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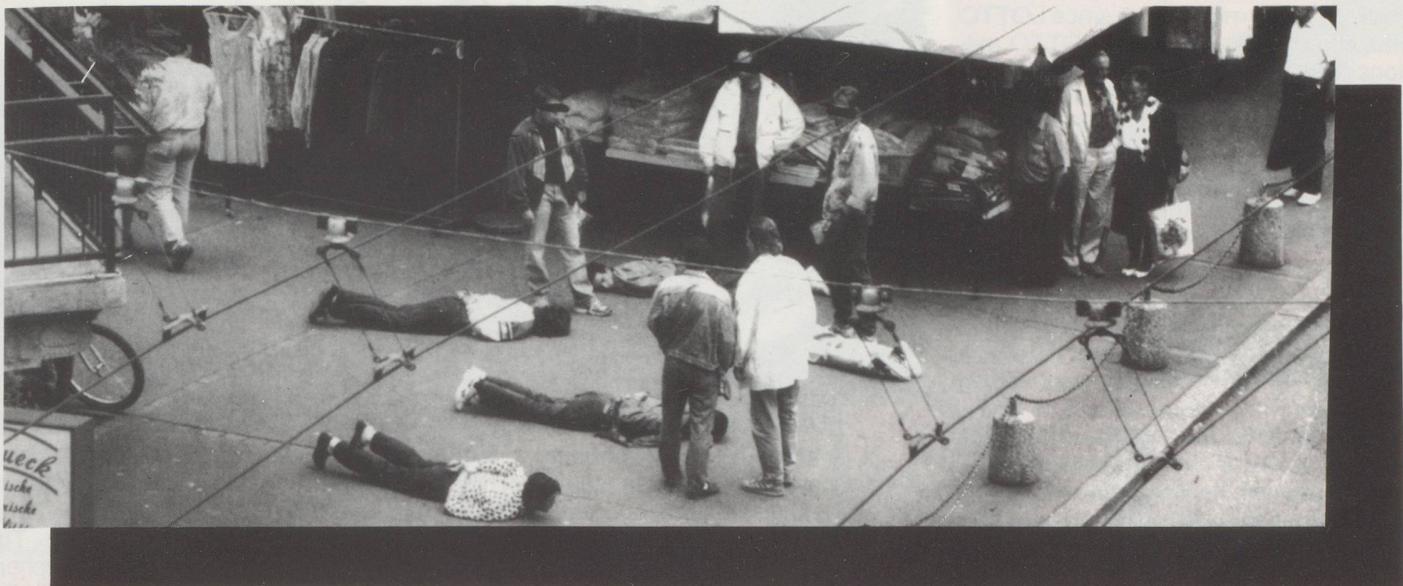
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ZÜRICH NO LONGER WHAT IT USED TO BE



The picture shows a police raid on drug suspects. The scene is more reminiscent of a police raid in Chicago than of one in the staid city of Zurich. Whilst the raid is going on, other shoppers carry on with their business seemingly totally unconcerned as if this were an everyday occurrence.

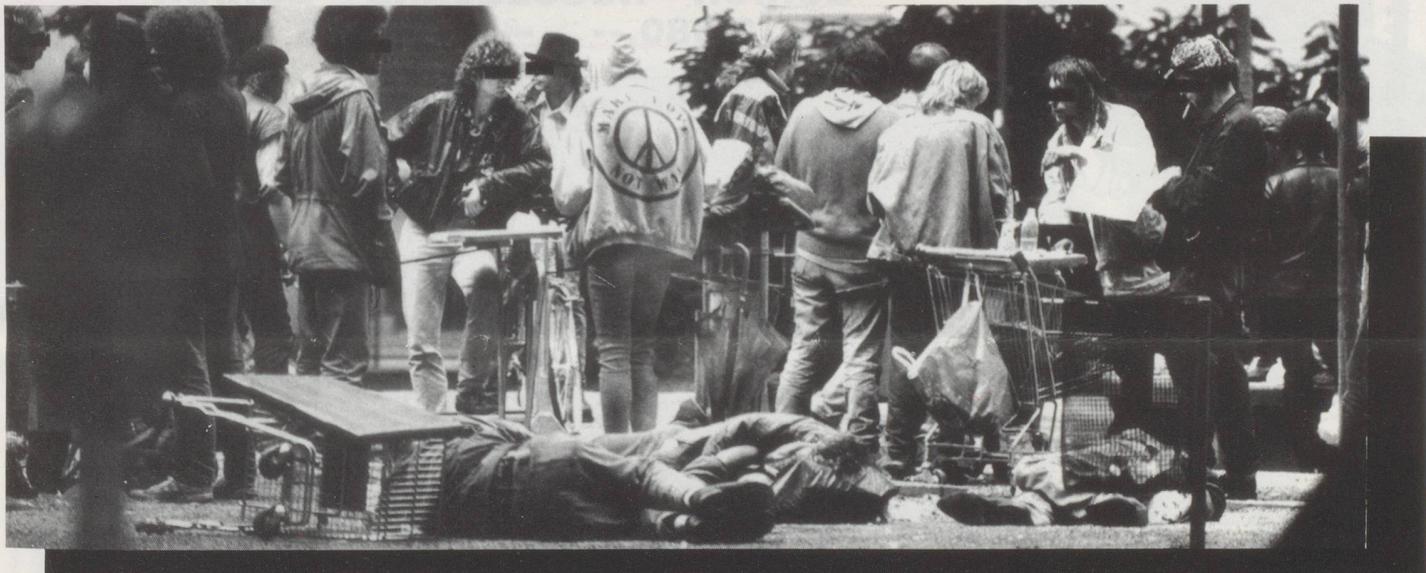
Today's market scene at "Klingerpark", a stone's throw from the "Platzspitze" where drug users spend between 300 and 500 SFR per day on their addiction.

Zürich's experiment with opening the now world famous "Platzspitze" to drug users and dealers has turned into a real disaster. Instead of containing and controlling the problem of Swiss drug users within a small area as it was originally intended, the move resulted in drug users and dealers from all over the world congregating in Zürich to a point where the whole situation got totally out of hand.

The Zurich Authorities had therefore no other option than to close down the "Platzspitze" completely, hoping by this move that at least the foreign drug users

and dealers would leave Zürich again and that the problem would therefore be reduced back to manageable proportions.

The Zürich Government was in for a terrible shock. Far from leaving Zurich, the whole drug trade simply moved to adjoining streets. Today it is strongly entrenched along the "Lang Strasse" and the "Sihl Quai" to such a point that people living in these areas are no longer feeling safe. Many local people are seriously contemplating shifting to other parts of Zürich.



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