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Area/Oriental Rugs (Wool): \$40.00 Minimum

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COUNTER DEMONSTRATION ON WALL STREET



Supporting the Occupation of Wall Street

Bringing a focus on the unjust economy

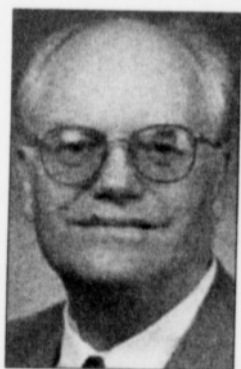
BY IAN HARRIS

October 2011 marked a time in history when the people of the United States, facing great economic peril, rose up to demand economic justice.

Since Sept. 17, thousands of Americans have nonviolently occupied Wall Street. People who have been laid off and marginalized by economic hardship have been camping out and waging nonviolent protests around this country. These protestors have been speaking out against unemployment and economic injustice.

The rich have recovered and prospered since the recession began three years ago. Stocks have gained back their losses, and the wealthiest one percent in this country still have tax breaks generously granted to them by the Bush administration. Corporate profits have reached their highest level since 1950.

Most recently, the federal government bailed out banking institutions while millions of Americans lost their homes through foreclosures. Citigroup, a bank that received bailout funds, had a record \$3.8 billion in profits this quarter, up 74 percent from last year.



Meanwhile the middle class has been ground down by the loss of public services and public sector jobs as local municipalities have had to lay off police, teachers, and social workers. College graduates can't get secure jobs that will help them pay off their debts and allow them to develop careers that would provide financial stability. The foreclosure crisis halted new construction and led to more layoffs. The poor continue to be ignored, as they were earlier in the previous century when Michael Harrington wrote *The Other America* in 1962 describing in some detail their plight. A record 46 million Americans now live in poverty. Many students are homeless and millions of people are hungry in the land of plenty.

Who is speaking for the poor these days? Only themselves. Hence we are getting spontaneous demonstrations in cities around the U.S. protesting economic injustice. Because tax revenues have fallen off drastically and the Republicans won't allow tax increases, the federal government is proposing cutbacks and layoffs that can only increase unemployment lines. The private sector is reluctant to invest because of economic uncertainty around the globe. President Obama has proposed a jobs bill that would invest in Green energy and rebuilding infrastructure. This laudable initiative will never get out of a Republican controlled House of Representatives.

These protests began in the heart of the capitalist system, Wall Street, targeting a stock market that has benefitted the one percent of Americans who have profited from the economic hardship felt by the majority of Americans. The protestors call themselves the 99 percent majority to highlight the extreme economic inequality that exists right now. The share of income held by the top one percent is 23 percent, the highest since 1928 and more than double the 10 percent level of the late 1970s.

Those demonstrating on Wall Street and in other parts of the country have been criticized because they do not have specific demands. Their goal is to create an awareness of the problems faced by such an unequal economic system. Their job is not to draft legislation, but rather build public support for programs and policies that would provide jobs and meaningful career for the growing ranks of unemployed.

The demonstrators who are occupying Wall Street and protesting on many main streets across the country are crying out about this unjust economy. They are appealing to majority of Americans who are seeing economic security being pulled away from them. Hopefully, these demonstrations signal the beginning of a majoritarian movement for economic justice.

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