

Dear Seymour -

Thursday 7/21

Here are some of the articles through Monday 7/18. I haven't had a chance to copy them yet. We had our first official committee meeting at the Waterbury library - this evening. There were about 20 of us, plus a reporter from the local paper. We have 600 signatures on the enclosed petition (feel free to duplicate some extras). Each person has committed to getting 100 names on their own, aside from group activities - before our next meeting - next Thurs. We will continue our action on the hill at Holyland's gates this Sat & Sun 12-5. This will be the 3rd weekend. The meeting got a little heated at moments with one heckler/naysayer and one elder spokesperson saying we were out of line attempting to interfere with private property rights. We basically kept this element in check by reiterating that the purpose of our meeting was to plan our next actions & not to debate whether we should continue or not. A Yale graduate with an MA in fine arts - said she has been observing the decline of Holyland - she said countless fellow students have offered their skills for maintenance and restoration - have been refused in the past. She confirmed Dan's statements that none of Holyland is irreparable. (The reporter

(She told me she has witnessed their action & will be there this weekend to type)

was scrubbing away. One of my professors
who is a doctoral candidate at B/U
(Volker Major) also attended. We
discussed the future exhibit of
Holyland pictures, writings, hopefully
oral history, memorabilia. A
photographer & the art student
will be key organizers for that. Dan
says he will attend future meetings -
he had an opening tonight. Another
man talked - who has had recent
experience with a group of local
trade persons who band together
and tackle community projects
en masse - completing them in
days rather than months. He had
some excellent ideas & the resources
behind him. We discussed having
booths & Holyland air bands at
the upcoming fests & fair in the
Waterbury area. Great brainstorming!!

A local TV channel has requested
a taping next Tues. - The New York
Times interviewed me a few days ago & I
met their photographer last night for
some pictures in & amongst the
Jerusalem house. - That article will be
in the Metro section next week some
time. - We need to keep it in the
media - so far so good. Petitions are
arriving at the post office - as well as
anecdotes/stories/letters of support.
I'll keep you posted - our address is
on petition bottom. Take care

Marge Trautenberg

a month long
exhibit at the
local museum
- maybe preceded
by a F&E/SAT
exhibit at a
local auditorium
- wall lined
with photos
film & photos
- maybe taping
people taking
a home
multimedia
event!!