

the "Operation Blackout" was launched: the Inner-City Roundtable of Youth.

ICRY was created and is run by Ramsey Clark with the active participation of other leading Carterites including: John Doar, Carter's onetime choice for FBI Director or Deputy Attorney General and a Clark collaborator in designing and instituting the original Garden Plot; David Dinkin, New York City Clerk, former head of the New York Board of Elections and head of Carter's New York "Get Out the Vote" operation; and Manhattan Borough President and now mayoral candidate Percy Sutton, the chief political broker for Carter's postcard registration fraud bill in New York state.

The so-called Roundtable of Directors of ICRY consists exclusively of the 40-50 major Law Enforcement Assistance Administration-controlled street gangs including:

*\*Crazy Homicides:* A front-page article in the July 21 New York Post identified this group as professional arsonists-for-hire, responsible for most fires in the Bushwick and Bedford-Stuyvesant sections of Brooklyn. Confirming the accuracy of the Post story this week, ICRY Executive Director Carl Shinn added that over 7,000 fires in the South Bronx in the past year were also the gang's work.

*\*Tomahawks:* A 1973-74 U.S. Labor Party investigation confirmed that the Tomahawks were involved in an extensive gun running ring in Bedford-Stuyvesant, in conjunction with the LEAA, the Treasury Department's Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division, and such Ford Foundation operatives as Les Campbell and convicted murderer Sonny Carson. Campbell boasted to an interviewer during the July 14 blackout that "his people" in

## 'I Had To Do Some Tall Talking'

*Excerpts from an interview with Carl Shinn, ICRY Executive Director on the New York City gangs' 1976 and 1977 registration drives.*

**Q:** Where did ICRY do most of their voter registration, what were the areas of concentration?

**Shinn:** I had to do some real tall talking to all of the kids regarding the voter stuff. But we were mostly in Brooklyn and the Bronx, we really didn't do much in Manhattan, because that's where all the parasites gather to get votes anyway. But we went to Brooklyn, Bronx, through housing projects, got everybody that nobody else could get. I'm pretty sure I have that documented.

**Q:** You had mentioned earlier that there were ten groups, youth gangs that did most of the voter registration work, do you remember which ones they were?

**Shinn:** Let me see, the Chingalings of course, especially in the South Bronx. Satan's Priests, Satan's Wheels, they're Bronx. Well of course the Five Percenters, they're citywide and the Tomahawks, Bold Ones, Stick-up Kids, Dezoers Raiders. The Raiders that's Manhattan, they practically did the whole thing down there for Manhattan, ...then let's see, there's Mama's Peoples, and I can't think of it but it was either the Roman Kings or the Spanish Mafia. I can't remember all which ones, but I'll look it up, because there were probably others and they won't be slighted for their efforts.

**Q:** How closely did David Dinkins become involved in the ICRY voter registration and turnout drive?

**Shinn:** At that time, he had a lot to do with it, because he was president of the Board of Elections for 11 years, so we worked with him and a group basically known as the Citizens Voter Education Committee.

**Q:** In the ICRY historical Report for this year it's

indicated that in June of this year, you were active again in this area, was that just a straight ICRY?

**Shinn:** Yeah, that was just a thing that we did.

**Q:** Did Dave help with that?

**Shinn:** No, Dave is running for office (Manhattan Borough President). He really was like helpful in it, but...

**Q:** Oh I see, it would have been partisan...

**Shinn:** Yeah, it was something that he could never own up to and I would never own up to it, because our tax exemption status comes at stake when they think that a person running for office, well that you might possibly have assisted them in their drive for office.

**Q:** In the 1976 voter registration drive, you said that you had gotten approximately 9,000 people registered, is this a conservative figure?

**Shinn:** I didn't say 9,000. O yeah, well here I said this, that we estimated that we actually registered about 9,000 people but we only got credit for about 5,000.

**Q:** Why was this?

**Shinn:** Because what happened in the beginning we, remember I told you I started stamping our applications so that they (Board of Elections) would know they came from ICRY, then we started thinking that this was a terrible move because basically they would know where they (applications) came from, what type of people and that they, I mean we felt that, ...see another thing that came about. This is the thing that the kids and I are really interested in, we felt that those things (the voter registrations) we turned in, well that a certain political machine held them and they held them back beyond the primary. We feel that they held over half of them, about 4,000 even though we had turned them in about six months ahead of time.