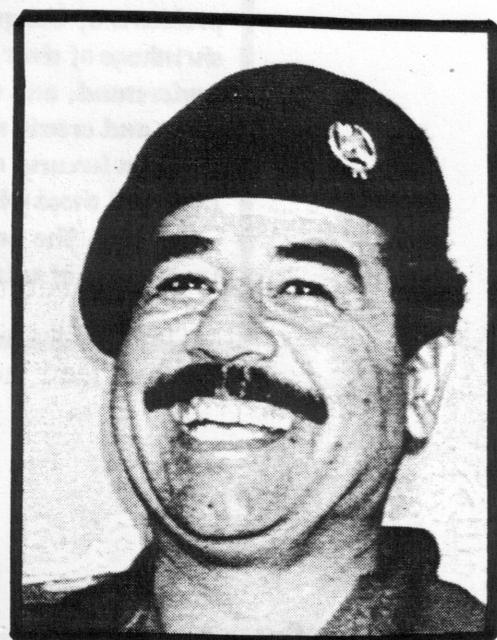


Who's the real enemy?



□ "Tuition hikes are inevitable."

□ "The cuts will leave the strength of the state intact."

□ "This will be the mother of all battles."

Or all of the above?

What do these three have in common? They are willing to sacrifice their people for the power of a few....

Mr. Cuomo calls for:

- A \$92 million cut in state aid to CUNY
- A \$500 a year tuition hike in addition to an already authorized \$200 increase.
- Massive cuts in financial aid, including a \$400 annual reduction in TAP affecting approximately 50,000 students, the elimination of Regents, Empire State, nursing and other state funded scholarships.

What does this mean for CUNY?

- Students will be priced out of higher education.
- Already overworked students will face longer hours on the job.
- Administration and faculty cuts, overburdened teachers and staff, furloughs and paylags for workers.
- Massive reductions in course offerings, overcrowding of classrooms.
- Deterioration of the physical plant.
- Reduction in library hours, books purchased, computer services, countless other crucial student services.

Why is all of this happening?

- Mr. Cuomo has spent 10 years cutting taxes for the rich.
 - 1) Cuomo has cut the top income tax rates more than 50% in the last 10 years.
 - 2) While the wealthiest 1% in the USA increase their incomes by 86% during the 80's, the wealthiest 1% in New York State increase their incomes by 137%.
 - 3) The top 1% in the USA paid 15% less in taxes over the same period; in New York, the top 1% paid 33% less taxes.
 - 4) The rest of us saw our taxes go up and our incomes go down.
- \$7 billion was lost in tax revenue from tax cuts to the rich.
- Now we have a \$6 billion deficit that Mr. Cuomo wants to come from our pockets.

Now when the government of the city is profoundly disturbed by municipal problems of the gravest nature, all the tribe of detractors, whining over the shrinkage of their bloated money bags, jealous of a life and purpose they cannot understand, and dissembling under the cloak of civic welfare their hatred of races and creeds not their own, rise up in ignorance and hypocrisy to call the college a luxury, and by their blatancy in troubled times, to disturb the calm minds of those who desire to do well.

--1932, The Great Depression, CCNY Alumni Association addresses proposed imposition of tuition--*

Mr. Cuomo's Proposal:

**Cut education, health care, social services, arts, state workers.
Tax gas, telephone calls, tires, students and the poor.**

Our proposal:

**Don't tax tires! Tax the rich!
Fight for new social priorities. No Budget Cuts. No Tuition Hikes.
Free Education.**

What is the Hidden Agenda?

- In Fall 1990 the Administration turns away 3,000 to 5,000 qualified students, citing inadequacy of space and staffing. First official shutout since open admissions.
- State education as a whole is cut 10% and Chancellor Reynolds calls for stiffer preparation and requirements that now only 20% of NYC high school grads can meet. This dumps remedial programs back into the already beleaguered NYC high schools.
- Course reductions and overenrolled classes mean fewer graduates taking longer to finish.
- Is Reynolds here to cut the student body and run?

They say Budget Cuts and Tuition Hikes are an Economic Necessity; We say they are a Political Maneuver

- When they need money for police, prisons, militia, war, corporate profit, it's there for the spending.
- When we need money for education, healthcare, housing and social services, the purse is empty.

**WHOSE MONEY? OUR MONEY!
WHOSE SCHOOLS? OUR SCHOOLS!**

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