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John Berenyi, who is now a special assistant to E. S. Savas, the First Deputy City Administrator. During his year as a Fellow, Mr. Berenyi, a graduate of Columbia University, coordinated the surveys that led to the establishment of a city-wide Parking Violations Bureau. In addition, he and several other Fellows and a few city employees put together, in their spare time, a book that recounts their experiences in municipal service and urban living. "It's called 'Up Against New York,' and William Morrow is bringing it out in March," Mr. Ginsburg said as he walked with us to another wing of 250 Broadway where we found Mr. Berenyi, a modestly dressed young man. Mr. Berenyi told us that

he and his parents fled from Hungary after the 1956 uprising and settled in Forest Hills in 1959. As a student of urban systems, he had evaluated New York's traffic-court services and found, he said, that, on the average, forty weeks elapsed between the time a violator was given a summons and the time he got into court with it, and then he had to wait anywhere from an hour and a half to three hours for a twelve-second hearing before a judge. "With the new Parking Violations Bureau, we've speeded up the whole operation," he said. Currently, he is coordinating studies for the Mayor's Inter-Agency Committee on Automotive Pollution, and he hopes to come up with a major traffic program for the city.

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