

# Nobody Knows What Troubles I've Seen

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The rally wasn't an endorsement of mass apathy, but in support of the preposterous campaign of "Nobody for President." The concoction of absurdists Curtis Spangler, Wavy Gravy and Doug Gutterman (also known as "Nobody's Fools") hopes to complete its cross-country tour in Washington on election day.

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*I'm nobody,  
who else you?  
one by now nobody too  
When there's a pair of us —  
don't tell  
-they'll banish us you know.  
How simple to be somebody  
how common like a frog  
to tell your name the livelong  
day  
So can admiring log.  
Emily Dickson*

WRITERS for her new book, "Nobody Speaks," by William S. Burroughs



Absurdist in a motor backyard

## A Victory Party For Nobody

New York

"We're rallying for the only candidate who keeps all promises — Nobody."

And so it was at the victory celebration yesterday for the "Nobody For President" campaign.

"Forty-three per cent of all eligible voters in the last election voted for Nobody. So Nobody has been in office for quite some time," said Nobody spokesman, Wavy Gravy.

"Nobody lowered their taxes last year. Nobody balanced the budget. Nobody stopped the wars. Nobody is feeding the hungry and destitute, and Nobody loves you when you are down and out," he said.

Advance promotion had promised an appearance by "Nobody," who was slated to arrive in the back of an open convertible.

But Nobody did not show. "This is incredible," said Gravy. "We want nobody on our backs. There'll be no convertible arriving with Nobody on it. Our leader says there's too much pollution anyway."

Beside the Nobody contingent of three dogs, one children ("A chicken in every pot") and 15 persons, including a baby, the rally crowd at Hammarskjold Plaza consisted mostly of passers-by.

The rally here was the final stop in a two-week tour by the Berkeley, Calif., group, which calls itself the "Hog Farm."

## Students in Campaign for Nobody

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