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## A Few Brave Chill to Attend 'Nobody' Rally

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hour of rock music and oneliners, such as, "George Washington was the first President. But before that, NOBODY was president."

"Ladies and gentlemen," said "Wavy Gravy," "on this incredibly auspicious 27th of October, we give you the next President of the United States... NOBODY!"

A Triumph "Spitfire" with the top down drove up to the stage with a big striped cushion on the back. The cushion was lifted up to the stage and the people cheered and threw streamers of paper. Obviously, there was nobody on the cushion.

"Wavy" took the fake false teeth out of his pocket and set them to chattering on the cushion. Then he interviewed the teeth, which were, of course, the "candidate."

"What do you think of Ford...? What do you think of taxes...? What do you think of balancing the budget...? Anything to add...?"

The teeth quit chattering and "Wavy" said that was "great."

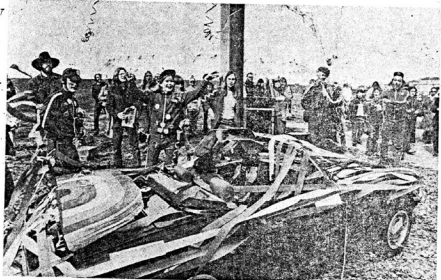
"Wavy" told the crowd that voters ought to have the option of marking their ballots for "nobody" or "none of the above."

He said the offices of President and Vice President should be abolished because these positions carry too much power. He said the government should be organized along the lines of the English parliamentary system with Congress picking the head of the government.

In the comfort of the 1948 bus, "Wavy" told a visitor that things have changed in the "under-the-counter culture" since the antiwar days.

He said the "Hog Farm" commune is buying a 10-bedroom house in Berkeley with the proceeds of a telephone answering service it runs. He said the commune also has a grape farm and a nonprofit food store.

"These enterprises, he said, "give us the freedom to go out and do our thing without spending 75 per cent of our time hustling."



Presidential candidate Nobody arrives on a cushion at the Sylvan Theater to the cheers of followers.

## 'Nobody' Rally Lures Hardly Anyone

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The "Nobody for President" folks out of the "Hog Farm" commune in Berkeley, Calif., played the Sylvan Theater on the Washington Monument grounds yesterday and, sad to say, practically nobody, including hard-hats, showed up.

Too bad about the hard-hats, because the "Hog Farm" people say that hard-hats and truck drivers have applauded them in other appearances they have been making in a cross-country tour in a 1948 bus.

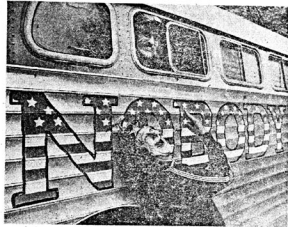
Back in the antiwar days, some hard-hats beat up on the likes of the "Nobody for President" gang on the grounds that they were unpatriotic.

But tell them that "NOBODY lowered your taxes lately," "NOBODY won the first Carter-Ford debate, but NOBODY spoke for 28 minutes" during the Great Electronic Snafu that marred that occasion, and hard-hats will say, "Right On!"

So says "Wavy Gravy," who is "Nobody's Fool," the chief organizer of the trip. His other name is Hugh Romney. He is 40 years old, dresses like a clown, and has receding hair.

Who is going to take a poke at a clown? Who is going to take a poke at a fake pair of false teeth that chatter when you ask a question? NOBODY, right?

That is why it is too bad that a lot of other people besides hard-hats did not show up. It is not every day that such cornball goings-on are to be



"Wavy Gravy," bottom, and "Curtis" pose with their 1948 bus.

found on the grounds of the Washington Monument.

"Jaden" a local rock group that volunteered to appear, almost turned up enough decibels to make people forget the 40-degree temperatures and the breezes out of the north-northwest.

But there were no more than 75 people there at one time. They included 11 members of the "Hog Farm" commune who made the trip from Berkeley and three people they picked up along the way.

The "big moment" came after an

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