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So when I eventually got out in April of 1967 it was very much a starting over kind of thing and it took me a very long time to get organized. I spent around 5 years living in poverty going from job to job and sort of either quitting or getting fired before I got back on track again. Two things contributed to that, one was I took up with a woman who was not afraid that I had been in a mental hospital and was an activist and because I was with her I got exposed to the activism of the early 70s in Toronto. And I began to create a sort of activist history for myself and then I started a plumbing contracting business. And so I was able to earn a living and I was able to meet other aspirations I had by being involved in community activism and part of that activism had to do with part of the ex-inmate movement as we called it.