Interview with J. Savitsky

I kind of like that {SF} clock over there. Is this the fifth ave of Boston? (Well I don’t know) Not quite though. Well, {SF} bookstalls on the street. There’s something about this part of it over here with the standards out in the street that seems kind of unusual. Never seen anything quite like it before. I would imagine that you’d see that kind of stud in north central Europe (yeah it ks kind of …)

An odd combination here…{C} Mill End {B} shop and a not particularly fashionable {B} cafeteria over here, but on the other side you have a rather high {C} clans fashion place, dresses, jewelry I think. that is kind of nice Oh, wonderful—like these oriental objects of art (in {B} Talisman) Looks like a fine shop in side too. Wonder what the prices are 6 bucks for a martini set (they aren’t cheap) they aren’t cheap, but on the other hand they aren’t prohibitive.

You don’t want to go into any of these stores do you?

I’m amazed. Is it the time of day or the time of weak that there are so few people on the {P} street.. It seems to be a pretty {C} substantial, pretty good shoppin area.

A lot of {SP} space here, on this side. you get the feeling of openness that you don’t get in downtown new york.

Kind of surprising picture of {C} crummy stores, and not bad stuff.
I can’t quite make up my mind how to characterize the area. A {B} church tower sticks up there. Which one is that (Arl at ch) I didn’t notice that til I got this far. (it just stuck out) What is that? The Arlington at {B} church offices (explains) What kind of Church is it…what denomination?
(Unitarian…prof Gr. Brother) Yeah…Rev. Dane McClean Greeley--reads.

Can’t quite miss the {B} Hancock bldg, can we. I think this is one of the better views of it from here. You see the top of I, but never the bulk of it.

That’s kind of nice {P} (girl)

A singularly grimy {SP} alley. What I like about Beacon hill is that the alleys are probably the most attractive part of the area. Unfortunately this is not true of what I’ve seen of the rest of downtown boston.

Oh, here we go {P} (gal). I think this is the fifth ave of Boston, isn’t it (Newbury what with the {P} chauffeurs and the…Oh, that’s kind of interesting…the Hancock spire and the spire of this {B} church here (Covenant) This big {B} brick wall by the {SP} parking lot sort of sets them off and has an interesting blankness to it. --dramatic fashion-- doesn’t confuse it.

Oh, a pretty {P} girl…
This is a mess here….does the {SP} parking lot extend into the street? laughs at wman with {P} poodle. Oh, things picking up (girls walk by)..sort of an increase in the female to male sex ratio {P}…just between the two streets… let’s hang around here for a while.

Except for that old-beat-up 19th {B} century house on the corner and the {SP} parking lot next to it, this would be kind of a fine street for shopping…and a very nice low {B} church here. (Turns around) the commons in {SP} background makes a perfect and to the street. the trees over {N} there and especially the {B} customs house tower all the way in back.

All done in a pretty restrained fashion…the shop {C} fronts and the {SI} lettering on the shops. except on this other side over here neon suddenly jumps out.

Say, do people live up there on the tops of those brownstones (Possibly…studios
I can see a skylight on this one over here. Good place for a studio.

Aha, this is going to be the highlight of the tour—FAO Schwarz… If it didn’t cost so much money to buy a toy here, I’d buy one for my niece. They seem to have left the prices out of the window for some reason… I sort of want to know why. Well, someday when I have a little more time I’ll go in there and look around.

Appropriately Brooks bros at the end of the block. They too left the prices out of the window… same reason.

Bonwit Tellers… Oh, there’s the John Hancock in all its glory, gory I should say.

Oh, someone carrying cans of garbage back there…the chap behind us. desire to keep the streets so clean.

We going in the alley also?? OH! Grimy alley, here we go. Say, this has got nothing except a truck that blocks it off. steam… cartons

No, wait awhile. canopies (up above to the left) say is this a place to live? is it an office bldg, or (yes)

I have a cold, but I seem to smell something…dirt, garbage. (turns around) Well there’s a great sight, isn’t it. (the view?)

Bonwit Tellers… the symmetry of this truck here, bonwit tellsers, and the tower of what is it? (NEM) dum, dum, dum, right on top. and a weather vane. on top of that… and a contrast with the fire escapes and that exhaust pipe sticking out there. Should have my camera here.

“Cooley’s {B} {SI} incorp.” did they spell that correctly… maybe it should be ies. That’s kind of nice… those little cups and japanese things up there in the window… I guess that’s the back of one of the shops.

Oh, that’s wonderful. (what’s that) Miss Harvey’s.

There’s a lamppost I’ve never seen before, concrete with a steel cap on it… nice jaunty angle. Oh, there you are… circular steel fire stairs.

Hey that’s kind of interesting, the window pattern and the fire stair.

Hey, it’s got a real nice architecture… the whole thing

Oh, takes me back home to the {P} {B} sweatshops in New york. Oh, well, that’s wonderfull.

The tree… like rear window, and the gal who grew things out in back. marvels at naked stems (discussion of type of tree) It’s been pruned apparently.

Here again people busy sewing away making the dresses that sell on the fashionable Newbury street front. Ah, this is the true life of the city with the false facade.

Hey, what is this (arl {B} church school) Strange it looks so temporary with its cardboard walls.

I revise my opinion of that alley. It’s kind of an interesting alley.
It may be grimy but it’s got . . little momentos in it.

Where to? The Commons? (across the street for a couple of minutes) Oh, very good. We’ll have
to go across. Good place to get killed, you {T} know?

Oh, wait a while! Interested young {P} ladies over here. Oh, you want to know what it is, eh? I
have a premonition that we’re trying to be picked up over here. (that we’re trying to be picked
up?) They probably think that we’re some radio official or something.

That’s a cute looking little guy, isn’t it?

Very shy {N} (squirrels). They seem to vary in character; some of them come right up and
practically grab it out of your hand. There are some great {N} trees around here. The water is up.
. about the swan boats. This is a very pleasant park area. Good {SP} size. You can see all parts
of it without losing it. I guess the other side in reserved for any kind of playing, this is just for
walking around mostly.