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The Publishers' Statement

We, the publishers of three of the gay newspapers in San Francisco, feel so strongly about this mayoral election that we have published this special edition as a joint venture.

All of us have been longtime supporters of Dianne Feinstein but we find it absolutely impossible to support her in this race.

Inside we have outlined some of the issues which have brought us to this decision. We hope that you will read them. Looking at them as a whole we found it highly enlightening.

San Francisco deserves the best representation possible. The gay community deserves more than lip service and lectures from a Mayor. We

firmly believe Quentin Kopp will provide the strong, decisive leadership as well as the humanitarian considerations so necessary in governing this fabulous City.

Bob Ross, publisher *Bay Area Reporter*

Paul Hardman, publisher *The Voice*

Charles Lee Morris, publisher *The Sentinel*

San Francisco First

Senator Milton Marks Endorses Quentin Kopp

"My statement today represents the first time I have ever endorsed a candidate for the office of Mayor of San Francisco.

"Because of my longstanding relationships with both of the candidates, I considered staying out of this race, but in view of the crisis that San Francisco is going through I felt it imperative to make my views known.

"I have known both candidates for many years and I share all San Franciscans' appreciation for the role Dianne Feinstein has played during our City's recovery from the tragic events of a year ago.

"I respect the job that Quentin Kopp has done as Chairman of the Finance Committee and as a long time member of the Board of Supervisors. So my decision has not been an easy one.

"As Chairman of the Senate Local Government Committee, which is specifically concerned with the effective functioning of municipal government in this post Proposition 13 era, I believe it is absolutely urgent that San Francisco's Mayor be able to work closely with the State Legislature in finding solutions to fund the necessary services, to all our citizens.

"San Francisco must be represented by a Mayor who has proven an ability to make the forceful and difficult deci-



Senator Milton Marks

sions of the 80's.

"Despite the many fine qualities that Dianne Feinstein represents, I believe that we must have in a Mayor a person who will speak up with decisiveness, clarity and sensitivity to the urban problems of today and tomorrow.

"Quentin Kopp is tough, but understanding of the needs and aspirations of all the people of our great City. It is for this reason that I will vote for Quentin Kopp. I am convinced that he can best serve San Francisco, and I urge all my friends and supporters to vote for Quentin Kopp next Tuesday."

Other Support in the Gay Community

Warren Hinckle (columnist). "Dianne Feinstein gave Charles Gain 100% support like George McGovern supported Tom Eagleton."

Charles Lee Morris (publisher of *The Sentinel*). "In 1977 Dianne Feinstein asked me to set up a committee of ten people from the gay community, the purpose of which would be to establish standards of acceptable behavior for the gay community. Feinstein feared what she called a 'backlash' against gays and felt this committee could define acceptable behavior. For months she kept after the idea before abandoning it. This, coupled with her continual lectures to gays about 'setting standards', on top of her *Ladies Home Journal* statements clearly shows that the behavior of gays offends her. I believe she will ultimately use the police to force upon us the kind of behavior which she does find acceptable."

Kay Pachtner (consumer activist and feminist). "There is no way women can support Dianne Feinstein. Her use of feminine

tears and wiles to get out of debating Quentin Kopp in front of the Tavern Guild is hardly a testament to women looking for full equality in our society. Quentin Kopp is a civil libertarian in the best sense of that term and Feinstein can't even comprehend its meaning."

Larry Hughes (Coordinator of Police-Gay Orientation Group, SFPA). "The gay community, as a whole, is no longer a one issue community. The economic, housing, and crime problems that will face our city in the '80s affect us all. Quentin Kopp, I believe, is best suited to handle these problems."

Duke J. Armstrong (Director Haight-Fillmore Neighborhood Assoc.). "Quentin is a civil libertarian and a man of the people, dedicated to the best interests of all elements in San Francisco. He is the sort of Mayor this city needs in the 1980's."

Kevin Wadsworth (Businessman). "If we cannot trust the source of promises made to our community, we become and re-

main pawns in a game controlled by others. I trust Quentin Kopp."

Tim Moynihan (Vice-Pres., CRIR). "In 1975 Quentin Kopp not only co-authored gay rights legislation but also had the political smarts to get the legislation passed over the threat of a mayoral veto. It takes this kind of political skill to get effective legislation passed, not mere lip service."

John Wahl (Harvey Milk's Attorney). "It was Quentin Kopp who in 1976 was the only elected Democratic official who took the time to talk to Harvey Milk the night he was defeated in his Assembly race. It is all well and good that he supported Harvey in that race but it takes that special person to share in his defeat."

John Van Heusden (former Feinstein supporter). "Finally we have a Mayoral candidate who has made an exceptionally strong statement concerning problems in the city about which gays have been complaining. We should support that candidate, Quentin Kopp."

Check the record and then judge for yourself who's the strongest supporter of the gay community.

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Funds for Gay Freedom Day Parade

Opposed City funds for parade unless certain elements in the parade which offend her personally are banned from the parade.

As long as other parades are receiving these funds Kopp has supported the Gay Freedom Day Parade getting them also.

Adding a Gay Advisory Committee to the Human Rights Commission

Supported the legislation.

Kopp authored the legislation adding the advisory committee and when the Mayor threatened to veto it Kopp held it up on the Board until the Mayor left town and Kopp became acting Mayor. Kopp then signed it into law.

1978 Gay Rights Bill

Privately, at first, Feinstein said such legislation was "unnecessary."

Kopp not only supported the bill, he took it and rewrote some of the language so it would withstand a court challenge if any came. He gave it the critical support it needed for passage.

\$375,000 for Gay Community Center

Even though the Board of Supervisors approved the grant over a year ago, Feinstein has held it up and has not approved it.

Kopp voted for the measure which approved the \$375,000.

Police Chief Charles Gain

Having succumbed to threats from the Police Officers Association, Feinstein ordered the Police Commission to fire Gain, effective January 8, 1980.

Although he has had his differences with Gain, Kopp has publicly praised Gain for being a "fine administrator."

Police Officers Association

After Feinstein knuckled under to the POA's demands that she fire Gain, the POA endorsed her.

Kopp has authored or co-authored every piece of legislation which the POA hates and has tried to repeal. They consider Kopp to be their mortal enemy.

How They View the Gay Movement

Feinstein views the gay movement as a sexual liberation movement, much of which personally offends her.

Kopp sees the gay movement as a civil rights struggle.

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A New Police Chief

Feinstein has publicly stated that the next Chief will come from the current ranks of captains in the SFPD.

Kopp has continually stated his intention to look everywhere for the best choice for Chief, not just within the SFPD. He has also pledged to include the gay community in the selection process.

Commission Appointments of Gays

For eleven months after she was appointed Mayor, Feinstein refused to commit herself to appointing a gay man or lesbian to the Police Commission. She finally did so only two days before the first large gay political club endorsement was voted. She has said nothing about appointing gays to other commissions.

Kopp has not limited his promise just to appointing gay men and lesbians to the Police Commission. He has pledged that gays will be represented on *all* boards and commissions commensurate with our population here.

Recruiting Gay and Lesbian Police

Refused for months to endorse the Police Gay Recruitment Project. She finally did so only after being pressed to the wall on it.

Kopp endorsed the project to recruit gays and lesbians as soon as the program was publicly announced.

Dan White Trial

Feinstein appeared at the trial as a witness for Dan White's defense. White was considered to be her "protege" on the Board of Supervisors before the City Hall assassinations and columnist Warren Hinckle reports that she helped White get a Pier 39 food concession.

Kopp testified for the prosecution at the trial against White.

Supporting Harvey Milk

Not a peep was uttered by Feinstein in support of Harvey when he was fired from the Board of Permit Appeals in 1976 to run for the State Assembly. Nor did Feinstein support Harvey in 1977 when he ran successfully for the Board of Supervisors.

Kopp was the *only* elected Democrat to support Milk in 1976 and he supported Harvey again in 1977 for the supervisorial race.

First Amendment Rights

Feinstein ordered Chief Gain to declare an "illegal assembly" at the first sign of trouble during the 1979 Gay Freedom Day Parade. More than likely Gain wouldn't have done it, but it shows her lack of commitment to the rights of free speech and assembly guaranteed by the United States Constitution.

Kopp labeled such an order as that which Feinstein gave Gain as "blatantly unconstitutional" and "totally unenforceable."



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Quentin Kopp's Platform For The Gay Community

MY PRINCIPLES

During the past months I have campaigned in every neighborhood of San Francisco. I have listened to people speak of their concern for the future of our City. Everywhere, people are asking the legitimate question: Can we make San Francisco work again.

One way the City can work again is by having truthful leadership — leadership that doesn't waver under pressure. Another way is by having commitment — commitment to live up to promises and to be sincere about every promise that is made during the course of a campaign.

As a public official, I have been acutely sensitive to the need to bring all groups into full participation in City government. This sensitivity is a direct outgrowth of my belief in personal civil rights. As a

I have supported every law prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, sex or sexual preference. The Gay community rightfully seeks full participation in society without discrimination or harassment. This is the legitimate civil rights issue which is so often ignored by politicians who court the Gay community at election time, yet express concern that the Gay lifestyle "may be offensive" in *Ladies Home Journal* articles.

I seek no debate on whether the Gay lifestyle is offensive or inoffensive. I firmly state that the right of Lesbians and Gay men to live free from discrimination and harassment is a basic individual right which cannot be compromised or subject to debate.

My concern for individual rights extends to the area of public policy and politics. Harvey Milk and I shared some

Rights Commission to specifically include Gay members. When asked to support the Gay police recruitment program, I did so enthusiastically, and issued my comments to the press — long before my opponent made any statement for public consumption.

As I stated in a July 1979 press release concerning the Gay recruitment program, "I have always believed and stated that discrimination has no place in Civil Service. If we are to provide fairness and equity, then all persons, regardless of their sexual preference, should be accorded the right to compete equally to become police officers. It is my hope that the persons presently in the recruitment program will have the support of other

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elect officials both during their training and thereafter as police officers."

When the Civil Service Commission staff attempted to create a new police eligibility list — thus gutting the Gay recruitment program — I called attention to this maneuver, and the recruitment of Gay police officers continued.

GAY LIFE UNDER QUENTIN KOPP

As mayor, I will continue to speak out against any attempt to discriminate against Gay people. My administration will include the full participation of Lesbians and Gay men commensurate with the extent of the Gay community in San Francisco. The Gay community will be fully represented on Boards and Commissions — not in token appointments, but in appointments of real responsibility where critical decisions are made.

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It is my intention to have up-front Gay staff members on my

personal staff in the Mayor's Office. Again, these will be appointments to positions of real responsibility and now "window dressing" appointments. The City bureaucracy too must reflect the contributions the Gay community can make to running government. There is a mutual responsibility in governing San Francisco which requires that all groups, including the Gay community, be given the right to participate fully in City government.

It is my belief that District Elections are here to stay, and I will not be a part of any effort to get rid of District Elections.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, the new mayor will direct the police department and select the new chief.

Under the Charter, the mayor is responsible for the enforcement of all laws pertaining to the municipality. This is a solemn obligation that in many ways is unique to San Francisco. The ultimate responsibility for equal and fair law enforcement rests with the mayor, and not with any other person or administrative body.

During the past year, there have been many complaints from Lesbians and Gay men about the treatment of the Gay community by the police department. There is a sense that when a Gay person requests police protection, that somehow the response is not as quick or as evenhanded as it should be. Under my administration, I will take personal responsibility to assure that police services and protection are the same at 18th and Castro as it is at 20th and Taraval. There will be absolutely no place for abuses in law enforcement such as those which occurred

Elephant Walk.

The appointment of a new police chief will be one of the most important appointments of the next mayor. I am firmly committed to involving the Gay community in that process and

WILL BRING GAYS INTO MAYOR'S OFFICE

will be soliciting suggestions from the Gay community for the new chief. My criteria for selection will be as follows: 1. the new chief must be willing to direct equal and fair law enforcement in all neighborhoods; 2. the chief must understand the City and be sensitive to San Francisco's ethnic, racial and social diversity; and, 3. the chief must be a strong leader who will not be pressured into any position which would compromise the ability of the chief to enforce all laws equally and compassionately. I have an open mind about the new chief. Unlike my opponent, I have not limited the selection process to include solely captains from within the department in order to obtain the endorsement of the Police Officers' Association. I want to keep the selection process open because I want to get the best person for the job.

In conclusion, I am pledged to making San Francisco work again. We have the talent within our City to solve our problems and to assure that government is fair and equitable. As mayor, I will continue to support individual rights and assure that the Gay community is fully represented in City government.

Members of the Gay community must be equal participants in the rights and responsibilities of government. Only by assuring that the mayor's office is open and responsive can we work together to achieve this goal.

Quentin Kopp

at the Crystal Hotel, Peg's Place, Amelia's, and the

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defense attorney, I have witnessed on more than one occasion the attempt of government to disrupt and control the lives of people. I firmly believe that support for human rights is not merely a catchword that looks good on campaign literature, but a belief that should be embodied in the actions of every public official.

MY RECORD

I was the first attorney in San Francisco to successfully defend a Gay man who was being discriminated against by Federal Civil Service on account of his sexual orientation. This occurred in 1962, long before it was popularly accepted to defend Lesbians and Gay men in the courts. I am one of the few, and certainly one of the first, attorneys in San Francisco to sue successfully the San Francisco Police Department on behalf of a Gay client. In 1968 I won a lawsuit against the Police Department for a Gay man who was beaten up by a member of the San Francisco Police Department.

difficult times together. I was the only elected Democratic official publicly to protest the removal of Harvey Milk from the Board of Permit Appeals when Harvey announced his intention to run for the Assembly. I was also the only elected Democratic official to support Harvey when he thereafter ran for the Assembly in 1976.

The issue to me then was quite simple: no one should be blackballed out of politics because he or she happened to be Gay; or because he or she decided to buck the establishment. Harvey was Gay, and he bucked the establishment. I am proud that during a difficult time I strongly defended his basic right to seek elective office.

In addition to supporting legislation to end discrimination against Lesbians and Gay men, I have supported issues which have a direct impact on a Gay person's civil rights and quality of life in San Francisco. I co-authored the Resolution that expanded the Human

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HARRY BRITT A BIG WINNER

TOP VOTE GETTER EMERGES AS CITY'S #1 GAY LEADER

by Wayne Friday

By becoming the only incumbent Supervisor to survive last Tuesday's election, Supervisor Harry Britt becomes a political power in his own right in San Francisco. Britt, who most political observers only a few months ago thought was the most vulnerable of all the Supervisors, showed he has what it takes to become a successful vote getter. Britt's opponent, attorney Terence Hallinan tried to paint the incumbent Supervisor as a candidate who has little to offer other than his homosexuality. The Britt campaign, headed by Harvey Milk Gay Demo Club president Bill Krause, put together a highly visible, well-run, well-financed campaign.



A triumphant election-night Harry Britt who now emerges as top banana in San Francisco's Gay community. (Photo by Rink)

In the numerous debates held in the District Britt managed to come off as a well-prepared candidate, an incumbent who was already there, and the one to see when someone within the District needed action out of City Hall. In contrast, Hallinan was easily excited and on a number of occasions lost his temper in front of audiences that somehow saw him as a desperate candidate who couldn't resist attacking Britt on petty issues such as what Hallinan called "Britt's riot" on May 21.

Killing of Poet A 'Misdemeanor'

New York, N.Y.

According to an article in the *New York Post*, two youths who allegedly beat a 44-year old writer to death in front of witnesses went on trial November 29 on a misdemeanor charge that carries a maximum penalty of one year in jail.

But friends of the victim feared that the suspects will not spend even one day in jail.

They claimed the prosecutor will accept a plea bargain to a lesser charge.

"They literally got away with murder. It's outrageous," said Jewell Bachrach, a close friend of the late Barry Ranger.

"The case was completely mishandled. Then the assistant district attorney says, 'Let's dispose of the case.'"

Ranger, 44, a playwright and poet, was killed February 4, 1978, in a scuffle with two men in a doughnut shop at 23rd Street and Seventh Avenue at 4:30 AM.

Dennis Nieves of Hoboken, N.J., and William Vidal of New York, both 21, were arrested at the scene of the crime.

They told police that Ranger had made a homosexual advance and that they had punched him and dragged him out on the sidewalk.

A witness said the two men smashed Ranger's head on the pavement.

A grand jury indicted the pair on petty larceny and third degree assault.

Then the trial judge took from December, 1978, until April, 1979, to rule that the defendants' alleged confessions were inadmissible.

The judge also threw out the testimony of the only eyewitness because the police did not hold a proper lineup.

No Visas for Gays

NGTF MEETS WITH WHITE HOUSE

Under the by-line of long-time S.F. *Chronicle* reporter Ron Moskowitz — who increasingly covers the Gay beat — a story appeared in this week's S.F. *Chronicle* relating an impending meeting between the National Gay Task Force and top Carter administration aides.

The meeting was scheduled to discuss the State Department's decision to deny visas to all homosexuals who seek to visit the United States.

Moskowitz reported that Robert Malson, assistant director for domestic policy at the White House, said he hopes the talks can lead to a single policy on how Gays should be treated by the United States Government.

In October, Secretary of State Vance telegraphed an order to all diplomatic and consular posts that visas should be denied if consular officials "have reason to believe" an applicant is Gay.

The telegram went on to say that immigration law is clear that sexual deviates are to be excluded and the reference to

"sexual deviation clearly and unequivocally contemplates the inclusion of homosexuals." That even if the applicant doesn't admit his homosexuality orally or on the written form, officers may still deny visas on the basis of other "evidence."

Vance mentioned T-shirts and political buttons with Gay slogans. His directive was an outgrowth of a disagreement between the State Department, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) and the Public Health Service. The controversy stemmed from the Carl Hill case last June in San Francisco when Gay Rights Advocates filed a suit against the Public Health Service.

Public Health subsequently stopped testing Gays, since homosexuality was no longer considered a mental disorder by the American Psychiatric Association.

With no way left to enforce the law, Immigration officials decided that in the vacuum — until the law was clarified — that they would take no steps against Gays once inside the country.



Christmas balls on Castro Street. (Photo by Rink)

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