



as Americans to materially fight and disrupt the genocide of Palestinians, and to demand the absolute dissolution of the monstrous fascist machine we understand as the Zionist state of Israel.

It is the hope of the state, that by breaking up our encampments and shocking us with overwhelming and nakedly illegal violence, that we will be too consumed by our fear to continue protesting.

This was the mentality of one Haile Selassie, former emperor of Ethiopia, when his regime went head to head with students in running street battles in 1966. The cause of this uprising was the leaking of the Shola Concentration Camp to Ethiopian students. This was essentially a secret concentration camp where Ethiopia's unhoused population was forcibly detained in Addis Ababa, the capital city of Ethiopia. Students protested and demonstrated against this cruelty demanding freedom, better conditions, and the alleviation of poverty for the unhoused. The Emperor's regime responded by tear gassing and beating students, the battle culminating at Ras Mekkonen Bridge, where students successfully resisted the police's attempt to dissipate the protest. The police failed, and students refused to be cowed by fascist violence from bootlicking fools calling themselves "police." The camp was later closed, and those who found themselves detained at Shola concentration camp personally went to the campus to thank the students for fighting for them. In a sense, this event is mirrored quite tragically by LA's own struggle against the police, with the unsuccessful Echo Park uprising of 2021 being inspired by similar sentiments, and the incomprehensible and absurd dismantling of the DSA sub-organization Street Watch by its parent organization.

Digressions aside, Ethiopian students faced escalating methods of repression by the Ethiopian regime. In 1962, students who wrote poetry critical of the regime were berated and had their speech suppressed and subjected to checks by the regime before publication. It is vital to note how faculty who did not stand in solidarity with students acted as the first arm of state violence and repression against students, often going so far as to render students who lived on campus homeless in response to their participation in protests. Protesting students were frequently suspended, and the regime would often simply close the entire campus for all students in order to silence their resistance.

The night before I wrote this, I watched and was myself injured as police beat student protestors off USC campus and locked the whole of us out, and could not help but be reminded of these events. On my nightstand sits a 40mm foam "less lethal" round that the LAPD, a band of out-of-control thugs and rapists, shot at students, injuring one.

