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EAST COAST RALLY HAILED A SUCCESS DESPITE MUD AND RAINY WEATHER!

The first East Coast Fally Rally has come and gone! The prolonged rain and the resultant soggy ground prior to Saturday, September 19, caused problems in several respects. Certain areas could not be used for car parking due to poor traction when the ground was thoroughly soaked and water-logged. The same problem also existed for the vendor area, which was smaller than planned.

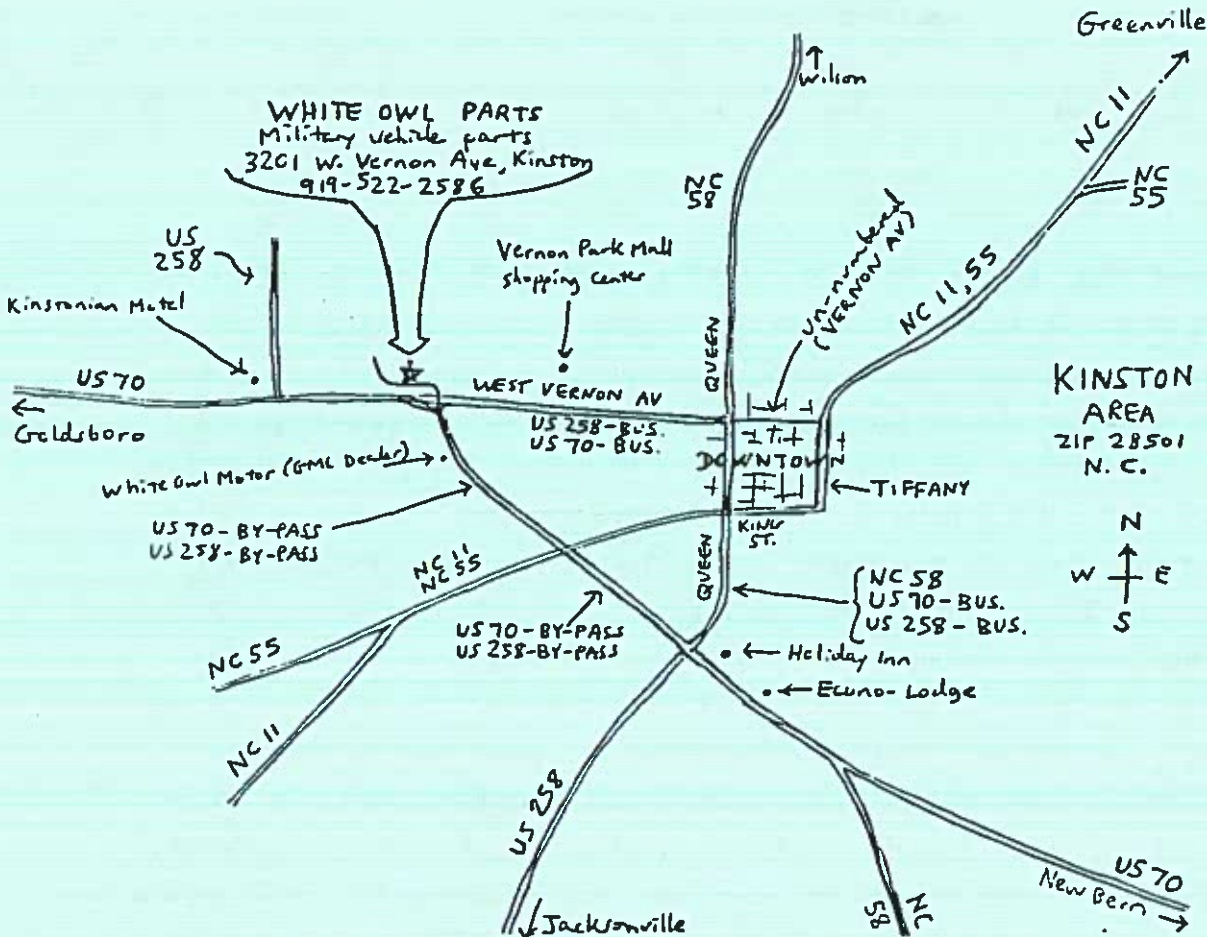
It is generally agreed that had the weather been more favorable, the vendor and visitor attendance would have been about 3 times greater than it was. Also handicapping us this year was Bob Hauck(whose land^{we} were using), who was forced to spend a month in the hospital immediately prior to the rally. Also unexpected equipment failures on the weekend of the rally.

Fortunately, the rain finally ceased at daybreak on Saturday morning, after a drizzle all day on Friday. The weather forecast was even bleaker than the reality. Despite all this, we had vendors and visitors from Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina & Pennsylvania.

Plans are being prepared for next years rally, which will include greatly-enlarged rain-resistant vendor and parking facilities. Also a military vehicle display area. More than this year's rally, we will need the help of All club members. This is the golden opportunity for those who do not participate in the club parades to do something meaningful for the club. Towards this objective, work parties are being scheduled throughout the year ahead to prepare the grounds for the 1988 rally, which will be "bigger and better." There is a LOT of work to do, BUT it can be fun if we all help out together!

Next work party, Stillwater, N.J. - Sunday, November 29.

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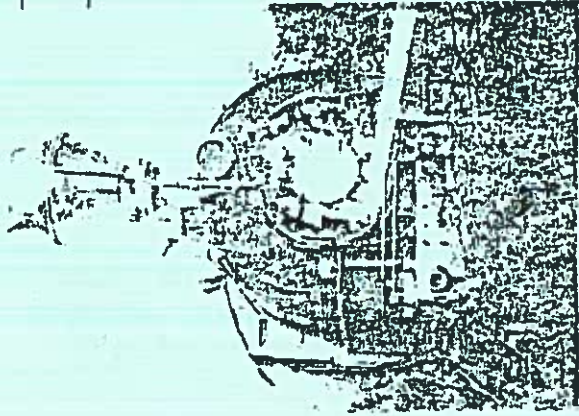
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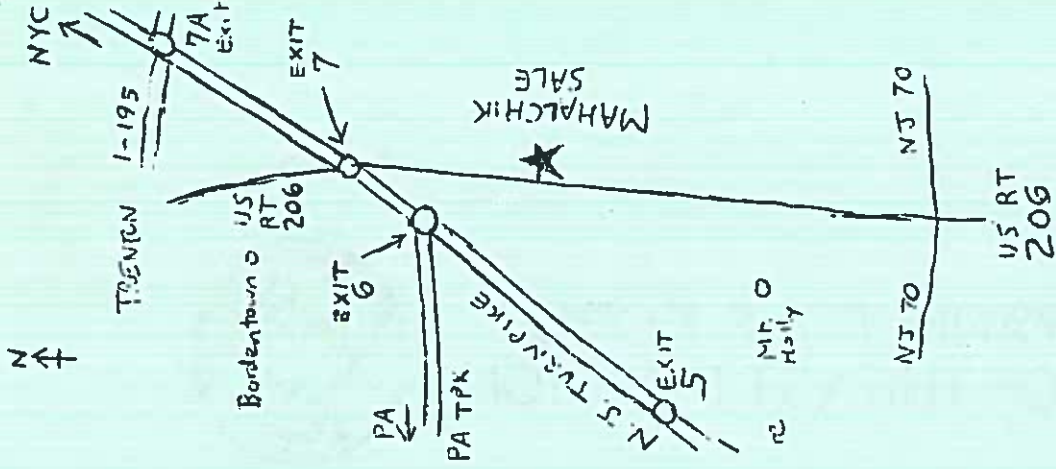
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John Mahalchik.

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This is a partial listing. Phone or write for Auction catalogue. Available after Oct. 7th.)

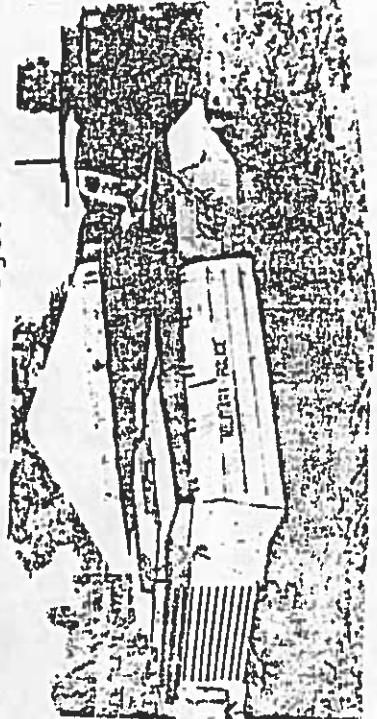
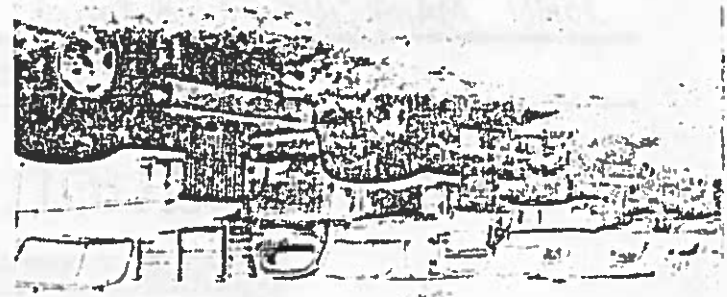
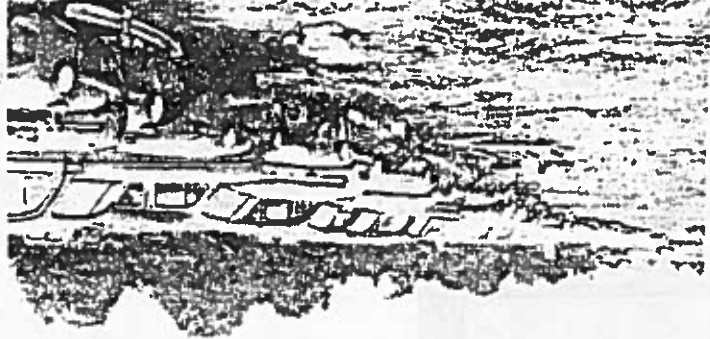
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- 5) Again we suggest you bring along a pair of **BOOTS.**



JOHN MAHALCHIK (South Jersey)

ABOUT NEW JERSEY

Revolution in a Teepee

By FRED FERRETTI

DOWN in Burlington County this Bicentennial year they think that George Washington's pretty good, if what you're looking for is a father for a country. But so far as populist revolutionary thinkers go, give them John Val Jean Mahalchik anytime.

John Val Jean Mahalchik's messages—actually, I should say many messages—are clear and easy to find. Just drive down U.S. 206 between Columbus Township and Mount Holly, and the words of John Val Jean Mahalchik will be impossible to miss or ignore.

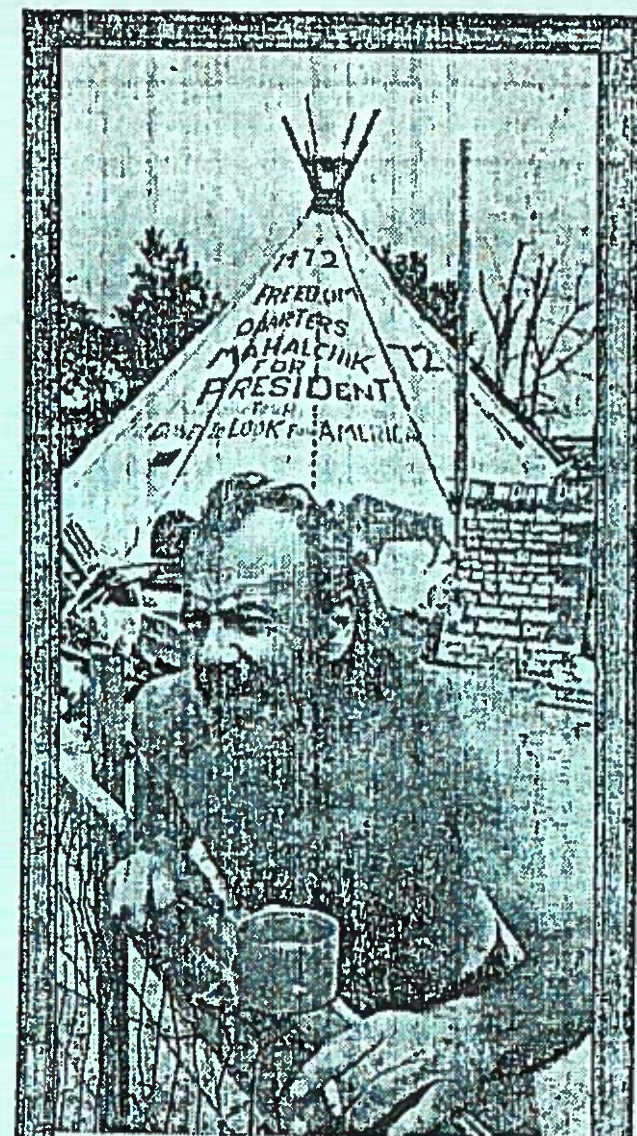
The first ones you see are painted on sheets of tin or siding propped against huge spools of communications cable. "Want to Destroy America?" they ask. "Vote for the Professional Democrat or Republican."

It grabs you.

Then, past the grazing ponies, horses and a goat, there is another sign offering corn for sale to "Senior Citizens Only" at 50 cents a dozen. This sign sits over a pile of stainless steel sinks, a mound of truck tires and a World War II Army dump truck, under which a white-faced cow is usually resting.

There also are several G.I. trucks, a few Jeeps, a couple of weapons carriers and some ambulances—all are painted that dull khaki—and a raft of oil and gasoline tanks, pot-bellied stoves and airplane-wing tanks.

Hard by is a huge colored portrait of Chou En-lai, and beneath his face are the Chinese and Russian flags and two hands shaking and labeled "Chou En-lai" and "Nixon." This, John Val Jean Mahalchik has lettered, was "The Toast That Shook the World, Toast of Judas, Nixon Toasts Success To Communism, Toasts Freedom for



The New York Times/William E. Sauro

John Mahalchik, professional protester, outside his teepee home in Mt. Holly.

Slavery, Toast of Sellout, Toast of Blood."

As I indicated, John Val Jean Mahalchik is not subtle. And so, behind the pizza ovens and the Army tanks and the pyramid of ammunition boxes, just past the two-and-a-half-ton truck with the white star on the cab and the head of a Nixon doll protruding from the window, is another

sign that says simply, "Our Country Is Being Run by Cowards," and still another, "Dirty Coward Draft System," which adds "Senators Can't Close the Ratholes System They Themselves Used" and "Selective Service Is Selective Death."

And under a headless, armless, legless decorator's dummy is another. "You Are a

Headless, Legless, Armless, Voiceless Controlled Cattle of a Government Gone Rotten," it says.

Nearby, beside a pile of white cattle skulls, some electric fans that spin in breezes produced by the passing traffic and past golf carts and milk cans, John Val Jean Mahalchik has written: "The Nazi Said Be a Good Jew and Walk in the Oven. You Had Your Chance to Speak Up and Fight Back. So Don't Be a Problem Now." And over oil paintings of Martin Luther King, John F. Kennedy and Robert F. Kennedy was still another sign: "Murdered by Greed-filled war profiteers."

A little farther up U.S. 206 is where you go to meet John Val Jean Mahalchik.

You have to go to the gate leading into his 50-acre preserve, look past the foundation of what was once a house and toward a giant teepee made of wood, metal and Army surplus tarpaulins. And you have to stand under a huge sign on which pictures of former President Nixon and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, with bodies of rats, look down on you with a "Celebration of the Year of the Rat."

And you have to call John Val Jean Mahalchik to come out.

"Who are you?" he asked, squinting into the hot sun. "You here to serve me a summons? You come to serve me a summons and I'll fight you."

I told him who I was and showed him some identification and the fiftyish maverick said he'd talk to me. He propped himself—bare chest and back burned like leather from the sun, his hair long and streaked with gray, his mustache and goatee curving down around his mouth—

against his gate and began talking.

"All the little people are my friends. They call me Mr. Freedom. Before you leave, I'll give you a copy of my Freedom Paper. I should be President, you know. I predicted way back that we'd have a nonelected President and Vice President. And we have.

"You know, here in Burlington County I received 1,723 votes. That's 1,722 more than Ford. By all rights, I should be President of the United States. But we have free elections, Russian-style.

"I'm trying to disprove our myth about the butcher boy being able to be President. If it takes \$60 million to elect a President and he's going to make less than \$1 million during his term, then something's rotten in Denmark.

"If it takes \$8 million to elect a U.S. Senator and he's going to make between \$200,000 and \$300,000, then there's something rotten in Denmark. If it takes \$2 million to elect a Congressman, then it's really rotten."

But John Val Jean Mahalchik says that his efforts to expose the rottenness of the current governmental system have been sidetracked by more than a decade of legal

battles in Burlington. He talks of being forced off his preserve, of being attacked by police, of being "hog-tied by the courts."

Actually, it goes back to the time John Val Jean Mahalchik was told by Burlington County that he'd have to get a junk-dealer's license. He refused, saying he was "the largest surplus dealer in the East, not a junk dealer."

Meanwhile, his wife divorced him and another court ordered him to sell his surplus to pay for her support. But he couldn't sell because he wouldn't get a junk-dealer's license.

Appraisers were ordered to his plot, but John Val Jean Mahalchik refused to allow them in. He had to be subdued by the police, who sent him off to Trenton State Hospital, where it was determined that he was, according to John Val Jean Mahalchik, "an egocentric and, secondly, that I was extremely intelligent, brilliant of unlimited quantities and in many areas and channels I was a genius."

The result of all these legal and medical opinions has been to tie up all of John Val Jean Mahalchik's possessions and involve him in a bewildering array of lawsuits. In the meantime, he sits in his teepee and earns

a living by speaking at schools and public meetings.

In Burlington, his anti-authority stand has made him a local hero. People have contributed money to pay his taxes, and all day long trucks and cars stream down U.S. 206 and beep their horns three times to say hello to John Val Jean Mahalchik.

"Everybody's my friend," he says.

Not only that, he was taken seriously as a national candidate. For example, on election night in 1972, when the Nixon sweep became apparent, the local papers called up John Val Jean Mahalchik and asked, "Have you conceded?"

"I answered 'No,'" he said.

"But McGovern has conceded," he says he was told.

"I told them Mahalchik never conceded."

He then said he was told, "but you lost, didn't you?"

"Let me correct you. America lost. You have elected a maniac. Now you tell me who was right?"

As John Val Jean Mahalchik speaks, there is more than a thread of sense and logic. He rails lucidly about taxes—"King George should have won. He only wanted to tax tea"—and himself.

"I'm considered an outlaw, an anarchistic controversial.

Do I want to overthrow the Government? I say it's already overthrown. I'm trying to get it back."

Meanwhile, he sits outside his teepee, which is surrounded by seven deflated dirigibles ("no more exist anywhere on earth"), an Air Force glider from the Normandy beachhead, 128 antique cars (including a 1923 Whippet, a 1930 American Bantam pick-up, a 1934 Chevy roadster and a 1935 Plymouth), a 22,000-pound switching locomotive from the Philadelphia Navy Yard and his animals. And he talks about leaving New Jersey.

"I probably would leave. I've done my job and reached the people. But I don't want to be told I have to leave."

But there are two things that John Val Jean Mahalchik wants to do before he leaves.

"I want to get on national television. But I'm unlucky. I'm not a homosexual. I'm not a reformed Mafia killer. I'm not a happy hooker. So I've had a tough time."

Second, he wants to see the birth of a new party, the Betsy Ross Party. "It would be run entirely by women and it would give this country a much-needed cleansing," he said.

Then John Val Jean Mahalchik gave me a copy of his Freedom Paper and went into his teepee. M

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- Oct.24 (Sat.) - Mahalchik auction
- Nov. 7 (Sat.) - Yankee Air Force dance. Information: Lou Sliazis or Harold Ratzburg.
- Nov.11(Wed.) - Display and parade, Menlo Park old soldier's home. Info: Harold Ratzburg.
- Nov. 7 (Sat.) - White Owl open house, Kinston, North Carolina
- Nov. 14 (Sat.) - Meadowlands Militaria show, Boy's Club, Jeanette Ave., Union, N.J.
- Nov. 9(Mon.) - MTA monthly membership meeting, Bonanza restaurant, Florham Park, N.J.
- Nov.29(Sunday) - Work party, Stillwater, N.J.10AM. Info: Bob Hauck, Lou or Scott.
- Dec. 14 (Mon.) - MTA membership meeting??

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