

Extravaganza

... from page 1

About the time Ronald Reagan was being sworn in, Youth International Party spokesman Dana Beal addressed a rally of forty people in Franklin Park, just two blocks from the White House and directly across from the Drug Enforcement Agency Building. "It's just like New Year's Eve, Ronald Reagan being president; the big ball is coming down, and it's 1958!" Participants smoked marijuana, and unfurled banners with slogans such as "Shoot Bush First" and "Ronald Reagan, Mobster of the Year."

Yippie Pieman Aron Kay was dressed in a "Bonzo" gorilla suit, and offered observers a tray with Ronald Reagan's head. Three hundred persons attended the Yippie counter-inaugural ball the night before. Beal opened the festivities with, "In these waning hours of freedom, let the merriment begin!" Boogie/Rock artist Root Boy Slim belted out "Shah's Gone."

On a much more serious note, 600 anti-Nazi, anti-Klan, Puerto Rican Nationalists, Gay Rights, Native American Rights, and anti-Nuclear proponents met at the Lincoln Memorial, and

marched to the White House Elipse, where they were joined by the Yippies. The group was reminded of the Atlanta and Buffalo murders, the acquittal of the Greensboro Nazis and Klansmen, and the plight of the American Indian.

Michu Kaku, the first non-government, non-industry physicist to enter the containment building at Three Mile Island, told the crowd, "There is one thing the government and the nuclear industry fear more than a meltdown--the American public!"

Five persons from Carlisle, who chose to remain anonymous, were among the counter-inaugural ralliers. They said they were unaware of any organized opposition, but knew something like this would take place.

ERA supporters from Harrisburg NOW sponsored a bus trip, although no organized rally was planned.

The 50th inauguration had all the elements of a motion picture: drama, suspense, and comedy; protagonists and anti-tagonists (sic).

The 1984 sequel is a must. Hooray for Hollywood!

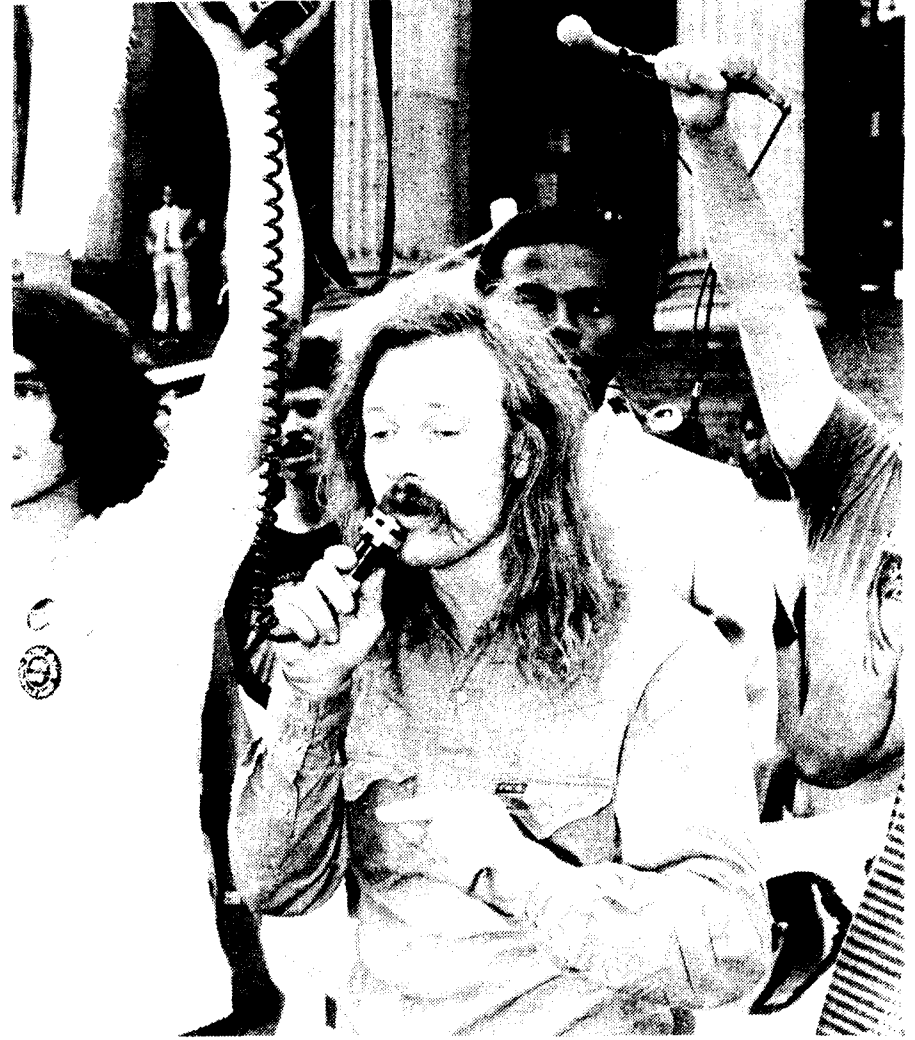


Frank Sinatra and Jimmy Stewart at the inauguration

Photo by Brian Downey



Yippie Pieman Aron Kay [Taken during 80 Dem. Convention, N.Y.* N.Y.]
Photo by Bill Cass



Yippie spokesman Dana Beal (taken during Democratic National Convention N.Y., N.Y.)
Photo by Bill Cass



A Washington policeman videotapes Yippie smoke-in at Franklin Park
Photo by Brian Downey