# Marchers And Cops Vs. Cameras

## What Rights Do Police, Newsmen Have At Demonstrations?

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If you want to make enemies in a hurry, just go to an anti-war demonstration with a camera camera elikes you. The bearded radicals think you're an under-cover policeman. If there's trouble, the police are reluctant to be photographed hauling someone off to the pokey, perhaps forcibly.

Lately, the left-want demonstrators are ratising the loudest legal questions about pictures at their exhibitions. They disaster is the propose of PBI files, or the paper of PBI

LEGALLY, the news photographer is in a strong position. "Once a person offers himself in a public place at a public demonstration, he waives the right to privacy." says James

demonstration, he waies the right to privacy: says James G. Garber, chief of the erminal division in the Wayne County prosecutor's office. But being legally in the right doesn't help a new sphotographer much if he gets himself beaten up, his camera smashed and his film ruined in a demonstration that turns violent. Nor do newsmen eplyy being subneared juto court.

lent. Nor do newsmen enjoy being subpensed into court. An Observer Newspapers photographer happened to be passing by when state police nabbed an escaped mental prisoner about a year ago. In-stinctively he snapped joi-tures, but a trooper called out, "Hey, get that goy's film."

The photographer walked away from the scene, howev-

away from the scene, howev-er, and the police made no move against him. The pic-

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tures, weren't considered newwere worthy and weren't published.
Yet the motographer nurses a
mild grudge about the remark
to this day.

THIS OBSERVER attended
the recent Ann Arbor demonstration shortly after the death
of the four Kent State students. A march aimed at closing down the school was being
led by the SDS and similar
groups.

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"SI," would other with my
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"Your intentions may be
good, but it could be used to
convict innocent people in
court," said one.

Radicals usually are opposed
to the notion of private property, but these two had no
upualms about appealing to my
proprietary institute
Thou priver camera on the
spot They might not know
how to open your camera, and
they could break it."

The tuppies made it sound as
af they were doing a newsman
a favor.

A FAMILIAR figure around

A FAMILIAR figure around Ann Arbor demonstrations is police Lieut. Eugene Stauden-nauer, a tall fellow with shag-gy, reddish hair, a fatigue jacket, Indian-type boots and a couple of cameras slung around his neck.

One veteran of the demon-strations said Staudenmaier has good rapport with the SDS, and an Ann Arbor newsman told me: "The SDS wants to make Gene an honorary mem-ber."

It sounded like fun -- a police lieutenant in disguise whom everyone knew and even trusted, taking pictures of march after march -- but the lieutenant himself made it sound like hard work.

"I swear these kids are get-ting paranoid about having their pictures taken." he told me. At one point in the march, two girls held their hands in front of his lens as he at-



A COP? Yes, this unshaven fellow in the fatigues is A COP? 16s, this unshaven tellow in the studges so Ann Arbor police Lieut. Gene Staudenmoier, who photo-graphs every demonstration around the compus. (Observer photo)

tempted to shoot the leaders coming down the street

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A STUDENT at Oakland
Community College's Orchard
Ridge campus raised a legal
question about the pictures
taken by Farmington Town
ship police of an anti-war
march there last week.

Better the Golden The polive wanted a record of the
march in the event that it
ceased to be non-violent. Since
this did not occur. I ask the
police department and you as
spokesmen for the community: What has become of these
films?

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used ias evidence in court."

"If these films are not to be used as evidence in court), what is the motive behind the retention of these films?
"It must be noted," Gabraith went on, "that in several states it has been declared unconstitutional to retain records of people who have not committed a crime. This being true, the police have no alternative but to destroy those films."

An Observer reporter at the scene of the OCC demonstration saw two uniformed officers taking pictures, one with a still camera. There may have been non-uniformed officers taking pictures, too, as in Ann Arbor. Galbraith's questions were put to two prosecutors.

OAKLAND COUNTY Prose-cutor Thomas Plunkett said, "I know of no prohibition which restrains them from retaining the film. A lot of police depart-ments do destroy them if no-thing hangers

the film. A lot of police departments do destroy them in nothing happens.

"It's one of those issues which tends to polarize people. People see it as a Big Brother kind of thing."

Wayne County Prosecutor William Cahalan referred the question to the aforementioned James Garber, who gave this explanation.

"If you are arrested, finger-prints are taken and a file it prints are taken and a file it will be a file of the prints are taken and a file it will be a file of the prints are taken and a file it will be a file of the prints are taken and a file it will be a file of the prints are taken and a file it will be a file of the prints are taken and a file it will be a file of the prints are taken and a file it will be used to the prints are taken and a file it will be used to the prints are taken and a file it will be used to the prints are taken and a file it will be used to the prints and the search and the prints are the only exception being a defendant with another crime, the only exception being in fraud cases to negate the defense of mistaken identity.

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tures if they don't intend to prosecute?

"I can only surmise why these iFarmington Township pictures were taken, but I can tell you what they do in De-troit. Detroit police build up intelligence -- take pictures of people at a Mafia wedding or

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file of demonstrators' pictures. Only the police right to do so is being questioned. So Garber asks: Why should

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funeral and check out license plates. They want to know the whereabouts of these people, he said, citing both Mafia persons and "Weatherman" radicals.

"It's sound investigatory practice to keep track of these people. Police are suspicious. Fullings (demonstration) area't as spontaneous as they're made out to be. They're supplicious if one guy starts showing at Schoolcraft, then at Oakland, then at Macomb College."

Garber laughed when he recalled that a year ago. Sound that a year ago. Sound that a year ago. Sound the supplied of the sound to the prospection of the prospectio So Carber asks: Mys should a police photographer have any less right to file a demonstrator's picture than a news photographer has? To sum it up, if you're take ing part in an anti-war demonstration, you're taking part in an anti-war demonstration, you're taking part in public politics, and anyone can take your picture and save it. The Ann Arbor radicals had their own tactics. During their march, they snapped their own tactics. During their march, they snapped their own tactics. During their pictures of anyone taking pictures of any

That factic has its hazards. One SDS-type fellow at the head of the march attempted to shoot a picture of this observer. But he had to shoot while walking, and the result was that he dropped his camera and smashed it. to know why pictures were NOT taken. Today their posi-tion has changed 180 degrees. SO FAR, no one has chal-lenged the right of a newspa-per or television station to take and make a permanent

This newsman sympathized with him. Cameras are expen-

#### Senate Kills Abortion 4 'Yes,' Reform Bill 2 'No'

Four Observerland state representatives helped push legalized bingo and raffles for non-profit organizations to successful passage of the House. Two opposed it.

The measure cleared the House, 56-43, and now faces a test in the Senate. It is one of several bills seeking liberalized gambling laws now being considered in Lansing.

LANSING
Sen. George Kuhn (R-West
Bloomfield) cast a key negative vote as the State Senate
late last week killed the socalled abortion reform bill.
A motion to revive the bill
for a second attempt at passage was defeated 19-18.
Twenty votes are needed for
passage and the reconsideration motion was two short.
Kuhn had voted in favor of
the bill a week earlier when it
lost 18-17. but this time he
joined two other Republican
senators who switched into the
opposition camp.

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Favorable votes were cast by Reps. Richard A. Young (D-33rd District); Marvin R. Stempien (D-35th District); James Tierney (D-35th Dis-trict); and Vincent Petitpren (D-37th District).

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Opposing votes were cast by District) and John Bennett (D-37th District).

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### C'ville Prom Set May 22

Clarenceville's junior-senior prom planned for May 22 will have as its theme "A Time for Us." Students will dance to the music of £6 Barg's shand at the Metro Inn in Rompiles. Student charmen are Karen Hoffmeyer. Debbie Wilson and Brenda Symons. Faculty sopnosors are Mrs. Catherine Sielke and Warren LaClar.

#### Lady Bowlers Get Trophies

The spring banquet for women bowlers of Edgewood Parent-Teacher Organization was held recently highlighted by the awarding of tephies. First place trophes went to Mrs. Frank Roberts. Mrs. Robert Vaughn. Mrs. Richard Krueger. Second place trophies were awarded to Mrs. James Mrs. Richard Krueger. Second place trophies were awarded to Mrs. James Smith, Mrs. Gerald Vader. Mrs. Wayne Dropiewski and Mrs. Raymond Turnbull. Mrs. Richard Gouine, for the

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Mrs. Richard Gouine, for the second year in a row, received pins for high game and high series.

Women are now being accepted for fall bowling, Anyone interested may call Mrs. Raymond at KE 4-5790 or Mrs. Roberts at GR 4-582. The league bowls each Thursday from 12-30 to 2:30 p.m. at Farmington Lanes. Free baby-sitter seryice is available.



SYMPATHIZERS with the Ann Arbor demonstrators harass police Lieut. Staudenmaier as he, photographed leaders of an anti-war march. (Observer photo)

## **County Projects Total \$3 Million**

Three capital improvements projects totaling \$3.3 million have been recommended for Wayne County by the planning and capital improvement committee of the County Board of Commissioners.

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Herb graduated from Wayne Sate University. He is a mener of the Plymouth Routy Club; and is past president of Rotary Goundation board. Plymouth fall festival board and Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife and four children live on Huntington Dr. in Plymouth.

Bonner graduated from Northville High School, at-tended Alma College and Wayne State University. He is married, has six children and

resides on Westmore in Lo-conta.

Schalt graduated from Schuttersterd High School in Detroit, attended Alma College and graduated from North-western University. He is married, has seven children and lives in Rosedale Park in Detroit.

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