the owners of commercial and industrial real estate. Instead that \$70 million will be paid by homeowners and tenants—in addition to the taxes we pay today. Here in Brighton and Allston we would see taxes and rents go up at least 50%, and in some cases actually double. That's why the Classification Amendment has to pass in November.

I do not support Proposition 2½. I consider it to be phony tax reform that would only benefit the rich and those who own large amounts of property. It would result in a 75% cutback in revenues for our city which would mean wholesale reductions in essential services, such as police and fire protection, and our system of public education. It would truly be a disaster for the people of Boston.

Instead I favor reducing Boston's reliance on the property tax, and moving to make our tax codes more progressive. We currently suffer from one of the most regressive tax systems in the nation. We have to change that by placing more of the tax burden on those who are most able to pay, and decreasing the tax load presently borne by average working people.



I also think there are ways the State Legislature can start saving money without cutting needed services. Eliminating "no-show" jobs and doing away with "sweetheart" contracts are two obvious steps that can be taken. Millions of dollars of our tax money is annually spent on contracts that are sometimes signed before they are even examined. The MBM contract is only the most notorious example of this kind of massive waste of public money.

Right to Strike:

I believe that public employees, like other workers, have the right to strike if their contract has been seriously violated or if they are being forced to work without a contract and the state is not bargaining with them in good faith. In order to avoid this situation I support binding arbitration as a means of achieving settlements between the state and public employees.

Spouse Abuse:

The issue of spouse abuse and battered women is one which has been ignored for too long by our society. Adequate judicial protection must be provided to those threatened by violent assault. Statistics indicate that this is a growing problem affecting the lives of millions of people throughout the country. Many of them are in need of immediate protection. It is our responsibility to begin providing it.

Reforming House Rules

I support the House Rules Reforms that have been proposed by Representatives Johnston and Card. These democratic reforms would place the appointment of leadership positions and committee assignments in the hands of a caucus of the majority party, thereby limiting the power of the House Speaker who currently makes those decisions himself. This would help curb the system of machine politics which leads Representatives to vote

as the Speaker tells them to vote in order to obtain a desired committee assignment.

Rent Control:

I strongly support the reinstatement of an effective system of rent control for Boston. Rents in the large absentee-owned buildings, such as those along Commonwealth Avenue, continue to climb, often to the point of forcing people to move. The elderly have been especially hard hit by skyrocketing rents because they are generally on fixed incomes and are in no position to spend more money for housing.

I believe that rent control also would benefit homeowners in Allston and Brighton, since it has the effect of stabilizing neighborhoods and keeping out the real estate speculators who often let their buildings deteriorate while they turn a quick profit on high rents.

Unemployment:

Unemployment and plant closings are among the most serious problems facing Massachusetts. They are compounded by the lack of a clear legislative approach to dealing with them. I think our state should at the very least act to protect existing jobs by passing a Community Stabilization Act (similar to a bill currently before the U.S. Congress) which would require large businesses to provide considerable advance notice before closing down or relocating, and mandate from them compensatory payments to both the employees and the communities affected by such closings. This sort of legislation, by establishing financial penalties, would make companies think twice before picking up and moving South.

Summing Up

I believe there are a number of questions people should consider before casting their ballot for State Representative on September 19.

Do we want a Representative who is willing to work to put an end to corruption and waste on Beacon Hill? Who will vote yes on the Bottle Bill? Who will work for the creation of innovative programs aimed at bringing economic relief to ordinary working people in Allston-Brighton? Who believes that our local universities must begin to meet their responsibilities to the Allston-Brighton community? Who thinks that our tax structure is due for a complete overhaul?

If your answers are no, and you think we should be represented by

someone who opposes the Equal Rights Amendment, the Bottle Bill and progressive tax reform, then you should vote for the 14-year incumbent.

If your answers are yes, I'd like you to consider voting for me as your next State Representative in the Democratic Primary on September 19.

John Melia

At the time we went to press, we had not yet received Rep. John Melia's reply to our questionnaire.

In place of his answers, we are printing a list of Rep. Melia's positions on certain issues voted on by the legislature in recent sessions. The list was compiled by the Citizens for Participation in Political Action (CPPAX).

Bottle Bill

A bill to ban the use of non-returnable soft drink and beer containers and to require deposits for returnables, with a provision for the retraining of those individuals who might be placed out of work as a result: NO.

Gay Rights

A bill to prohibit discrimination based on sexual preference in most public employment: NO.

Anti-Busing Constitutional Amendment

An amendment to the state Constitution providing that "no student shall be assigned to or denied admittance to a public school on the basis of race, color, national origin or creed," thus prohibiting mandatory busing: YES.

Tax Break for Insurance Industry

A bill to phase out the gross investment tax assessed on the insurance industry, resulting in a tax reduction of approximately 60% for the industry: NO.

Death Penalty

Legislation establishing capital punishment for certain categories of crime: YES.

Ban on Handguns

Initiative proposal to outlaw the private possession and sale of handguns in Massachusetts, including a mechanism for the state purchase of all existing handguns: NO.

Graduated Income Tax

A constitutional amendment allowing state income taxes to be graduated, with lower rates for low and middle income taxpayers: NO.

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Senate Race

Jarvis Kellogg



Major Issues:

100% Valuation: I support the Classification Amendment.

Rules Reform in the State Senate: The Senate President currently has the power to make committee assignments and appoint committee heads. Recent events on the hill have provided us with clear examples of abuse of that power. The Senate President should be elected by secret ballot. Committee chairpeople should be chosen by caucus. Committee assignments should be made on the basis of merit, not political influence. These reforms are happening in the House. I want to help make them happen in the State Senate, too.

Effective Representation for Allston and Brighton: For too long the people of Allston and Brighton have been ignored by the State Senate. Already cut off from municipal government, and losing a representative in the House cut, this process must stop. I worked hard for Charter Reform, which would have brought Allston and Brighton a city councillor and School Committee person. I will continue to work in the State Senate for Charter Reform and will be an active, visible and accessible representative for Allston and Brighton.

Bottle Bill:

I support the Bottle Bill.

Tax Relief:

Please see "Major Issues." I don't support Proposition 2½. I do believe we must have a State Senate which spends the people's money carefully, because the lives of those who have the least and who need the most may literally depend on how efficiently that money is spent. The Legislature has a committee, the Joint Committee on Post Audit and Oversight, which is supposed to do just that. Despite its generous budget, that committee has not done the job.

Right to Strike:

While I support the right of public employees to strike, job actions of the severity of a strike should be taken only as a last resort and with proper regard for the problem of public safety.

Spouse Abuse:

I support legislation designed to provide physically abused persons not only prompt access to the courts but also an effective remedy when seeking legal protection. Without reform, the common law of domestic relations is inadequate to the problem.

Rent Control:

Yes.

Unemployment:

I support the objectives of the Humphrey-Hawkins bill to provide a job for everyone who wants to work. On a local level the private sector can and should be the employer of the first resort. I support tax incentive programs designed to encourage new business starts and to help existing businesses to survive and prosper. I believe that the so-called anti-business atmosphere in Massachusetts is overstated. Existing programs such as the Urban Job Incentive Program, which provides property tax rebates for businesses located in the inner city, and a plan to provide a \$500 excise tax credit for every new job created, are not at all hostile to business.

Summing Up:

Campaigning in Allston and Brighton, I have been asking some simple but important questions: Do you know who your current State Senator is? Were you asked for your opinion on the Bottle Bill? Or an equitable distribution of local aid to your school system? Has your State Senator asked for your help to devise a plan for property tax reform?

In many instances, the answer to all of these questions is "No." I am campaigning hard in Allston and Brighton in the belief that I can change that.

This election offers you a chance for a change. But, to have that change, you must make your vote count. Your current State Senator, without responding to your needs, has been able to get reelected by dividing his opposition. My campaign represents the only realistic opportunity to win and to begin to give you a State Senate that is open, honest, representative, and efficient. Please be sure to vote on Primary Day, September 19th. This is our State Senate and our State Senate district. It will be as good or as bad as we decide to make it.

Mike Parsons

Major Issues:

Major issues in my campaign are much more local aid for community development and responsiveness to the people in our district. Additionally, taxes upon taxes, high health and food costs, all compounded by inflation are seri-



ous issues for our district and our country.

Bottle Bill:

I am 100% for a "bottle bill." Massachusetts would save 3 million gallons of oil a year, thousands of tons of glass, steel and aluminum, and a "bottle bill" would save consumers 5 million dollars a year as well as creating employment for 2,500 additional jobs in the state. A clean and safe environment makes good sense to me and will save additional millions of dollars in litter cleanup and municipal waste.

Tax Relief:

I do support the Classification Amendment and will vote yes on Question 1. More importantly I support

More importantly I support Proposition 2½ which will limit the amount of taxation a property owner, especially homeowners, will have to pay. This will provide the desperately needed relief of our overburdened taxpayers. Right now a man works from January to halfway through May to pay taxes to the 3 levels of government. I am for tax relief but don't think human service funds, police, fire or school funds would necessarily be cut. If cuts are to be made, let's make them in Highway Construction, projects that waste taxpayers' dollars and other repairs which are unnecessary.

Right to Strike:

I do not feel police or firemen should be permitted to strike nor do I believe public employees should strike unless there are valid arguments to do so, which I don't feel is the case today.

I do not feel an MBTA bus driver should make \$18,000 a year and a Mass. State Policeman \$12,000. I ask you, the voter, who is more important to the Commonwealth?

Spouse Abuse:

Wife battering and child abuse are real problems in our country. The American Home and family are the most important assets to democracy. Violence on T.V., crime, alcohol and drug abuse must be better controlled to

strengthen our society and that of the free world.

I do and will support legislation for judicial protection from spouse abuse and beyond that to try to set up the proper counseling and help for family problems.

Rent Control:

I do support rent control because many people, especially the elderly with set incomes, are not able to afford many outrageous rents. I believe every citizen should be entitled to safe, clean and affordable housing.

Furthermore, I don't support 121A tax agreements or other tax exemptions which favor Big Business, Contractors and realtors and discriminate against the old and poor.

Unemployment:

First of all, everyone knows we need jobs for our youth and for the general population. I am in favor of full employment and believe the fishing and farming economies of Massachusetts could provide many of these and should be expanded immediately.

Summing Up:

I have lived in Allston-Brighton all my life. I am currently a director of the Allston-Brighton A.P.A.C., Brighton Citizens Association and Brighton Historical Society. I am a coach for the Oak Square Little League and active in police-community meetings. I attended Our Lady of the Presentation School, St. Mary's High School and Wentworth Institute. I believe I have the qualifications and knowledge to do the job. If elected senator, I will introduce legislation that will get us a city councillor and a school committeeman, something we have not had in over 26 years even though last year Allston-Brighton paid more than 80 million dollars in city and state taxes. I will also limit the expansion of Boston University and Harvard on a tax-exempt basis. I will try to expand police and fire protection in Allston-Brighton and keep our schools open. I will be a full time senator who will listen to the poor, the elderly, the young and small businessmen in Allston-Brighton.

Francis X. McCann

I have adopted the following policy with regard to the large number of inquiries received from numerous organizations in which they ask my position of legislative matters in the 1979-80 session.

Many of the questions deal with subjects that will go before the House of Representatives and may never reach the Senate for a vote. Other matters that do reach the Senate can be amended or altered in many ways so as not to remotely resemble the original intent or content of the proposal.

I will reserve my judgment until the matters are before the Senate in their final form.

I intend to vote on each and every measure at that stage.

—Francis X. McCann

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Boston's Unions: A History of Struggle

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Reading a history of the labor movement in Boston will bring back memories for some. But for most, even those who lived through the times, a history of working people and labor unions is totally unfamiliar.

The reason being there is a serious gap in most of the American history books written over the years. Sure they cover the administrations of every president, governor, and big city mayor, but rarely is there any mention of working people or the labor movement. For instance, though many people have heard of the Boston Police Strike of 1919, few know anything about the people involved or why they went on strike. Most, however, could tell you that the governor and later president Calvin Coolidge eventually brought in the national guard. Many of the history texts we used in school are little more than litanies of famous people.

In terms of local history, Sari Roboff has written a book that helps to fill this gap. Her "Boston's Labor Movement: An oral history of work and union organizing" describes, in a very readable fashion, the role that unions played in the evolution of the city of Boston.

"Workers in colonial Boston," she writes, "were in the forefront of the movement for independence, and they and their successors built the city; her land mass, roads, and edifices; the merchant ships that berthed in her harbor; and her factories where they worked, tanning leather and stitching clothes. Since 1860, Boston's labor history has been, primarily, an expression of the struggle by immigrant workers for social and political control of the city, part of a battle to wrest dominance from the controlling elite and open up the city and its resources to its newer and poorer inhabitants."

Though the book traces the labor movement in Boston back as far as 1700, the major portion of the 72-page book deals with the people and events of this century. The reason is simple. In telling the story of labor, Roboff tried, as much as possible, to



Boston policemen leave their union hall after voting to strike, 1919

go directly to the source—the people who were actually involved in Boston's labor movement.

In a sense, they are telling their own story.

Rose Norwood, an ex-member of the now defunct Women's Trade League (WTUL) provides a firsthand account of that organization's fight for better working conditions and "equal pay for equal work" (some things don't change much in 60 years).

John Cadigan, one of the few living veterans of the 1919 Boston Police Strike, describes that strike: "Three weeks before the strike, the city was assured that the state militia was in the Charlestown and Back Bay armories. Mayor Peters endeavored to get in touch with Governor Coolidge to learn what he was going to do. As the week of the strike approached, Coolidge did nothing and Mayor Peters didn't know what was happening. The day before the strike, Governor Coolidge was at the Adams House, a nice hotel on Washington Street and quite a meeting place. Peters went down

and confronted Governor Coolidge. He insisted that Coolidge order the militia on the streets at one o'clock. Coolidge wouldn't agree.

"To this day, no one has explained what became of the men the city had lined up and why Coolidge didn't send the militia onto the streets. During the strike, hired goons on Washington Street started crap games. There were just a few agitators. Businessmen left nothing of value in their store windows, but the goons broke their windows and pandemonium reigned. They ordered the militia out the next night. Then, about three days later, Coolidge called in the National Guard.

"What really burnt everybody up was the rioting. Public opinion turned against the policemen because the public didn't have all the facts. The people thought that the policemen had left the city helpless. It was not the union's fault that men were not on the street. There were about 1,500 guardsmen, militiamen, and volunteers stationed in the area. Now, that isn't leaving the city helpless. Why didn't they put them in

there? Why weren't the militia ordered out? The mayor of Boston had been assured months in advance that if the police struck, the state had the militia.

"After about a week, some of the policemen who went on strike decided that they had to work. They took civil service exams and found new jobs as policemen in various cities. When the business interests found out, they clamped down on it. First, striking policemen were barred from ever sitting on a jury. Then, the civil service was prohibited from hiring striking policemen.

"The upshot of the strike was that the strikers got nothing and the new men were given everything that we wanted, including the two hundred dollar pay raise. So, it was really a fight against the union by the business people of the city and state."

It is interesting to note how the rise of the unions at the turn of the century went hand in hand with the rise of the Irish in Boston. When the Irish first became a majority of the population around 1899, they were still concentrated in unskilled jobs and without any real political power.

However, once they acquired a few skilled jobs and gradually moved into the hierarchies of the Yankee unions, they began to take care of their own, bringing family and friends into the unions. They also developed good relationships with the ward bosses and, as the Irish politicians got more power, jobs and votes were regularly traded.

The parallels between the Irish coming to power and minority groups seeking a piece of the pie today are striking.

Roboff has written an excellent book that both illuminates the past and puts the organizing work today in such a perspective that it becomes part of a history rather than simply isolated incidents.

The book, which is printed in a soft cover similar to the Boston 200 Neighborhood History Series, is available at book stores in the Boston area.

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Ann Getman

Every year the Mayor's Office begins the summer with a lot of publicity about Summerthing, a program which brings free concerts to the neighborhoods. Every year Allston-Brighton gets short-changed, copping, at best, one performance of the Boston Ballet and an inundation of disco via Soul Train and Disco Tech. This year, my faith is restored: Summerthing can bring class acts to the neighborhoods. They proved it on August 14 by bringing the David Bromberg Band to my own backyard and inviting the neighbors in.

On a steamy Monday night, the Bromberg Band appeared on a portable stage and lit up the night. The free-flowing, wide-ranging style of this band reflects the versatility of Bromberg. Numbers ranged from folk to blues, jazz and drums, fiddles and guitars. It's the kind of theatrical staging that abounds in the seventies, but with the unmistakable timing and vocal phrasing of the unique Bromberg.

The concert received little publicity until a week before it occurred, but the last-minute radio blitz brought an estimated crowd of 11,000 to Rogers Park.

Bromberg appeared in his white suit, with an eight-piece band. He opened with a laid-back bluesy-bluegrass number, *Sweetheart I Beg You to Come Home Tonight*, easing into the full force of the band with the gradual addition of horns and climaxing with a knockout triple fiddle break. And for the next hour and a half there were fifteen tunes showcasing Bromberg's talent as a musical technician and stylist. He switched from Fender to acoustic guitar to mandolin to fiddle, changing musical styles as easily as changing chords.



P. Harrigan

The selections reflect Bromberg's musical growth. When I first saw him perform in 1970 he was a back-up studio musician just beginning to build a reputation as a solo folk and blues artist. As his talent has grown, so has his band and his repertoire.

His reputation as a serious musician is solid and well-earned; check out the back-up on his albums, from Emmelou Harris to George Harrison, Bonnie Raitt to Billy Novick. adds a New Orleans flavor to the blues. It comes out swinging jazz like the thirties, free-flowing, full of solo breaks and climaxing in some wild ensemble playing. My favorites of the jazz numbers were *The Viper* (an old Martin, Bogan and Armstrong tune) and *Travellin' Man*, a 15-minute, fast-patter talking jazz

piece about a man named Bloom: "he was so fast, it was said he could turn out the lights, cross the room and be under the covers before it got dark!"

The Bromberg Band's evolution is both a reflection and a counterpoint to the times, suspended between blues and country rather than rock and punk. While there is little of the poetry of the sixties folk scene in his numbers and a lot of the theatrics of the seventies, the music itself is pure emotion: anger, lament, excitement, jubilation, outrage. The total effect is to suck you right into the number, like slipping across the line between your own reality and someone else's fantasy. It's macho and seductive with Bromberg's low, FM voice and phrasing, and it's full

of life and full of surprises.

On a recent PBS broadcast from Chicago, Bromberg told the interviewer he had a favorite fantasy for music in the seventies. He saw his band coming out on stage dressed in high punk chic, hairless and slick, looking pouty and mean as hell and bursting into the fastest fiddle riffs and hottest bluegrass licks they could find. He loves the incongruity of images, but then he can afford to: when you play good music in tight productions people will respond.

It's been a long hard climb to the tight professional sets Bromberg gives today, a long way from the solo folk singer with the enormous acoustic bass guitar he lovingly called *The Whale*. The David Bromberg Band is a musical event: it's for people who like theatre in music, music in amphitheatres, and mostly good, old-time, foot-stomping, knock-it-out music of all kinds.

His forte is still the blues, blues from all around: down-hearted laments (*I Just Called to Tell You*), updated Delta Blues (*Judge, Hear My Plea [Send Me to the 'Lectric Chair]*), Chicago Blues (*If You Don't Want Me, Darlin', Tell Me So [I Could Stand to See You Go]*) and his own inimitable style of talking blues (*I'm a Dangerous Man*). Bromberg's phrasing is a mixture of story-telling and character rendition from the seductive to the outrageous: you believe him when he sings, in *Dangerous Man*, "I don't keep no mirrors inside my house 'cause I even scare myself!"

Jazz is something new to Bromberg. With John Fermin on sax and clarinet, Peter Ecklund on trumpet and Curt Edwards on trombone, he

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4 Brighton Board of Trade, Congreg. Church
7 Police-Community Relations Board, Mt. St. Joseph's
12 CBC, Jackson-Mann
14 Allston VFW, VFW Post
19 Allston Civic Assn., VFW Post
21 Jackson-Mann Council
28 APAC Board, 141 Harvard St.

Library Films, Discussions Workshops

Faneuil Branch, Oak Square

Children's Programs, Fri., 3:30 p.m.

- Sept. 1 Story: Why the Sea Moans
8 Film: The Last Rhino
15 Story: Gigi and the Magic Ring
22 Film: The Pigeon that Worked a Miracle
29 Story: Dwarf Long-Nose

Oct. 6 Story: The Stolen Turnips
Adult Programs, Tues., 10 a.m.

- Sept. 19 Mothers group; intro
26 Care and Feeding of Houseplants

Oct. 3 General Discussion
Fall series of films coming in Oct., Nov.

Brighton Branch, Brighton Center

Health Care Series for Adults, Fri., 1 p.m.

- Sept. 15 Arthritis
22 Diabetes
29 Your Heart and Health

West End House
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782-6041

Regular Fall schedule begins after Labor Day. Sign up for basketball, floor hockey, flag football teams. Call David Flood for information.

CALENDAR

Christian Herter Center, Soldiers Field Road

- Sept. 23 Urban Alternative Technology Conference; demonstrations and discussions on urban gardening, solar technology, bus tour of solar buildings in Boston. Call 783-0609 for details.

Jackson Mann Community School

Films, Classes and Workshops: schedule not ready by production time; call 783-2770 for details.

YMCA, Washington St., Brighton

Swimming Classes and Pooh's Corner continue. Call 782-3535 for details.

Women's School
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492-4845

Fall semester begins Oct. 9 with classes in Home Repair, Writings of Women, Marxism, others. Night classes with free child care. Registration for mothers, Sept. 28, 29 from 3-7 p.m.; for non-mothers, Oct. 5, 6 from 3-7 p.m.

Women's Community Health Center

- Sept. 23 Fifth annual Women's 24 Health Weekend; birth control self-help, parenting, nutrition, many more. Call 547-2302 for information.

Hearings

- Sept. 25 Meeting to discuss plans for Comm. Ave. facelift with representatives of the BRA and state Dept. of Public Works. Tentatively at Jackson-Mann Community School, 7:30. Call Little City Hall for details.

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