HOMELESS UNION HISTORY PROJECT

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Preface

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Origins

- -Product of new historical period and of the first assaults on the "Welfare State", i.e., "Thornfare" (unknown black males)
- -continuation of mass outbreaks during the 1960s' urban uprising of poor blacks
- -Committee for Dignity and Fairness for the Homeless (1983) UE AC
- -Atlanta Labor Pool Union
- -Tompkin kSquare Park ("Police Riot" and the "Exodus March")
- -Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness and the Origins of Empty The Shelter
- -Commodore Projects
- -Late 1970s and early 1980s housing movement in Phila (Charles Burris and the Street Brothers)

Forming Chapters

- -Mass organizing Drive and Founding Convention: over 16 cities
- -73 cities "Take off the Boards
- -Up and Out of Poverty National Survival Summit
- -Mission Statement and 5 main slogans
- -The Making of "Takeover" -Skylight Pictures

Lessons

- -Drugs, Dollars, and Delusion equal Demise
- a. Discovering the Issues, Defining the Problem, and Framing the Debate
- b. Dignity Housing Victory and Defeat
- c. Annie Smart Leadership Development Institute "My name is Annie Smart not Annie Dumb!"
- -2 Strategic Principles plus 5 Ingredients plus 6 Panther Ps equal "Building a Broad Movement to End Poverty Led by the Poor as a United and Organized Force"