

## Brotherly love breaks down

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being shafted by special treatment given to Blacks and we need to form a National White Rights Crusade." Rizzo volunteered to lead such a crusade.

Stone said Philly has a very violent police force. "It comes close to being the most brutal in the United States."

Stone added that not only was the force brutal, but corrupt as well. "The No. 2 man has been indicted for bribery. Our biggest problem is that the force is poorly administered."

Mahini said there was also evidence of graft and corruption in the vice squad and at traffic court.

Stone summed up Philadelphia as the city of paradoxes. He felt Black people, who make up 35 percent of the one and a half million people in the city, were comfortable with their oppressive city.

"Black people in Philadelphia are dumb, the slowest and the most reactionary. Blacks are clearly in the back of the bus. The whole country is shocked by the bomb, but here in Philadelphia, the people are serene."

Kenny Jackson, a lifelong resident and cab driver, said, "There are a lot of uneducated people in Philadelphia. They do not understand what education can do for them. There are people who believe in the welfare system and having welfare families."

Jackson said the problem is one of communications. "It's hard to get together. It's hard for your educated Blacks to relate to people from an area where they once lived. And the people feel those who moved out have forgotten where they came from."

Philadelphia is a city of graffiti and Goode recently made it illegal for a minor to purchase a can of spray paint as a way of solving the problem.

### Is Goode that good?

Mayor Wilson Goode has emerged from this tragedy untainted by criticism. Stone said a number of Blacks and whites will never criticize Goode because he's the city's first Black mayor.

"To whites Goode is our house Negro. He mispronounces words. He puts singular nouns with plural verbs. White people love him because there is some inferiority. It makes them feel proud. They don't feel good about a Jesse Jackson or Louis Farrakhan because they challenge them on their own level. Goode does not."

Stone added that Goode has escalated the whole notion of warfare in the American community to a dangerous level. "He would not have dropped a bomb on white people. Anyone who suggests otherwise insults the historical intelligence of Black people. Goode's actions reached a dangerous level in police tactic that bombs are legitimate."

Hue King, a producer for New Liberty Video, said, "Rizzo's dreams are Goode's realities. Goode is perceived as a liberal but just look at his record."

Goode is tied into the Democratic machine. During the 1984 Presidential campaign, Goode supported and endorsed Walter Mondale over Jesse Jackson. Jackson took Philadelphia hands down.

Rev. C. Hamilton Robinson, chair of the Philadelphia Investigation Committee, is concerned about the contradictions in professional statements during the Osage tragedy. "We have trained Police officers coming out with statements that contradict each other. The main question is, why didn't the stake-out team handle

this like a hostage situation? Robinson said the Black community is suffering from post-traumatic depression. "We are at the forefront of having a mayor of the same origin but not the same focus," Robinson added. His group is among the few groups in Philly questioning the implementation of policies in the Osage tragedy.

Currently, Osage Avenue is leveled. Louise Africa, sister of John Africa and to whom the house belonged, will be billed for the demolition of her home. And in the City of Brotherly Love, there is little love on either side of the MOVE confrontation. And the biggest losers are the innocent neighbors who lost everything for nothing.



Chuck Stone, a columnist for the Philadelphia Daily News.

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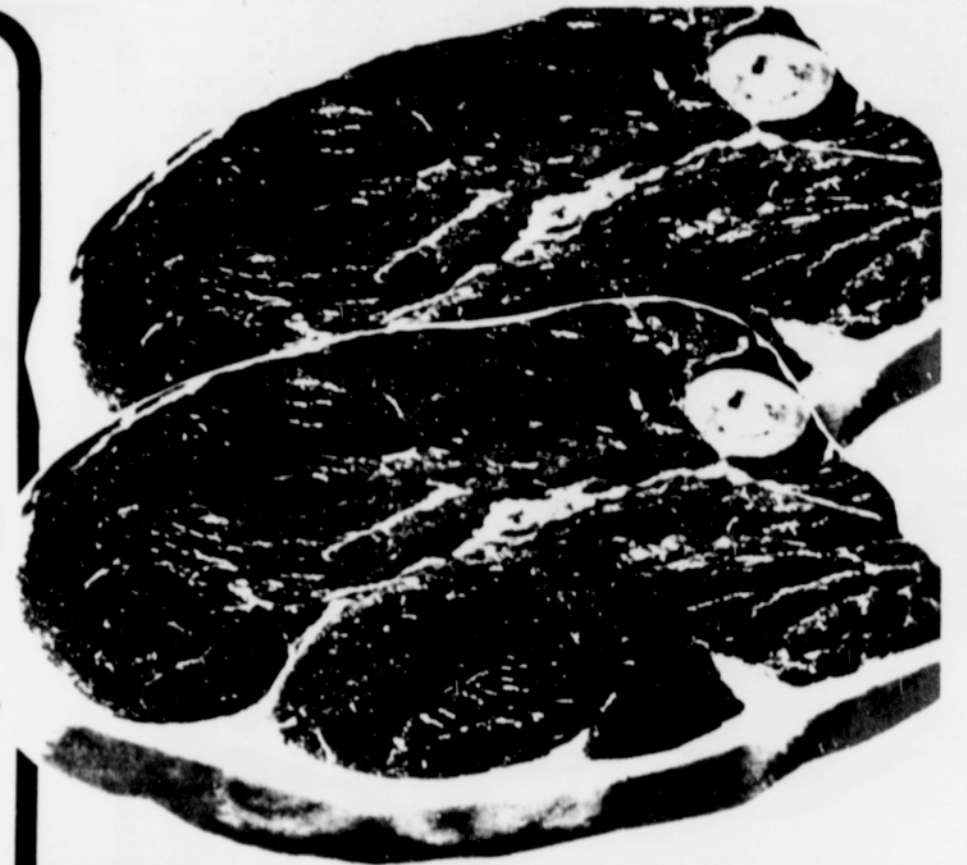


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