PIGS PRESS PRESS,
PRESS PRESS BACK

As a result of the past two weeks in Berkeley, the pigs have one more enemy in their fight to control the people. The mass media.

Such upstanding news sources as AP, UPI, the SF CHRONICLE and EXAMINER, and even the Berkeley GAZETTE (will they ever learn?) have been hassled, beaten, hustled, had a few cameras smashed, and even wounded by pigs.

The pigs have made worse mistakes... but few have had so much on-the-scene coverage.

Beaten and hustled on Tuesday, May 20th, was Nacio Jan Brown, a photographer associated with Associated Press and the GOOD TIMES of San Francisco.

Nacio tells his story: "I was standing on the corner of Channing Way and Telegraph about 2:15 and a couple of cops told me to move. I walked about 50 feet down the street, but in the doorway of Fraser's two or three of them grabbed me, slammed me up and over a police car, and went through my pockets."

"I told them I had my press pass in my front pocket, and one of them answered me: 'We don't want to see nothing, mother-fucker.'"

The pigs then threw Nacio into a wagon, and when it was full, into a box, headed for Santa Rita.

At the 'rehabilitation center,' Nacio's camera gear was taken from him; when he was walled out at 2 am following morning, his film was exposed, and one roll was twisted up in his camera.

Nacio also found out that the pigs weren't going to get his pass as soon as he showed up on the street again.

Friday, May 23rd, he was grabbed and dragged towards the wagon with a club at his neck; the only thing that saved him was the 20 or so photographers and reporters within fifteen feet of the scene. The pigs decided that they'd already made enough mistakes with the press for the week, and let him go.

Among those wounded Thursday, May 19th, by shogun mods, were Ron Alexander (AP and BARR) and reporters from the LA TIMES and the SF CHRONOTHEM and the SF CHRONIC. On the way to the first aid station to have his wounds dressed, Alexander then had his film of the day's happenings ripped off by a car-load of CHP.

Tuesday, May 20th, Berkeley GAZETTE photographer August Maggie was beaten up rather badly and left on Shattuck Avenue by some pigs.

Friday, May 23rd, several newsmen were hassled on Telegraph at Bancroft, while photographing busts. Reverend Jack Halper of UPI had a camera smashed, as did Fran Orts from the SF EXAMINER. UPI-man Steve Gilens received a club to the ribs, along with Louis de la Torres from AP.

But the pigs are hitting to the straight press that it is better not to photograph pigs doing their thing.

Or to write about it. No one will give two cents for CHRONICLE reporter Tim Finchley's and Hedges ever busted in Alameda County again. I was A Prisoner in Santa Rita," SF Chronicle, Sat., May 24th.

Controlling the press need not extend as far as guns and clubs in Berkeley, either. Daily press passes were issued for May 15th through May 25th, by the Berkeley Police Dept. and Sheriff Mudge.

They were 'confiscated' on the street anytime a pig felt like it. AP, RAMPARTS, Black Star, and a camera man for an Eastern TV network had their passes ripped off in one sweep by Alameda Sheriff.

Martin Glazebrook of the Daily Cal had to split the action on Shattuck last week when his pass was 'confiscated' in the midst of the action.

Not that the passes are worth that much under close scrutiny. Barr assistant editor Joe Jekowsen put his press pass, his best suit, and his best foot forward last week on Shattuck Avenue, and returned with the shit beat out of him.

The BARR and other members of the Underground Press have been putting up with such treatment ever since they began but it's relatively "new" to the straight press.

The coverage on Berkeley has been too "radical" for the pigs' plans; a few editors and networks won't make their deals with pigs but the BARR and the rockers, the man is trying to control the press Chicago Convention style.

HELP!

Nacio Jan Brown, a movement photographer in the Bay Area, needs witnesses to his beat on

Tuesday, May 20th, in front of Fraser's on the Ave at about 2 AM. Any witnesses who saw the incident are urged to call 448-4044 or leave their name and phone number so he may contact them.