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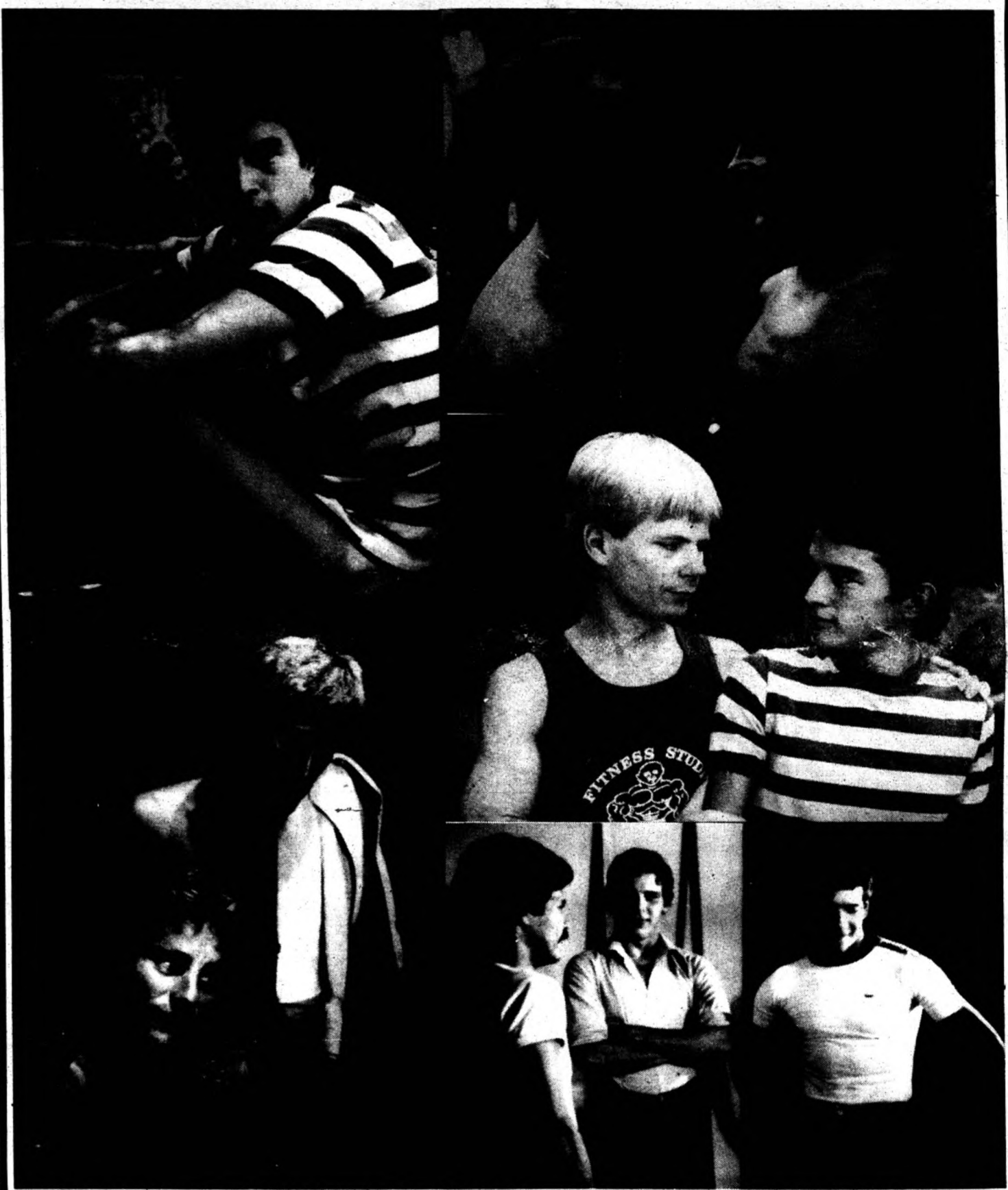
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The pictures above right are from the new film at the Nob Hill Cinema, "Hot Trash" which just opened last Wednesday. The cast includes newcomer, David; and a cameo by Tom Dunn, with feature roles by Rick Faulkner - Gino Gino Del Mar - Eddie Harris Shane - Chris Burns and many many more. The Nob Hill is at 729 Bush Street at Powell Street.



"In Germany, they came first for the communists. I didn't speak up because I wasn't a communist. Then, they came for the Jews. I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. Then, they came for the trade unionists . . . Then, they came for the Catholics . . . Then, they came for me. And, by that time, no one was left to speak up."

*Rev. Martin Niemuller
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The advertisement said: "San Francisco Answers.....Falwell Dearest.....He does it to everyone's kids! An Oral Majority E.P.I.C. Frolic For Freedom Benefit To Dump 281* In '82 (*Moral Majority Clult in Congress)."

It was a full page ad in the rarely seen, "Castro Times" and in color at that. It was an ad for a benefit for a dance of some sort that this Florida bunch calling themselves the "Oral Majority" (OM) was having at the infamous Trocadero Transfer. And it only cost you \$8 donation to go in and do whatever they wanted you to do.

They? Well, "they" is three people all from Florida of course, a Jonathan Susskind, an "Dr." Alan Rockway, and the infamous Bob Kunst of Dade County.

The Florida bunch hit our town dashing hither and yon seeking financial support for their organization OM (Oral Majority). And heaven knows, our city has seen plenty of the out-of-state-carpetbaggers come in, grab the bucks and run.

They allege they are doing this, the fundraising, to defeat the 281 Members of Congress they say are members of the infamous Rev. Jerry Falwell's Moral Majority clique in the U.S. House of Representatives.

But, there is a law. A law, both Federal and State, which says if you are soliciting any funds, to defeat or elect any Members of the U.S. Congress, you must register with the proper bodies in both Washington and in Sacramento. In plain words, all Political Action Committees (PAC) must be registered, in order to verify where the money sent is being spent to protect you, the consumer.

In checking with the Fair Political Practices Commission and the Office of the Secretary of State in Sacramento, we have found no such an organization as the "Oral Majority" listed, nor the names of the three Florida boys listed as Political Lobbyists, etc.

Our letters and calls to Washington, D.C. came up with the same response, no such a legal body exists as far as the Federal Elections spending watchdogs are concerned either...so we must ask, just who are the Florida bunch raising funds for?

We must ask what manner of accounting of the funds they are raising in the Northern California area do they have? We must ask, when have they had their organization, OM incorporated? And just how old is it? What are their operating expenses? How much are their salaries? As we are sure they are not here without thought of recompense?

In one of the articles by one of the three, this, Jonathan Susskind, he states in part, "I was almost too keyed up to sit still beside Bob Kunst and our partner Dr. Alan Rockway."

Now, "partners" in what? Is this OM a business venture in which they draw funds from or just what? And, if they are going to "defeat" any of the 281 they say they are going to, just who are they going to give the money to they are soliciting from here in Northern California? What is the political background of these three "partners?" Appears they have little or none really, and to hear from some long time residents of Dade

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County, they don't think too highly of Bob Kunst, and many blame him directly for the Gays loss in Dade County to Anita Bryant in the late 70s. Seems Kunst and his "partners" set up an independent group to "fight" Anita there, and many believe that this "split" and "inter-fighting" cost the gay community the victory in Dade County. But that is history and water-under-the-bridge. But something we have to look back on in evaluating their "visit" to lovely and plentiful northern California.

Here we have no shortage of political organizations, clubs, and all are valid and legal and very up-front and to date, almost all of them have been doing a pretty fair job keeping things in order here.

So why do we need three rank Florida carpetbaggers coming into our area, soliciting funds which should go to our organizations here, and then not have an accounting of their fund raising and spending, and at least, well, we won't go into this at this time, any further.

But we do ask that the Gay communities of the Bay Area take a closer look at the Florida bunch before tossing anymore bucks into their coffers. And, remember, once they have registered properly with the various governmental agencies as a political action committee there will be mandatory accountings by law, or else!

But, why has these three come to California? Why have they left Florida? What is all this "post office box" address jive? Don't they have regular offices or addresses like the various lesbian and gay political groups here do? From what we have read in their "literature" and articles, they use this post office box in Gainesville, Florida for most of their correspondence. What happened to Miami and Dade County?

We have hesitated saying anything in our pages about them, but too many people have asked too many questions about them and their legality for us to let them go on unquestioned. It is time for them to say it and give forth with documentation.

And, really, you Florida carpetbaggers, don't you think you should keep your mouths shut when it comes to our local elected officials? We all live here, have for a good many years, and personally, I don't think the three of you have any right to come in here start blasting away at our local elected officials when you basically don't appear to know shit from shinola!

We'll take more time on our questioning of the activities of the three Gay Florida boys in the next issue (January 28). By that time we should have more information on as to the whys of why they are in San Francisco and more on their Florida trips and reputation.

We have important elections coming up. And we need to agree on certain candidates and this shall be done without the three Florida carpetbaggers and their mentor in the Castro and in Berkeley. Spend, give your money to groups you know!!! ray.

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(Editor's note: We are printing this letter from the deposed News Editor of the *Sentinel* in the hopes that his sudden departure is better understood by San Franciscans. Many from the East feel that we are "rude" and "unfair" to Easterners here. We hope that by printing Mr. Nichols letter, he'll be better understood.)

"DON'T FUCK WITH ME FELLAS!" THE SAD TRUTH ABOUT THE "NEW" SENTINEL NEWSPAPER By Sentinel News Editor, Jack Nichols.

The last two issues of the "new" *Sentinel* list my name proudly as News Editor. The first issue contained my picture taken with Publisher Beardemphl on page 2. My name is Jack Nichols and my previous credits (which were used extensively to promote advertising since I'm the only published author on the staff) include my editorship of several mass circulation magazines, and newspapers, my authorship of four books (including "I Have More Fun With You Than Anybody" (*St. Martin's Press*) and "Mens Liberation" (*Penguin Books, Inc.*) and my 20 years as a gay liberation thinker (see "Gay Crusaders", "The New Gay Liberation Book", "The Gay Insider USA" and "Gay Men: The Sociology of Male Homosexuality" for chapters on my work.)

I've just been fired after working only on the first issue of the *Sentinel*. I have been abused. I write this statement to make clear my professional relationship with the new editor of the *Sentinel*, Randy Alfred.

I first spoke with the *Sentinel*'s new editor on the telephone. He had just been appointed by Publisher Beardemphl. That evening I felt warned somehow when Randy Alfred told me jubilantly that as Editor he was enjoying the thought of sending rejection slips to writers such as he'd received from editors himself. I thought, "God, isn't that small minded of him," because to my way of thinking one of the first obligations of the editorial power seat is to sit with compassion and, if possible, to encourage creativity in aspiring writers. My first impression of the *Sentinel*'s new Editor, therefore, was vaguely distasteful.

But I was in need of work in San Francisco, and a new newspaper was underway and, besides, I hadn't met him yet. We met the next day. I had supposed Randy Alfred himself would do all the hiring, as he'd said he would, but he was utterly bypassed by Publisher Beardemphl who made the decision to hire me on the spot. Beardemphl offered me \$200 a week, which I said was "perfect." I offered to work hard. At first my position was to have been called "reporter," but Randy Alfred's immediate response to my being on board was to say I couldn't possibly be called a mere reporter, that I should have to be called "News Editor" because of my reputation. I looked straight at him and said, "Give me what ever title suits you. Titles don't matter to me. Being happy working does." I don't think he understood me.

The second thing Randy Alfred did was to ask me for an old photo I had showing me standing with Publisher Beardemphl at a 1965 National Gay Liberation meeting. He said he wanted to run that photo in our first issue to "establish our credentials." That picture establishes our credibility more than anything else could," he said, while I thought to myself, "This man tries to establish "credibility" with my old photos." But I'd just been hired, so I didn't argue. I'd have preferred issues of the paper with pizzazz to establish credibility, but I hoped for the best so I gave my photo gladly to be used.

Under the photo Randy Alfred's caption read, "Publisher Beardemphl first met News Editor Jack Nichols in 1965 at this historic conference..." The article under the photo cites my editing background, lists 3 of my 4 books, and tells of my 20 years of gay liberation work in 4 states. Once again Randy Alfred connected me with Beardemphl in the article.

I really hadn't known Beardemphl at all except in passing. I don't even think he remembered me, although initially he seemed delighted when he saw the photo that "united" us today. I remember him chiefly as the vocal opponent of Dr. Franklin E. Kameny, with whom I was working closely in 1965.

Under the same photograph Alfred called himself a "nationally syndicated columnist" His "national syndicate" is in 7 gay newspapers, which is not quite square. I recall getting the feeling that Editor Alfred resented being bypassed as consultant when Beardemphl hired me, but I hoped to rectify his hurt in the enthusiasm of our working together.

I worked six days my first week on the job and seven days the following week. I covered the Family Protection Act Conference, and the Personal Privacy Hearings as well. Both Beardemphl and Alfred knew I was brand new to San Francisco. In any case they put me to analyze the Palo Alto electoral failure. Beardemphl told me the was pleased with the lengthy piece. Alfred evidently liked it too because he insisted on tagging on his name to mine in the byline after some irritating meddling mostly involving statistics he added. He created statistical tables to run next to the analysis and told me: "Perhaps no one will really grasp these statistics, but they'll lend an air of authority to the writing." I thought: "This man utilizes the useless to give "authority" to what he does.

The first issue also contained my news items without bylines, although Randy Alfred inserted a biased quip about the Mayor in one of them, a quip which exposed his boast (made in one of the gay papers in which he is syndicated) of "impartiality." His quip insertion said that the S.F. Mayor "frequently appears on the scene of media attracting events such as major fires" indicating she showed no interest in gay murders. Before the paper was seen by the mayor she had already issued a strong statement against the anti-gay violence and Alfred's unnecessary jibe appeared as mean and hardly impartial. (see lead story p.1)

During the month I worked I felt that Randy Alfred, *Sentinel* Editor, was perhaps one of the most unnecessarily rude, meddlesome, crass men I have ever met. I never really saw him smile, except at one of his own stories. He was forever interrupting to make his own points, and showed open boredom at the contributions of others. I'd be talking on the phone trying to create rapport with a source and he'd interfere while I was on the line and tell me to hang up -- at the beginning of my conversation!

Immediately after the first "new" issue had come out I determined I couldn't put up with Alfred's ugly meddling any longer. I'd let him know that a personal touch -- humanity -- is significant in the work place. At first I tried to do this pleasantly, with jokes. They didn't sink in. But things would come to a head, I realized. When they did, if he could rise to the occasion and be pleasant thereafter, fine; if he couldn't, then so be it. I'd put up with his ugliness for 3 weeks. Ample time, really.

Then, after I'd worked hours late one night he knew I hadn't had a chance to do my laundry. He suggested next day at 11 AM that I go do my laundry and be back around 1 PM. It was a bus trip downtown to the Castro and back. I returned to the office at 1:45 PM. He complained bitterly and got my dander up. "I was wondering is you'd bitch about those few extra minutes," I said. He started to deliver me a lecture on the sexist use of the word 'bitch' and I said: "Don't give me lessons in manners, my dear. When it comes to personal relations, you have the manners of a pig!" He looked stunned.

There, I'd drawn the line. Either this would be the beginning of cooperation and collaboration or it would be the end. But I had to make an environment free of his ugly meddling. I'd hoped that Beardemphl would keep him off my back. He did for a week, but Alfred wasn't out to work with me anymore. He was out to get me. He did. He'd known Beardemphl much longer than I. Fearing to tread on Alfred, Beardemphl never asked me what had happened or what could be done to improve the paper. I would have called attention to Randy Alfred's dreary Sartrean nausea. In his very first issue Alfred ran his own piece: "Bleak November: Death and the Media." He wrote in that piece "I have a morbid fascination with shipwrecks." Bleak indeed. An odd admission, I thought, for an editor introducing himself in his first issue. I'd have preferred cheerier interests.

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TO GAYS: "I'M ALL FOR PORNO!" TO FEMINISTS: "WE MUST HALT THE VIOLENCE WHICH PORNO BRINGS. i.e. PORNO!"



I noticed immediately that Randy Alfred has no good visual sensitivity as an editor. He feels, I believe that the arts are the handmaiden of politics, and hence does not interfere with the Entertainment editor because he knows absolutely nothing about entertainment. The second issue contained darkened polaroids taken by Alfred himself of the already overphotographed Moscone pedistal

Randy Alfred has no flair as an editor for headlines either. He does not know how to make a headline interesting, something which is, after all, very basic to newspaper work. The leading headline in the current issue is "OBLEDO DELAYS DECISION ON SPOTS". This headline is a dud if ever there was one, a blandness spot indeed! My long experience in such matters might have helped the paper significantly, but Beardmeph1 never inquired of me. He was content to run my photo with himself to establish "credibility" without tapping my real talents. This is why I feel misused and abused, although I'm proud of myself for speaking up quickly and not suffering a fool gladly.

When Randy Alfred fired me, pretending he was sorry, I said nothing. He gave it as his excuse that I was not an accurate enough proofreader, and that an unpublished piece I'd done was not inquisitive enough by his standards. I liked the piece myself. It was cheery. "It hurts me," he told me, "when you said I was a pig because I think my personal relations with others are good." It was then I told him something of which he was not aware: His second issue had had no cartoonist because, as I had already learned, the cartoonist had been alienated by Randy's nastiness. The cartoonist did not deliver or call. A gaping hole on the editorial page was left to be filled.

"I refuse to accept criticism from someone (that) would would not even call me," he said, referring to the cartoonist. To fill the space left by the cartoonist, Randy Alfred hastily patched in his poor pedestal polaroids.

Alfred may seem like an intelligent man to some people. He wears a button that proclaims: INFO-MANIAC. That's more like it. He is something of an almanac personality. He's also a Yale grad, in sociology. He ran a speech by Yale's president in his first issue. Alma Mater Boy.

As for Beardmeph! I feel sorry for him with Randy Alfred as his editor. Beardmeph was a chef—a good one—and seems a decent enough man, although he knows little about writing as his editorials demonstrate. I had hoped he was smart enough to see through Alfred and to work about his few talents and ugly faults and keep him from his ridiculous power struggles to establish his new Found “authority.” Beardmeph has just come from the country and seemed relaxed. But in the last month he already has become harried and nervous. To both Randy Alfred and Bill Beardmeph! I can only say: “I wish you both upon your selves.”

JACK NICHOLS

(Mr. Nichols was the News Editor of the Sentinel. He is the former Editor of GAY, now defunct, and it was America's FIRST WEEKLY gay newspaper and it was in New York City 1969-73).

GayFocus On RELIGION

LETTERS RECEIVED

21 December 1981

The Rt. Revd. Dr. Joseph Vredenburg, Mar Timotheos Josephus, O.A. Exarch: Order of Antioch and President: "Federation of St. Thomas Christians" Santa Cruz, California

Dear Dr. Vredenburg:

This is not an easy letter to write, particularly on the Patronal Day of St. Thomas, when we should be experiencing an oecumenical joy. Nonetheless, with a feeling of great sorrow, it must be written.

When we received your invitation to the ordination of Dr. Rose Harmon Arthur at the Pacific School of Religion Chapel in Berkeley, we were pleased to attend. We hoped that it might speak to the condition of the long-sought-for oecumenicity among all who seek to be disciples of Jesus Christ, our Sovereign Liberator; and particularly among those who consider themselves to be in the Tradition from the St. Thomas Christians of India and the Church of the East. Indeed, Rabban Rose is eminently qualified in our eyes; for that reason we wholeheartedly contributed our episcopal authorities by the imposition of our hands the imposition of our Primatial stole. Likewise, Father Martin, OSB, seems eminently qualified for his work as Priest-Monk; for which reason, once again, we gladly imposed hands. To both our sister and brother, Rabban Rose and Father Martin, we say *Axios*.

All of which, however, brings us to the major point of this letter. Other matters which came to our attention during the worship service at the Pacific School of Religion Chapel and, immediately following, at the Graduate Theological Union reception, require that this be written.

When we accepted your invitation, we did not know that your "Federation of St. Thomas Christians" is now in oecumenical intercommunion (if not organic union) with Herman Adriaan Spruit and his "Church of Antioch." We were, to say the least, amazed to find that this is so; considering his past abuses of episcopal authority in defiance of the *Acts of the Apostles* and his continued abuse of others in the various St. Thomas Christian Traditions.

Nor did we know that Mr. Lawrence Gerard Smith, the self-styled "Priest" of an organization calling itself "St. Procopius Church" (who has never proven his priesthood by any documentation) would be present as Organist at your service. Had we known of his presence in the Sanctuary before the service began, we would have left. His presence was an insult to every legitimate Independent Catholic present, as well as to anyone who would seek to serve as Jesus' disciple with the Gospel of Liberation, rather than defend those who would exploit the young, the poor, and the innocent. Mr. Gerard/Smith's history in this area is a matter of public record; and we see no reason to explicate upon it further at this time.

To compound that horror, it was brought to our attention at the reception that one of your Auxiliary Bishops, Mar Dionysius, O.A. of the Church of the Divine Body in your "Federation" has received Mr. Gerard/Smith into his jurisdiction, acknowledging the highly questionable claims to the priesthood. Clearly, as Exarch of the "Order of Antioch" and President of your "Federation" you condone this action, insofar as you have not exercised your authority against it. This is made clear also, by your introducing Mr. Lawrence Gerard, a.k.a. Larry Smith, as "Father."

Under the circumstances, we see no way in which we could even consider intercommunion or any sort of fellowship with your so-called "Federation of St. Thomas Christians." We see no reason to continue setting up any meetings towards that end.

Further, as you well know, it has only been because your "Order of Antioch" had never claimed to be an autonomous Church in the Vilatte succession, but merely an OEcumenical Order of that succession, that we ever considered intercommunion with you. Although we disagree with Archbishop George Augustine's claim to Primacy over all Independent Catholic and Orthodox Churches in North America, we do recognize that within the Vilatte succession the only two Churches with a legitimate claim to that jurisdiction's Primacy are Archbishop George Augustine's Orthodox-Catholic Church of America and the reunited African Orthodox Church and those two forms of Primacy while autonomous are interrelated. Neither Herman Adriaan Spruit with his claim to be Patriarch of the "Church of Antioch" nor you as Exarch of your "Order of Antioch" have any claim to the Primacy of the Antiochian line as established by Mar Timotheos I, the Rt. Revd. Joseph Rene Vilatte.

Nor, or course, do we possess any claim to that Primacy. However, the question in our case is moot; insofar as we do not claim the Antiochian-Vilatte line as our main line of succession. Our major succession, as you well know, is the Syro-Chaldean line of succession from Mar Jacobus I, the Rt. Revd. Ulric Vernon Herford, Bishop of Mercia and Middlesex (incl. the County of London) and Metropolitan of the *St. Thomas Christians of India in the Syro-Chaldean Province of the English Missions and the West*. On the Feast of St. Francis A.D. 1978, the Rt. Revd. W. Martin Andrew, Mar Anthony, third canonical successor to Mar Jacobus I, conferred upon the Bishop Primus of the *Community of the Love of Christ (Evangelical Catholic)* his recognitions of this jurisdiction as the canonical continuation of Syro-Chaldean Province of the West, sometimes called *Evangelical Catholic Communion*, and of our Bishop Primus as the fourth Metropolitan of the autonomous Province in succession to Mar Jacobus I.

We therefore send this letter to you, as notice that the canonical *St. Thomas Christians of India in the Syro-Chaldean Province of the West* as represented by the *Community of the Love of Christ (Evangelical Catholic)* do not recognize the co-called "Federation of St. Thomas



Christians" under the Presidency of the Rt. Revd. Dr. Joseph Vredenburg, Mar Timotheos Josephus, Exarch of the "Order of Antioch" as being either a part of this autonomous Metropolitan Province or in any other way a canonical part of the St. Thomas Christians of India.

In witness whereof, we do affix our hands this Feast of St. Thomas in India, in this year of the fructiferous Incarnation of our Sovereign Saviour Jesus Christ 1981: at the Primatial Chapel of St. Thomas and St. John, in the City of St. Francis:

The Rt. Revd. Mikhail A.F. Itkin,
Mar Mikhael, C.L.C.
Metropolitan: St. Thomas Christians of India in the Syro-Chaldean Province of the West
Bishop Primus: Community of the Love of Christ (Evangelical Catholic)

The Rt. Revd. James A.M. Dennis
Mar Jacobus, C.L.C.
Bishop-Coadjutor



GayFocus Behind The Political Doors

GERRY PARKER II SEEKS PRESIDENCY OF STONEWALL GAY DEMOS: After having left the leadership of the Stonewall Gay Democratic Club a year ago, Parker has been nominated without opposition to the Presidency of the Club. Along with Parker, founding member, Elmer Wilhelm, after a two year absence, will seek the Vice-Presidency. Retiring President, Ben Gardiner will become Recording Secretary if the nominations face no opposition.

SUPERVISOR JACKIE SPEIR WILL NOT SEEK LANTOS SEAT: The popular Democrat from San Mateo County, and a Member of the Board of Supervisors, stated that she made a promise to the voters to serve out her term of office if elected, and will not run against homophobic Tom Lantos. But, she let it be known that 1984 is a different ballgame, and Lantos has best watch out. But Lantos may well have to watch out now, as it appears that Bill Royer, former Congressman (he won the special election to replace the slain Congressman Ryan of Jonestown infamy) soon will announce his bid for the Republican nomination to Congress against Lantos, and could well have alot of lesbian/gays supporting him this time around.

DR. EUGENE PRAT NOW IN SECOND PLACE IN POLLS FOR RILES EDUCATION SEAT: The highly popular Dr. Prat has pulled ahead of the right-wing fanatic Ferros in southern California, and now has only Wilson Riles to worry about that is not too big a worry many experts say come November, for the polls show Dr. Prat beating Riles easily in the runoff. Two of Dr. Prat's opponents have been endorsed by the Moral Majority. Neither Dr. Prat nor Riles want or could receive the endorsement of the right-wing religious fanatics.

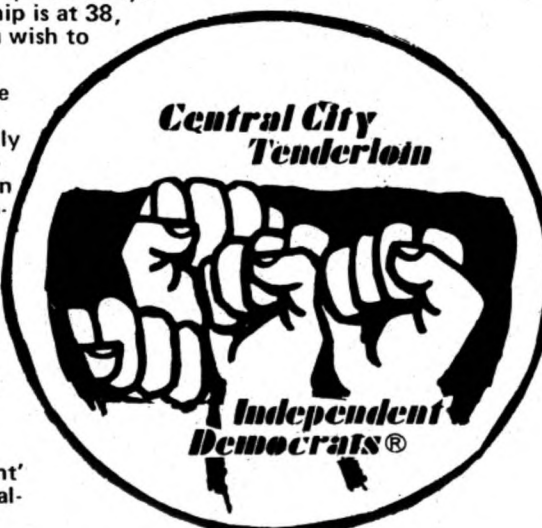
CENTRAL CITY/TENDERLOIN GAY SOCIALIST/DEMO CLUB: Ed Dollak, the Vice-President of the Central City/Tenderloin Independent Democrats, announced that a potluck spaghetti feed will be held at the first formal function of the group within the next couple of weeks. President, Ray Broshears announced that the Club would seek affiliation with the CDC but would not need to support their endorsements if the group opposed their capitalist ways. The CCTID leadership announced a membership drive. Current membership is at 38, but the group said they will affiliate with DCD's minimum number. If you wish to join, contact Ed or Ray. Membership fee is \$5 per year.

U.S. OUT OF EL SALVADOR: Saturday, January 23, a march through the City of St. Francis with floats, bands and a symbolic representation of the 32,000 people killed in the struggle. The march will be followed with a rally demanding the "U.S. Out of El Salvador." "Stop Aggression Against Nicaragua" "Stop U.S. Arming of Guatemala and Honduras" "Stop Repression of Salvadoran Refugees in Honduras" "Money For Social Needs, No Genocide in El Salvador". All week before the parade and rally, you are asked to wear armbands in solidarity with the peoples of El Salvador.

HUMAN BILLBOARDS are needed on Monday at the entrances to the city during peak traffic hours. Call 861-0425 with your help.

OUR CONGRESSMAN GEARING UP FOR RE-ELECTION BID: John L. Burton is gearing up for his re-election battle against Dennis McQuaid and his gay republican supporters. This time around, Our Congressman should have an easy time of it tho as most are on to McQuaid and his gay twits supporters.

SAL ROSELLI ANGERS GAY SOCIALISTS: So-called "gay business agent" for one of the unions, appears to have launched an attacked upon gay socialist democrats in the Central City/Tenderloin area. And "he" wants what?



Christ Chapel's finest Christmas dinner ever!



Christmas Eve in San Francisco's Tenderloin/Central City area was alot better than it would have been for many elderly folks had not the hard working volunteers of the Old Folks Defense League (Christ Chapel's senior citizen outreach program) been on the job serving up 60 pounds of ham, pounds and pounds of dressing, sweet potatoes, carrots, green beans, gallons of milk, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, wine, and gallons of ice cream and a huge double layer angel food cake will with whipped cream & mandrin orange slices with strawberries. Not to mention the two dozen loaves of bread, and much salad. Thanks to the many kind donations of so many people, especially the staff of the S.F. Eagle who donated their tips for an evening's work, it all went together to make for a great great Christmas Eve dinner celebrations. So much was given away as gifts, food, candy, wine, and sopa and on and on, not to mention the liquor. Pictured above are some of the elderly (62 and over) as well as some of the gifts, and food. The volunteers included Daisy, Tom Lovett Souza, Ed Dollak, David Monroe, Larry Duckett and his lover Jeff, Kimo, (who gave the cake) and Rev. Ray Broshears-Director/Pastor. The staff of volunteers had a good deal of fun working together to make this Christmas a happier one for the 75 elderly who benefited Christmas Eve, as well as those who received groceries who were shut-ins, and some cheese (114 lbs.) delivered to their homes in the rain by Ed Dollak.

Gay Focus on The Mockingbird

OH DEAR ME, 1982 is here already, and what's a pore chile to do!!!!!!!

Oh well, we just must make the best of it. Gads, all this is much too much. But as we begin our gossip, facts? and rumors in 1982, we should let you know right here and now.....the Gay Areas Directory (GAD) will be out in a day or so, and it is simply smashing and most accurate (that's one of the reasons for it being a bit tardy!) and this time it includes Lost Angeles, Portland, Seattle, Reno, etc. Nice, very nice!

TOM KANE new arrival from Denver, found his way to the Balcony and into the arms of his "Truly Terrific Daddy!" just hours after he arrived. Hmmm, wonder who this "Truly Terrific Daddy" is????????? Welcome to SF Tom!!!

GET WELL WISHES, CARDS, & PRAYERS for a nice man, Darryl Lotter of Febe's is in order. He is in Kaiser we have been told. Many speedy recovery wishes to him from his legions of fans in California.

LESTER TEMPLE of the Endup, has to be about the shabbiest DJ in the biz. His "music" is great for wakes. But the endup has many many super fine DJs including Glen, and the fast rising Tony O. RIP.....Rest In Peace...Jason Klein, who reportedly died in an s&m set.

A very nice man, once a member of the 15 Assoc. He got out when the majority did after David Lewis resigned. Rest Jason, where ever you are, is the wish of many of your friends. He was a very nice man.

STELLA STOLL & THUMPER have "divorced".....just after Christmas.

So dear David Stoll is in the market for a new M-A-N.....and they are in demand Stella dear, so few of them in town. BEAU DODSEN of the S.F. Eagle is called "Doris Day" (behind his back of course!) by his co-workers, as he comes across with the "Doris Day" sweetness and light smile to all the customers. Are they just jealous Beau??

UNDERSTAND that Paul of Alfie's got footprints on his cowboy hat on New Year's Eve. No, he didn't drop it, it's just that the place was so packed that they were walking on heads there that night!!!!

BOB BUSH had best apply for a bus permit for that El Dorado of his..... seems he had fourteen (14) packed inside and all over the outside of his Caddy the night of the staff party at the Eagle. Reallllllly!!!!

BILL BLAKE & FRED LEHAY are still fighting and working with one another after a month now! Eat your heart John E Drummer. Bill and Fred, the S&M Odd Couple!!!!!!!

CHUCK SLATIN'S "Chaps" is still along way away from opening as the auto repair joint is tilling away at the location.

DAVID's, another? gay "discount card" trip in town????????? My dears.....stay in Jacksonville Florida, we have had enough of such things, and many of you do remember things like "Keys To The City.. and that thing Jim Moss tried out on us here. But Davids, many of us old timers remember when it came to town as a "magazine" and took ads some of which were never seen, and then they tried coming out with a little tv guide size David. No, we don't need any of "Jacksonville, Florida" here again!!!!!! So take your metal gold and black card and go back to the swamps of Florida.

CASH GRAB begins next week or so at the Devil's Herd. Reach your hand into the bowl and grab as many bucks as you can. See their ad for details or better yet, go into the Devil's Herd, 853 Valencia and see for yourself and grab the bucks quick.

VINCE ALLGOOD is still around and he is looking far far better than his ex-partner in the old Big Basket, W.E.B. Vince was at the S.F. Eagle's Christmas party.

DICK KAYE was Santa at that party, and he was simply great. He nearly gave up after I sat on his lap. He did lose weight on that one!!!! Ho Ho Ho Dickie Bird!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

THANKS TO BOB of the SWP for his support in helping our editor in coming up with a position on the Polish situation. He was alot of help and showed a great deal of patience with a complete stranger.

See page 19 or 15.



The handsome young man at the left here plays for your enjoyment at the Castle Grand Brasserie's SUNDAY BRUNCH 11 a.m. til 2:30 p.m. The piano, that's what he plays kids...nothing else. Such a fine musician and a nice man, as well as very very handsome too!!!!



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A New Year's Eve Party thrown by Eric (in the cowboy hat) proved to be fun fun fun! The guy laying down is Daniel Lynn Courtois, and the dude on whose lap he lays is Victor the "mouse!" The dude with the cowboy hat, Eric, is hugging Ed Dollak his very very close friend (also our assistant editor). Eric was mugged on Saturday January 2nd tho, at Turk & Steiner by two cowardly pieces of crap! He is better now, and at least alive. Hayes Valley/Western Addition is a rough place!!!!

ARTIST FRED LINDE will have a two week showing of his fine south of Market artistic works beginning February 4th and carrying on for 2 weeks at the S.F. Eagle!

UNCLE NELLIE was seen at the CGB sporting a 49er jacket, brand new. WHISKEY GULCH'S handsome owner, John, was seen last Sunday enjoying his drinks at the Watering Hole...and Brian Todd was eyeing him. Brian's other half returns this weekend and Brian will become as "one" once more, that means more men for me.

NOT ANOTHER POLISH JOKE!? Do you know why it took the two gay Poles six months to cross the U.S.? Seems everytime they came to a sign that said, "Clean Restrooms," they did!

ELMON LEE CLIFTON, rumor has it, may be retried for his alleged offenses of "pandering" young men via his old agency "Richard Elmon Male Models." He won on his Appeal, but the D.A. indicates he may now go for a retrial as E. Lee no longer has a B.J. Beckwith to defend him and at such an affordable price. This should be interesting.

SAD TO SAY that the much beloved Dick Kay who played Santa at the SF Eagle party has had an unfortunate accident. We wish him a speedy recovery and back on the job quick. A very nice human being, a real gentleman. Get well Santa baby!

WEDDING BELLS AT THE SF EAGLE? could be! Frank and Grant! They are the hottest item in the place. They do deserve one another, sez the Flying Nun! They both have matching mouths and personalities!

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The Plot Thickens by ED DOLLA K



Well my dear readers of GayFocus, already this is 1982....my, how the years seem to fly by! 1981 was a fairly good year, as well as a bad one....it all depends upon how one wants to view it.....In 1981 we saw the inauguration of a president who has made many of us very apprehensive about the future of this country and of the world....The man sitting in the presidential chair of the oval office in the White House is the more reason why all of the people should come together in the struggle to chieve peace and a better life for all inhabitants of this planet. Our destinies must never be left to the whims of just one man who surrounds himself with a coterie of well-to-do associates and decision-making cohorts.....Only we, the People, should be able to decide our very own fates. The old cliché of

"Absolute Power Corrupts And Power Corrupts Absolutely" could have not been truer than in today's political scene in the country and abroad.

The situation in Poland is indeed a sad and tragic one.....a situation that should not be allowed to continue.....I hope that 1982 will bring an end to all oppression, racism, sexism, poverty, hunger, war and to the evils of injustice perpetrated by man to man throughout the world.

There is alot of work to be done in this new year.....I will be here to pitch in and offer all the help I can give.....

The Lesbian & Gay communities in San Francisco MUST and needs to clean its own act up if we are to achieve success in our fight for equality and justice.....The promotion of elitism for selfish gains by a certain group of evil, money-grubbing opportunists is very wrong and should be exposed for what it is.....elitism is not what Gay Liberation is all about and thus should be eradicated at all costs.

The following is my list of Resolution for the year 1982...whether or not they will be followed through remains debatable.....Here they are:

- 1.) That I lose at least 30 pounds by Spring....(fat chance!) no pun intended.....
- 2.) Ditto Reverend Ray Broshars.....smile!.....
- 3.) That Victor of Jones Street boycott that "eatery" on Polk Street, which is known to have Homophobes on it's staff. The food there is so bad and the prices are astronomical.....yechh!
- 4.) To see an end to "gentrification" and "touristification" of the Tenderloin.....
- 5.) To see a progressive and truly-people-oriented person (possibly gay), replace La Duchess Feinstein as Mayor.....smile!
- 6.) That Supervisor Harry Britt not cater so much to Gay-clones of Castro Street and REMEMBER that there are many Gays who live (and VOTE!) in all areas like the Tenderloin, Polk Street, South of Market, Western Addition, Hayes Valley, Nob Hill, etc.....
- 7.) That MUNI replace all those rude, obnoxious bus drivers with polite and friendly ones.....are you reading this Richard Sklar??? Maurice Klebold?????
- 8.) That a community center or affordable housing be built on the empty lot at Eddy and Jones Street in the Tenderloin, instead of a tacky and tired park that is NOT needed or wanted.....and Art Silvani of Adonis Bookstore on Ellis Street, continue their devoted and sbild relationship.....they are both beautiful people and very real too!.....
- 9.) That Hal Call obtain a lifetime lease to his bookstore location on Ellis Street..... Hal's been at that same location for many years. He's one of our most admired and respected pioneers of Gay Liberation, and a valuable asset to the Gay community.
- 10.) That Sam Bumpers continue winning contests and free trips to other places.
- 11.) That the Management of the Embassy Theatre on Market near 7th Street, '86' all the obnoxious and rowdy drunks and junkies who go there just to annoy and harass other patrons who go there to enjoy the films and expect some peace and quiet.....are you reading this Mr. McLean?.....
- 12.) That Darwin Dias relocated to a place with bigger closets where he can hang all his silky shirts and blouses.....smile!
- 13.) That Pat Powers win a big jackpot in Reno.....
- 14.) That blonde Eric continue to remain good-looking, sincere and sexy as always.....(slurp!).....
- 15.) Ditto Tom Lovett Souza.....
- 16.) That 'Foxhole Tillie' (Don Black) remain in excellent health and that his beloved cat Samantha receive a lifetime supply of kitty food.....
- 17.) That, fragns, Barf, the Voiceless and the Genital, not promote elitism so much and come to realize that poor Gays are also a part of the Gay Liberation struggle.
- 18.) That the newly-formed political club in the Tenderloin for lesbian and gays, gain tremendous success and a large membership.....this new political club is most needed and we bid it a big welcome (straights welcome too!).....
- 19.) That, Princess Daisy reach his desired goal in his weight-reducing plan, and that a gorgeous hunk of man appear and sweep Daisy off his feet.....smile!
- 20.) That, Mai Ty of Discount Books, 112 Eddy Street, outsell all the other stores and even more sexy looking and hunky men patronize his store than there already is.
- 21.) That editors of certain fragns take a course in spelling and stop making grammatical error like spelling words such as "effect" instead of "affect", "noticeably" instead of "noiceably".....etc.Nit picking, you say? You bet! Smile!!!
- 22.) And that's it for my List of Resolutions for this year. Next year I will have more of the same!

The cheese giveaway the last days of December was good, and I thank Rick Hansen for remembering the poor and elderly of the Tenderloin. I am happy to inform my readers that I participated in the cheese delivery to the poor of the Tenderloin....we definitely need free food programs, for many people go hungry and hunger surely is one of the major problems today!

On this note, I close my column for this issue. My best wishes to all of you that the New Year bring you all the good things your heart desires. Peace and Love.ED

RICHARD ELMON RETRIAL

The District Attorney's Office, Chief Trial Lawyer, said they are considering refileing and re-trying one Richard Elmon, (E. Lee Clifton) now of The Voice, on his arrest for "pimping and pandering", on which he was convicted, but this conviction was overturned by the Court of Appeals. However, Jacobs said "he hasn't made up his mind" and they they had "given it a good shot once" and Elmon only got 12 months jailtime.

TRAVELS WITH H.L. PERRY



Hope you all had a delightful Christmas and eventful New Year! If you stayed home for the holidays and would like to get away to recover, here are some suggestions.

Twin Oaks Ranch is now in their low season rates, until March '82. For two in a room is \$29 and the Boarding-house is \$12 and a RV site is \$5 which includes linen and most activities. The ranch is in Caliente, California, two hours from L.A. They require a deposit and give a 5% discount for cash in advance. Twin Oaks is a 314 acre cattle ranch with horses and you can join the organized activities or just relax and enjoy the sun. They have a restaurant but you have to bring your own booze. These are the '81 prices but can be guaranteed if you reserve by April 1, 1982. If you like hayrides, horse-back riding, and western dancing, this is the place!

Mardi Gras is almost upon us and there is still openings for the February 20th trip to New Orleans. The room is \$249 per person (2 to a room) plus airfare which depends on the date you book now. This has to be one of the most eventful, if not the most delightful experience's in a lifetime. The whole city is having one big party and everyone is having the time of their life. You can go from bar to bar with your drink just walking the streets, it is eventful!!! You won't believe the costumes or the lack of them, so just let your hair down and do your thing before someone else does it for you. If you don't make out during Mardi Gras, its your fault!

The Galileo-Marina Community College center is offering some free walking tours of historical and architectural spots of San Francisco. They are being conducted by Charles Fracchia on Saturdays 10 a.m. til 1 p.m. on January 9th, you are to meet at the Mission Dolores and then go thru the Mission. This is near 16th Street. On Saturday January 16th it will be Sutro Heights and Land's End, and you meet in front of the Cliff House at 10 a.m.

Another great place to be during Mardi Gras is Rio, only they call it Carnivale and Rio turns out in full force. The streets are full of merry makers, parades and the most heaven men and gals in the Americas. There are all kinds of balls, including gay ones, and you won't believe the parades in both Rio and New Orleans. Rio is more expensive, but well worth the trip. I've been there three times and can't wait to go back. And You may not want to come home!

The 40th annual SF Sports & Boat Show will be at the Cow Palace January 8th thru the 17th. There will be a Coin Show in San Jose on January 15th thru the 17th in Exhibit Hall Convention & Cultural Center. January 22-24th is the date set for the Sacramento Rodeo in the California State Fairgrounds, Cutler Arena.

This is a nice time of year for Mexico, as the weather is excellent and now that Christmas is over there, there is more air-space available. They are really looking for the tourist dollar as is everyone. So there are lots of places offering good deals and there are several cruises going down the California and Meican Coasts, and they are lots of fun and you can see more of Mexico. If round trip is too much, take the boat one way and fly the other.

If you want or need any information on any of the above travel ideas, give me a call at 661-8994 and I will be glad to help you with them or any other travel ideas you might have.

Happy Cruizing!! H.L. Perry

AD RATE PRICE INCREASE...

The GAYFOCUS regrets this notice, but we are forced to adjust our advertisement rates, due to continued staggering increases we are being hit with by our printer, Warren's Waller Press. In September of '81 we were raised 7% due to cost of paper increases, and we did not pass this on to our advertisers, but the first of December, we were slammed to the ground with a 13% labor union cost of living price increase. That is 20% (twenty) in three months. So, we are forced to raise prices or cease publication, and being the most popular and controversial publication, we would never do that. We ask your indulgence, and give us your ads please! ray broshars!



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The N' TOUCH has been sold rumor has it and if true, it could only be for the better, but then again, we surely won't know until the posting, will we? As many recall, the bar went downhill after picketing over charges of racism against the bar and one of the bartenders, then-president of the SF Tavern Guild, Wayne Friday. Prior to that, it had been one of the most popular dance bars on Polk.

Speaking of Wayne Friday, was that Wayne who was slinging ashtrays all over the place on Christmas night in the Railway Express?

HOUSTON (The Bloomin' Idiot) received a 23 year young blonde blue-eyed beauty from San Antonio for a Christmas present from an unknown admirer. The lad, named Ron, was a real "Texas longhorn" according to Houston.

"FATHER" JOE LOBONO of the "Church of Gospel" ministry?? Hmm! Wonder just what kind of "ministry" that is???????

CHRISTMAS IN HAWAII with Jim Nabors was a bright spot on television Christmas day. KTZO (TV-20) is to be commended for showing something good and different on Christmas day. Television leaves lots to be desired on the holiday scheduling. TV20 also had the film, "Wonderful Town" with James Stewart, one of the finest films ever made.

And, TV20 also had the church services from the Second Christian Church of Indianapolis (Christmas Eve) on as well, another "star" to their crown!!!!!!

SCROOGE '81 has to be that tired reactionary and "darling of the right-wing" Andrew Fethachinni who lives on the slopes of Twin Peaks!!

Hope he'll slide off the peak in some of that slop he prepares. Maybe he'll find a way to grow hair someday!!! How's the gay Cuban refugee????? RON SHERRILL, a fast aging 27 year old who is



This nice looking, but slightly bruised young man, smiles for us at the Stallion a couple weeks back.

clerk at a Polkstrasse bookstore, is really looking "different" these days and evenings too. Saw him the other a.m., and honey, he sure looked 47 or 57, and that's a fact. My dear, all those "fun things" you do at night other than sex are giving you too dark a circles under the eyes. Talented young man, and we wish him a most happy and prosperous and organic New Year.

PASCAGOULA BILL, who just turned 18 a few weeks back, is looking forward to much happier New Year than last. Wit the way the young young girls chase him up and down the Polkstrasse, one has to wonder if he'll make it to 1983? Good looking young man, but he does need a hairs cut!! Sacramento's loss is definitely San Francisco's gain!

ED DOLLAK had a wild New Year's eve at the party given by his friend Eric!!!!!!



J.C. (Jim Corbett) manager of the S.F. Eagle, is smiling like a proud papa over his gift from the staff of the S.F. Eagle, a beautiful porcelain eagle on a lovely wood base. Truly, this gift is one he'll cherish all of his life, and he told us, "The S.F. Eagle has the finest customers in San Francisco and the finest bunch of men that I've ever worked with!"

YORK HOTEL WORKER'S VICTORY? Rumors are flying, that Russell Cox and Company, operators of the York and Plush Room, are going to learn sad news from the National Labor Relations Board....this has to do with their firing of eleven (11) workers and replacing them with four (4) Cuban refugees they obtained from Job Power. Just hope the NLRB slaps them with a super big cash fine and that the workers will get a huge New Year's cash settlement, they certainly deserve it. Hope that you all are continuing to support gay labor by boycotting the York Hotel, the Plush Room, as well as the Church Street Station, the *P.S., the Casa de Cristal and the Mint, all anti-labor and pro-bossism! Gay workers deserve far better that they are receiving at the hands of the big hotel, restaurant owners. Unionize!!!!!!



John of the S.F. Eagle, hidden by the huge jacket of Brian Todd admired the tray of sandwiches being made by Lane. Mr. Todd helped them by eating the sandwiches as they were being made by Eagle-men!!!

WHO SEZ that the Brig should be called "Chez Auswitz"? That couldn't be true for Marcus loves it!!!!

DENVER MAN CANNED! Alan Lyon who came to our city in a cloud and huff over the closing the Denver bar in which he worked, blaming two of my dearest friends for it....has now been canned from a south of Market bar. Naughty!

LENNY MOLLET, rumor hazzit, is to let the Chez 527 become a real nice place now....as the only manager to manage it well, Mr. Richardis reported to be taking the place over and running it soon. Let us hope Lenny goes away on a nice and happy trip, enjoys himself, has much fun, nice men (boys) and lets Richard do the running without interference!! The...the Chez 527 will make bucks!!!!

TOOTHPICK TRONDSON is what they are calling Brucie and even his other half Brett is so slim too. But the long locks have to go kids! Happy New Year!!!!

MARCUS 86ed from the S.F. Eagle yes tis true, but then he was given a "grace" period and is allowed back in again.

ROCK ROD LOCK: it is reported was 86ed at the same time.... could it be he and Marcus are one in the same? Tis so true!!!! Some say!!!

TAMMY LYNN is not getting married to Harold St. Thomas so cancel the wedding receptions!!!!!!

JIMMY CASH.....in and out of jail so many times rumor hazzit the guards are just going to give him a key! I mean, three times in three weeks? D-r child!!!!!!

"EVITA" returns mid-February to our city and this time to the Golden Gate.

WHO IS BURET? Is he and the BRETT the same person? Only the dog who writes the naughty notes knows!

ELMER WILHELM is back at the Endup once again!

WHY is Pushy Phyllis the twi-light Empress, 86ed from the 222 Club? Frank????????? What's going on?????????????????

BIG PARTY SUNDAY night at the FRISCO SALOON for the fine so fine, CONNIE. Begins at 8 and there will be much entertain ment, and celebs, shows, and goodies galore! Please drop in and wish Miss Connie well!!!!!!

That's at 60 - 6th Street, just across the street from the most beautiful New Crow, a bar.

STANLEY!!!! What's going on? More on page 10-12 and 16!!!!!!



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WILD BILL MURRAY now of Gay Areas Directory fame, seems to spend a good deal of time at the Baker's rack in the Castro.....but the goodies aren't putting any fat on the frame!!!!!!
THE ALLEY behind the Arena can be a very interesting place these late nights, rumor hzzit!

MEL WALD of "CBS Reports" infamy, you remember the so-called "S&M" "expert" who embarrassed the gay community.... coast to coast? Well, he's running about the streets south of Market once more. Seems that some have forgotten his misdeed so quickly...but we haven't!!!!
HAPPY NEW YEAR to Don Isenberg of Bruno's.... he's looking so young these days....since he dropped out of politics.

THE COOKERY is going going gone! The famous Tenderloin eatery has been sold by Doris and Sam Unger to the people who have the Club 57 on Taylor and they are NOT pro-Gay in the least! Things will change for the worse there for sure.
DORIS & SAM!!!! We wish you the very best for you are two of the warmest kindest

human beings to ever set foot in the Tenderloin and you have helped to make alot of peoples lives alot happier and better. We will miss you, and we wish your retirement in Oklahoma the very best. We know the reason why God made Oklahoma.....for you two to retire in!!!

NEW CROW is the name! Gil Pina's bar on Sixth Street is really nice and the new sign outside is the greatest. But the place is warm and comfy too. And just perhaps Gil will be able to pick up some of the old Cookery crew and have some nice chili and sandwiches in that place daily now! Gil, the very best to you in this delightful bar. A real home bar!

AND WHILE in the beloved Tenderloin, you have to take a peek and have a big drink at one of the finest bars we have here now...would you believe the Peter Pan? Yes, the Peter Pan.....it has been redone, new delightful sign outside and the place has a much nicer and quieter clientele nowadays! And it is safe too! Gil has really redone the place. If only Cliff (God rest his soul) could see the place now, he would be proud!!!

THANK YOU STANLEY for the cola at the New Crow. Didn't taste watered down like Bill White's does over across the street at the Frisco! Just kidding Bill! Bill is on the "wagon" now, so he can be sweet and kind to everyone including the Flying Nun!!!



GARY with the funny looking hair around the mouth is one of the SF Eagle Men!!!! 9/11? Tom Lovett Souza, locked his keys in the car again!!! Geez, what's a sex symbol to do!!! Louie, Louie, he's always working working at J&D!



Larry & Dave exchanging a bit of gossip while in the hot kitchen at Christ Chapel's Old Folks luncheon.



"Terry the Twirler" also known as Terry Mahaffey... "Dear, are you out of step again?"



Ken plays the piano for your Sunday Brunch enjoyment at the Castle Grand Brasserie. He's cute!

CCTID SPAGHETTI FEED....the CCTID (Central City Tenderloin Independent Democrats) will have a spaghetti feed at their next meeting which will be at 12 noon on Thursday January 14th. If you wish to attend (join) the membership is \$5 a year. CCTID is for the residents and or those who work or own businesses in the Tenderloin or Central City only! Time we began looking out for our own, sez Ed Dollak. Call GayFocus for more info or see Ed Dollak.

DIDJA SEE that stupid article that Hardman put in his paper? He is working against the best interests of two of his advertisers (2 porno stores) and we have pointed this out to them of course! We like porno and obviously he cares little for his porno advertisers. Nugh said!

RANDY JOHNSON sends his thanks to all who are giving him support in this terrible hour.

GRABBIT ADS is a crock!!! We have had our "dealing" with them....and we do remind them that "payback is a mutha!" But what can you expect anything connected with Randy Alfred and Bill Beardemphl????????????????!!!!!!

ADVERTISERS!!!! SAVE MONEY!!!! Do not use any of the advertising agencies around today!!!!!! Deal directly with the various publications. You'll get better service and you won't have some smucks making trouble for your biz with their biased and rude ways! More on this later!!!

BEAUTIFUL BLONDE RAY formerly of The Cookery is a good waiter and is looking for a job. All you employers, here's a live one!! Get 'em!
PAUL WALKER the shrink!!!!!! You really should learn history doc darling!!!!!! That "saying" came from the Rev. Martin Niemuller, in 1939!!!!!! Been getting your info from that bogus priest from La Habra dear????????????????????

HELPING HANDS AWARDS NOMINEES...elsewhere in this issue!!!! These are good people!

PEOPLE HAVE ASKED why we don't print anything about the Toklas or Milk political clubs....well, don't get on our case, they are simply too cheap to send us their newsletter....so is it any wonder their memberships are falling? We are here...if people send us the info we'll try and get it in! Simple as that!!!!!! So complain to the Milkies & Alice

DAVID HUMMEL of CUAV will be speaking at the Gay-40 Plus meeting, Sunday the 17th at 2 PM, 1668 Bush Street at Gough. He's got some things to say. Drop in and listen and question!

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GayFocus on The Mockingbird

RANDY JOHNSON, who has been laid up with a very severe case of the dreaded "herpes", and out of work for some time, no hospitalization, will be a lot happier after last night (Jan. 7) at the Watering Hole, as Mr. Brian Todd, hosted an auction to raise funds for this fine person, Randy, who is always doing for others. Randy had a very miserable Christmas and when his many friends heard of his condition, they responded with a very generous helping hand. Connie and Mae co-hosted the event, and there were numerous auctioneers, such as Ginger, Mai Ty, Don Guist, Sweetlips, Marcus, Lou Greene, Dee Dee Love (looking delicious!), Hank Cheeke, and on and on and on, the list is almost endless. This is real community! This is caring and sharing! Helping one of our own! The Mockingbird did help some too!!!!

ROBBIE ROBINSON of the SF Eagle has to be the very finest DJ in all of California, and possibly the West Coast. And baby, we've heard them all. Only the retired DJ Tom Jannel was better.

PERRY JOE BELL did go to southern California and he did come back...but it does appear that he came back empty-handed! What? no three grand "daddy" dere???????

TONY & TOBY continue to DJ and bartend respectively on Monday Nites at the Endup, 401 - 6th at Harrison. It has to be the liveliest of the dance crowds on a Monday anywhere in SF! They get underway about 9 p.m., so you should dance on in and dance it up. Tony and Toby are the regular Sat and Sun early a.m. bartenders!

ANIMALS a hungry name for the male animal, will be open soon on Sixth Street!!!!!!

"FAREWELL, W.W.!" is the message of the managing editor, as he and staffers feel that W.W. is too far out of step with reality, and the Poland real crisis situation has proven that. WW supports the government against the workers and that is NOT what Marxism is all about. WW has obviously become stalinist!!!!!!

L.ANE FOOS, smile! You are in the pics on page 7! Same for John Miles? No? Sorry!!!



Ginger, off-guard, as the camera-bird catches Mae at the Stallion in a shocked expression as he receives \$340.00 from JC of the S.F. Eagle on behalf of the Staff of the Eagle and the customers who together raised nearly \$700.00 at their Christmas Party December 22nd for the two senior Christmas celebrations this year.

Speaking of the Randy Johnson misfortune! But his illness...coupled with being out of work, after having been dismissed from two bars within two months, points up to a need for a gay workers union stronger than ever. For here is a man who has given of himself to several bar-employers for so many years...and then, bingo! Hit by illness, out of work, and only a very small amount of unemployment insurance. Sure, some of the gay bars have medical insurance, but when you are no longer with them, you are shit-out-of-luck! So your years of hard labor go for naught! But Randy's case is an exception in that his many friends are rallying around him to help him, which is really great. But, what about the bartender or restaurant worker who is NOT a celebrity like Randy. What about Jane and John Doe? Who gives a damn about them after they are canned? Think about it! There is a most definite need for a Gay Workers Union. We realize that Local 2 is too loco for words and is not the answer for gay workers, but an independent union is the answer. What do you think about that??? Let us know via the mails.

DUES TIME for all you lesbian & gay democrats. All of the clubs, Stonewall, the Barbary Coast, the Milkettes, the Alicettes, and the Independent Demos all want your bucks so that the lesbian-gay vote will count big and strong in this most important election year. Five clubs with large amounts of lesbians and gays as members all need your help to win elections against the Moral Majority this year 1982. How about doing something for a change, instead of just running your fatlips? Give the bucks and give some of your time if you can. We have a U.S. Senator, Congresspeople, Governor, Lt. Gov., Assemblypeople and Senators as well as SF Supes to elect this year. So your joining the clubs, join all them, give each of them a donation, and let's win some elections after all, a lot of people like me have had enough of Reaganomics which is genocide for the elderly and the handicapped! Fuck reaganomics!!!! Support your local lesbian and gay political clubs (NOT the fucking gay republicans tho!!!!!!) but any of the five clubs we mentioned.

BOBBY PACE de Pendulum is having a nice time working there.

LARRY DUCKETT is no longer at the Abby Room. Seems that he fired a lesbian manager whom many of the employees liked, and the owner then dismissed him. Hmmm! But the owners said that they didn't like Larry's "San Francisco attitude!" And that they didn't want to bring in the "local folk to the bar and restaurant" that they sure didn't want "that Polk Street crowd!" Really Rick of the Atherton!!!!!! Don't you like Polk people? Are they too mixed for you??? I mean like, too many Asians? too many Blacks? too many 'queens'? Just why don't you want the Polk trade??? And why is it you don't want the Tenderloin trade??? Perhaps when the next meet of the CCNA is held someone will call for a full investigation of the Atherton and the Abby Room! Sounds like some discrimination being spawned defacto there and if they don't like the neighborhood of the Central City, just sell your hotel and get the hell out. The Abby is in the Atherton at Ellis and Larkin in the heart of the Tenderloins!!! Go gang, go! Sounds like we do have another "cause" here, so let us get at it!!!! Freedom and equality for all people...not just the pissy money folk!!!!!!

RUMOR HAZZIT that a certain ex-candidate for Grand Duke is no longer employed???? Cute!!!!!! Mr. Lou Greene, are you reading this dear? Sorry!!!!!!

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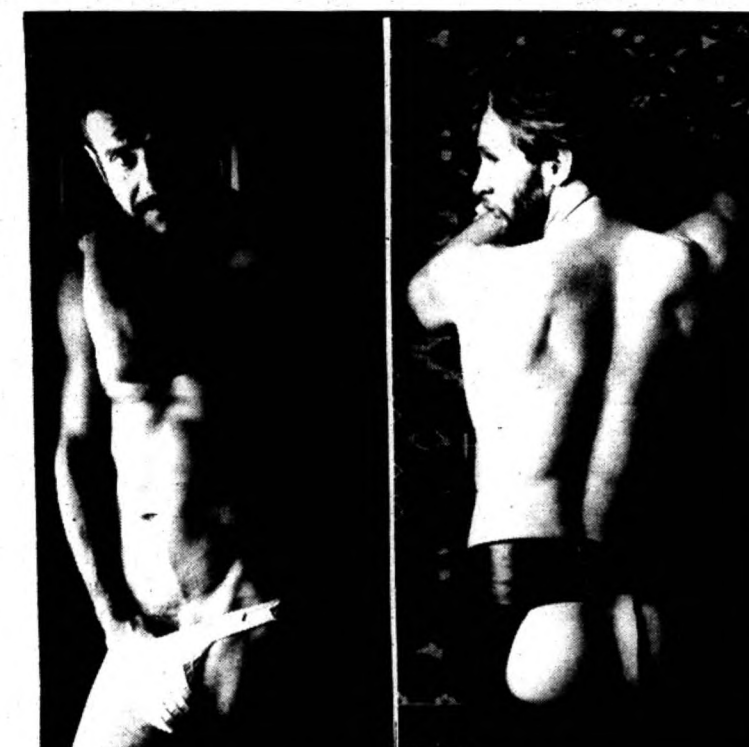
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GayFocus Theatre

Carl's Follow Spot

Certainly the most difficult column to write each year is this one, selecting the "best" in various categories from the more than two hundred productions I've seen during the past year. In a few cases it is fairly cut and dried but in the majority, it is difficult to the point of agonizing...especially when so many fine productions, performances and tech aspects have to be left out.

As in previous years, I've separated plays loosely into categories of Equity and Non-Equity, feeling it is too difficult and unfair to try to compare a show that may have come in for two thousand with one that cost a half a million or more. Conversely, I think the viewer is likely to be impressed with less, especially on the technical side, if he has paid five to seven dollars to attend a show that if it cost him twenty to twenty-five. However, for the first time I have added a third category: College Drama. Although generally overlooked by the majority of local critics, I have found some of the college productions to be both among the best and the most enjoyable I've seen this past year and strongly feel that it is the most underrated of all types of local theatre, especially in the technical aspects.

As always, judging is done solely on the shows I have seen.

| EQUITY PRODUCTIONS | | |
|------------------------|--|--------------|
| Best Drama: | <i>Another Part of the Forest</i> | ACT |
| Best Comedy: | <i>The Norman Conquests</i> | Berkeley Rep |
| Best Musical: | <i>Peter Pan</i> | Golden Gate |
| HM (Honorable Mention) | <i>Barnum</i> | Golden Gate |
| Best Actor, Lead: | Jim Dale, in <i>Barnum</i> | Golden Gate |
| HM | Charles Dean, in <i>Norman Conquests</i> | Berkeley Rep |
| Best Actress, Lead: | Sandy Duncan, <i>Peter Pan</i> | Golden Gate |
| HM | Kimberly King, <i>Norman Conquests</i> | Berkeley Rep |
| Best Actor, Support: | Brian Thomas, <i>Norman Conquests</i> | Berkeley Rep |
| HM | Bruce Williams, <i>Another Part of the Forest</i> | ACT |
| Best Actress, Support: | Judith Marx, <i>Norman Conquests</i> | Berkeley Rep |
| HM | Barbara Dirickson, <i>Another Part of the Forest</i> | |

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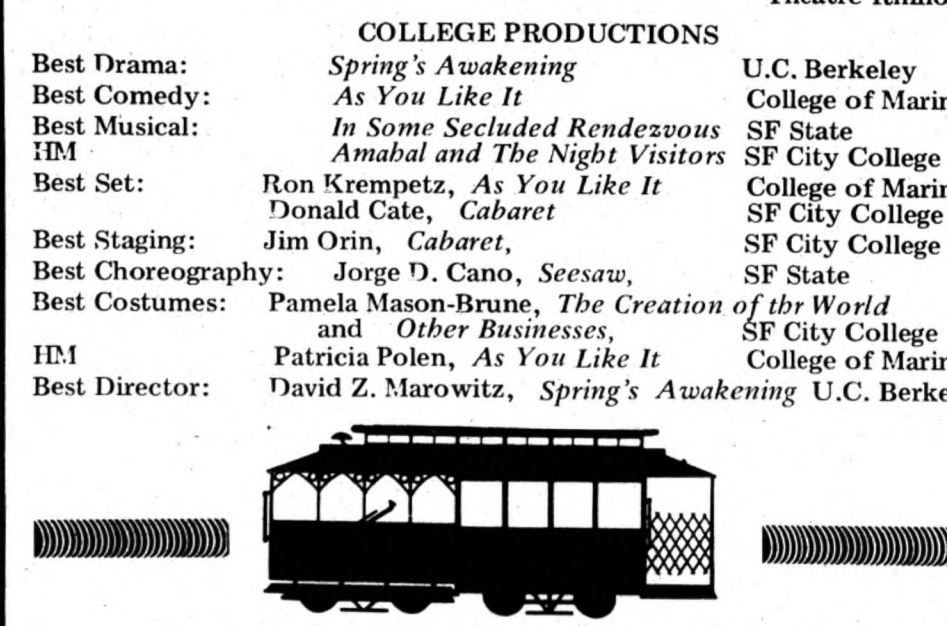
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| Best One Person Show: | Joy Carlin, <i>Belle of Amberst</i> | Berkeley Rep |
| HM | John Malloy, <i>Malloy</i> | Intersection |
| Best Director: | Joe Layton, <i>Barnum</i> | Golden Gate |
| Best Set: | Peter Wolf, <i>Peter Pan</i> | Golden Gate |
| Best Lighting: | Thomas Skelton, <i>Peter Pan</i> | Golden Gate |
| Best Costumes: | Martha Burke, <i>The Admirable Crichton</i> | ACT |
| Most Underrated Show: | <i>The Finest Hour</i> | Alcazar |
| Most Overrated Show: | <i>Children of Lesser God</i> | The Geary |
| Biggest Disappointment: | <i>Richard II</i> | ACT |

| NON-EQUITY PRODUCTIONS | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|------------------------|
| Best Drama: | <i>JoAnne</i> | The Julian |
| HM | <i>Mary Stuart</i> | SF Rep |
| Best Comedy: | <i>American Coffee</i> | Theatre Rhino. |
| Best Musical: | <i>Berlin '32</i> | Fanny's |
| HM | <i>Very Good Eddie</i> | Alameda Little Theatre |
| Best Actor, Lead: | Jim Piddock, <i>The Boy's Own Story</i> | The Julian |
| HM | Dennis Dun, <i>F.O.B.</i> | Asian-American |
| Best Actress, Lead: | Linda Hoy, <i>Mary Barnes</i> | Eureka |
| (four way tie) | Adilah Azikive, <i>JoAnne</i> | Julian |
| | Mary Jo Pearson, <i>Mary Stuart</i> | SF Rep |
| | Mary Wadkins, <i>13 rue de l'Amour</i> | SF Rep |
| Best Actor, Support: | Bob Struckman, <i>Mary Stuart</i> | SF Rep |
| HM - tie | J.P. Phillips, <i>Home Free</i> | Buriel Clay M.T. |
| | Gordon Pinkney, <i>Nevis Mountain Dew</i> | SEW Prod. |
| Best Actress, Support: | Kenna Hunt, <i>Home</i> | SF Rep |
| | Betsy Scott, <i>Rites of Passage</i> | SEW Productions |
| Most Memorable Physical Performance: | Stephen LeGrand, <i>The Unseen Hand</i> | Eureka |
| Most Thought Provoking Show: | <i>Are You Now Or Have You Ever Been</i> | Illustrated Stage Co. |
| | | SF Rep |
| Most Underrated Show: | <i>Mary Stuart</i> | Magic Theatre |
| HM (tie) | <i>The Feeding</i> | The Julian |
| | <i>Justice</i> | Magic Theatre |
| Most Overrated Show: | <i>Memory Hotel</i> | Boarding House |
| Biggest Disappointment: | <i>Bloodlips</i> | The Eureka |
| Most Interesting Use of Space: | <i>Fefu and Her Friends</i> | The Eureka |
| Best Song: | "Robin and Richard" <i>Street Dreams</i> | Old Spaghetti Factory |
| Best Solo Dance: | Raymond Pickens | Generations |
| Best Set: | Joe Eis and Lisa Shaftel, <i>The Unseen Hand</i> | Eureka |
| HM | Michael Cook, <i>Life With Father</i> | Attic Theatre |
| Best Costumes: | Linda Hausworth, <i>Fefu and Her Friends</i> | The Eureka |
| HM | Pamela Mason-Brune, <i>Mary Stuart</i> | SF Rep |
| Best Director: | Michelle Trauffault, <i>Mary Stuart</i> | SF Rep |
| HM | Alma Becker, <i>Fefu and Her Friends</i> | The Eureka |
| Funniest Single Scene: | "The Back Room" in <i>International Stud</i> | Theatre Rhino. |

| COLLEGE PRODUCTIONS | | |
|---------------------|---|------------------|
| Best Drama: | <i>Spring's Awakening</i> | U.C. Berkeley |
| Best Comedy: | <i>As You Like It</i> | College of Marin |
| Best Musical: | <i>In Some Secluded Rendezvous</i> | SF State |
| HM | <i>Amabal and The Night Visitors</i> | SF City College |
| Best Set: | Ron Krempetz, <i>As You Like It</i> | College of Marin |
| | Donald Cate, <i>Cabaret</i> | SF City College |
| Best Staging: | Jim Orin, <i>Cabaret</i> | SF City College |
| Best Choreography: | Jorge D. Cano, <i>Seesaw</i> | SF State |
| Best Costumes: | Pamela Mason-Brune, <i>The Creation of the World and Other Businesses</i> | SF City College |
| HM | Patricia Polen, <i>As You Like It</i> | College of Marin |
| Best Director: | David Z. Marowitz, <i>Spring's Awakening</i> | U.C. Berkeley |



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GayFocus Theatre

Carl's Follow Spot

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GAYFOCUS REVIEWS:

Of the many problems besetting "the fabulous invalid" (live theatre) not the least is that all too often there is a lack of understanding, if not of purposeful intent, between theatre critics and the ticket buying audience. The vast majority of those who shell out dollars to see a show want one thing more than anything else: TO BE ENTERTAINED! Conversely most critics tend to look for more in a production than mere entertainment. They want more substance, believability, historical accuracy, and a host of others that the average theatre goer doesn't care about as long as they are enjoying themselves, i.e., is entertained.

All of this is particularly relevant at the present time, pointed up by *BARNUM* now at the Golden Gate Theatre (call 775-8800 for info), one of the most spectacular and enjoyable shows to play San Francisco in years. The fact that it is based on the character of "America's Greatest Showman" rather than being an historically accurate biography of his life, should be of interest to only the most pedantic of viewers, something less than one-fifth of one-percent, I would imagine. The fact that Jim Dale gives a non-stop eye-popping performance of such virtuosity as to be almost unbelievable, magnificently creating a character you might fear to do business with but whom you can't help liking and even admiring. P.T. Barnum was the epitome of humbug and *BARNUM* shows this with hilarious accuracy.

Yet, despite Dale's superlative performance, this is no show built around one star's talents. Glenn Close as his wife Charity, not only creates a finely drawn character, but serves as perfect counterpoint to the bouncy, bombastic Barnum. Catherine Gaines is utterly believable as the Swedish Nightingale, Jenny Lind; Terri White is hilarious as a faked nurse of George Washington, and Ray Roderick is utterly charming as General Tom Thumb.....and what a wonderful bit of tongue-in-cheek humbug that casting is. (Rather than use a true midget, they have cast a somewhat short man, than "humbugged" the audience into thinking him tiny by the use of oversized furniture and people on stilts.....and like most of Barnum's humbugs, it works!)

Brilliantly directed by Joe Layton, the Coleman/Stuart songs are always interesting, with one, "The Colors of My Life" a standout.....and what a nice bit of direction there is here: Dale sings it to his wife, about his preference for gaudy colors, all the while bouncing and moving around so as to almost upstage his own song. As he sang, I wondered, why the director hadn't toned down his movements. Then.....his wife sings it back to him, almost motionless as she states her preference for quiet grays, and the contrast doubles the song's impact. (And a special cheer here for a star who is willing to weaken his own part of the best song in a show to strengthen the overall number.)

Barkers and magicians in the lobby, entertainers in the aisles before curtain keeping the audience in stitches, a show of non-stop entertainment and delightful fun, *BARNUM* is a pure joy. Don't miss it!

★★★★

Fourth offering in the Berkeley Stage's Festival of Famous People (Mark Twain, Queen Elizabeth I, Father Damien, preceding with Sylvia Plath following) is *ROBESON* (call 548-4728 for info). Bennet Guillory is excellent in this basically one-man show about the great black singer, actor and advocate of peace who went from the heights of international acclaim to near ostracism in this country because he advocated that all men, even Russians, should live in brotherly love and, finally, just before his death, to being once again revered.

However, despite this being based on one of the most intensely dramatic lives of this Century, the script too often seems dull and somewhat repetitive, especially in the second act. Yet much is interesting and Guillory's performance is outstanding.

★★★★

This "Idiot" is entertaining!

"Only in San Francisco?!!!" How often we hear this expression from visitors and the newly arrived as they gasp with shock or pleasant surprise at something.

And one of our "somethings" is our many services called a variety of names, but all have people dressed (and not so dressed!) bringing that very personal touch to birthdays, promotions, farewells, etc., as well as just parties and other such gatherings, and some do a dance, some sing, some do a strip. But here we are telling you about an "idiot!" Yes, a real live blooming idiot.

This service called the Bloomin' Idiot has their messengers of joy dressed as flowers, and they bear flowers and or candy as well. But the Bloomin' Idiot goes even further. The service is gay owned and ran. Employs both gay and straight men and women. You get your choice when you place your order for an event. And to top this off, they write a song fitting the occasion using the name of the individual(s) you wish to be "surprised" with a "Bloomin' Idiot."

And the price of the rental of an idiot is reasonable also, far more so than most. But the fact that this one is gay owned and operated is important to you our readers, for you know that you are not going to get or send, a singing bouquet of human flowers to a function and if it be a lesbian or gay one, the person doing the job, won't freak out, as some of the so-called strip-a-gram het messengers have done at a gay function. Give your local Bloomin' Idiot a call. The one above's name is "Houston."



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SHOWTIME SAN FRANCISCO

"Piano Bar" by C. Bernard Jackson, opened at the Inner City Cultural Center (Buriel Clay) 762 Fulton Street, and continues on thru the 31st of this month. Starring Carmelita Herron, Elizabeth Talavera, Dene Semmons, Thomas Brisco, Lillie Reed, and a special appearance by noted pianist Muziki. This is one of those "don't miss" productions. We will try and have a review in the next issue, Jan 28.

Theatre Rhinoceros has opened a new play at their new home on 16th Street. Expect a review in the next issue of GayFocus by Mr. Carl Driver.

"Balm in Gilead" by famed playwright, Lanford Wilson, is at the Gumpston Theatre, 1563 Page Street, through February 7th. This is a Red Flag Theater Production. Scott Bulkley, Anna Friedman, head up the cast of players. Supposedly "revolutionary theater" this production by Wilson can't be considered revolutionary in any sense.

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'We are the eyes and ears of the police' Guardian Angels



"We are the eyes and ears of the police," Guardian Angel leader Curtis Sliwa told the *Miami Herald* last March.

"We work with the police. We go where the police aren't," Richard Dominique, leaders of the Los Angeles chapter told the *Los Angeles Times*.

With the above two quotes, you surely know what the Guardian Angels are supposed to be all about. Formed in 1979 in New York City, by Curtis Sliwa, a 25 year old white male, who is by no means your average poor youth attempting to fight his way out of a run-down neighborhood. Quite to the contrary, he comes from a middle-class family, and has a history of collaboration with, and connections to the New York City political establishment.

Sliwa has received dozens of awards, from the likes of President Richard Nixon, to New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller. He is employed by the hamburger chain, McDonalds, to make training films for them.

His group, the Guardian Angels call themselves a "citizens militia," their composition is a majority of Black and Latinos, and they say they are on a "war against crime." The top leadership of the Guardian Angels is white for the most part tho. Which has led to great suspicion that Third World peoples are being "used" by the Guardian Angels who real purpose many feel, has to unfold.

The Guardian Angels represent a particular scheme to confuse the real issues in the class struggle, at least this is what Nelson Gonzalez of the *Militant* newspaper feels.

Gonzalez says that the Angels are leading young people in the direction of "law and order," anticrime axis that pits Black and Latino youth against working people. They are an incipient right-wing, vigilante formation under the control of police agencies of whatever city they operate in. Despite their composition, the objectively reinforce racist attacks against Black and Latino youths.

Sliwa told the *Village Voice* that it was necessary to have a racial mixture in the Guardian Angels, that you can't have white vigilantes beating up on Blacks. The patrols should also be large so as to be intimidating, Sliwa said.

What kind of crime for Sliwa and his Angeles? What do they see themselves as doing? Well, according to Sliwa, he and his Guardian Angels "apprehend graffiti writers" and throw them off trains and buses, and if they offer physical resistance, they are "physically subdued and turned over to the cops. Similarly, they throw sleeping burns off trains, buses, and stop turnstile jumpers."

To date, not a single Black, Puerto Rican, Gay, or Chicano community organization has endorsed the Guardian Angels. As a matter of fact, when they sent eleven of their best Angels to "train" Black youth in Atlanta to fight crime, they were met by residents from a housing project they visited and told they weren't welcome. No wonder, considering that all but four of the eleven Angels who went to Atlanta were either security guards or national guardsmen.

Rather than being an example of an independent labor or community controlled self-defense organization, the Guardian Angels is a police controlled adjunct at the service of the real criminal class---the big bankers and corporate heads and the realtors and their political agents in the Democrat and Republican parties.

Young Blacks and Latinos must be won away from this perspective and to the perspective of becoming active in the fight for jobs, against the draft, and in solidarity actions with their young sisters and brothers in Central America and elsewhere. This is the only way to fight the real criminals and the real crimes. The Guardian Angels present an obstacle to this perspective, instead they offer youth the alternative of collaborating with cops...the very same force that protects the criminal corporate heads and the real estate pigs, and enables them to perpetuate the miserable conditions under which oppressed nationalities and workers in general live.

Now, the next logical step for the Angels is to graduate from an unarmed police adjunct to the real thing---a cop with a loaded gun, licensed to kill. Instead, young Blacks and Latinos must be won over to fighting racism, sexism, and the viciousness of big business.

Here in San Francisco, the reception of the Guardian Angels has been dull to say the least, but they are here, and they are the enemy of poor people, of the working people, and of Gays in particular. They should be exposed at every given opportunity for the police spies they really are.

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GayFocus on The Mockingbird



At your left here is the fabulous Dick Kaye in a happier day playing the piano while the Flying Nun sang along! All are wishing Dick Kaye a very speedy recovery!!!

RUMOR hazzit that one of the newest of the liquor salespeople is telling tales...tales which have physically hurt some people. We do suggest that this mixed up creep cool it. He has little or no ethics.

HOT TRASH at the Nob Hill Sexual Cinema has alot of hot young men...ohhh so sexual....ohhh so erotic....ohhhhh so so so....! See the film!!!!!!

EVERYONE WHO IS ANYONE was at the Watering Hole last night for the fundraiser for Mr. Randy Johnson. It was fun, and Brian (Byron) did an excellent job. Was that Mr. David Monroe, the Silver Fox we saw in the company of who? How very spiritual!!!!!!

BEST WISHES TO BRETT on his cafe at the Red Eye Saloon. Brett is trying hard, so why don't you pop in and taste his vittles! It'll do ya good!!

MICHAEL POLANSKI who? Did what for 4 people? What ... is....a Michael Polanski anyway!!!!!!

GARY SABASTIAN....we vant your bod-dee! Well, a part of it! STAR - TV has not only fine Hollywood films, but porno too! Understand that Larry Rogers enjoys the films.... wish he would introduce me to Jim and or Randy so we could do something pornographic!

OFFICER PIGSTONE returns! Retired cop Elliott Blackstone is returning to the Bay Area to live and live it up politically too! Elliott was the SFPD liaison to the gay community for years, having appointed by the then Chief, Tom Cahill back in 1966. Elliott cleared the way for alot of us so that we have a much gayer city than we ever would have if he had not been a buffer for us back in the rough days. We will be hearing from him and about him often

Are you ready for the sign at the right here? It is from the "other" restroom at the S.F. Eagle. Cute!

HATS OFF to the Ambush for being so very generous to the Christmas package program of U.S. Missions. I really could not believe it. A bar that pushes anti-gay Coors beer (Jerry Falwell's favorite!!) would do something generous for a gay organization. Well, hats or bonnets off to the Ambush....but it is still on the "don't go in" list!

FAREWELL SENOR! Frankie Gomez leaves is a week or so for San Juan. He'll be gone a whole month. LeSalon won't be the same without him.

Neither will THOR! Thor who? Well, he's a big blonde dude who is kinda handsome too!

IF YOU hear a loud roar and yells around the Turk and Taylor area come Saturday, pay no never mind! It's just Mr. Bob Blake the owner of the Please Palace cleaning house! Really Bob, isn't this a bit early for "spring" cleaning?

"Hot, Hung & CHOICE" is the title of the skin mag that you can see some pics of the blonde stud Thor in. It's on sale at LeSalon, and Buster is on the cover. Hot man too!

KIMO was in a wild mood the other evening (Wednesday) and zoweee, was he in an S&M mood! Dear old Kimo, such a sweet man! Kimo is looking so young these days!!!! Must be the company he keeps!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

KIMO was the Auction for Randy Johnson at the Watering Hole. Like I said, everyone who is anyone was at that auction!!!!!!

REMEMBER when Paul Bentley fired Kimo? Then Kimo opened his own bar, and now, Bentley is selling his bar!!!



Sunday Brunch at the busy Castle Grand Brasserie takes alot of people to make it the tremendous success that it is. Pictured above, from the left, is one of S.F.'s premiere chefs, Mr. Doug Shook, preparing one of his many tasty dishes, and probably wishing we would get the hell out of the kitchen so he could get on with it. Next is the bartender, the camera shy, Don Johnson....a good man indeed! Then one of the waiters, this one's name is Richard. Shy, tall and young, but he knows how to wait tables and give the customers a good day. Sundays, The Sunday Brunch in town is the excellent, Castle Grand Brasserie, 12th & Folsom.



ANOTHER RENDEVOUZ with destiny....Tall Billy Murray and Mel Wald....on Castro this time.... little does Wald know what Murry intends to do to him once he gets his hands on him! Wild Bill sez Wald won't enjoy it much!!!! Strange, the room mate of Bobby Bell sez the same thing!!!!!!

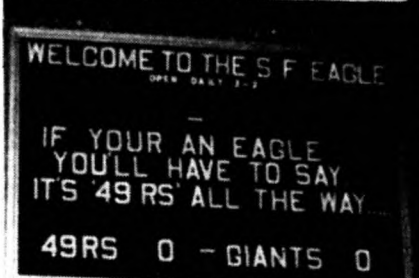
"MY NAME IS DUKE, AND I'M STRAIGHT, excuse me, make that celibate. I'm going to study for the priesthood and become a wealthy priest," so says Billy Murray!!!!

JOHN BERLINER of the Gay Areas Directory is going "butch"! He's growing a mustache so Jeanne Cordova won't recognize him the next time he's in L.A. with GADS!

Well, tonight's the night the candidates for Empress are reviewed, and we wish all of them the very best. All of the candidates are expected to be accepted by the Review Board (heaven knows they need candidates) and there is a good feeling amongst the candidates, so we all hope that it will be a positive race.

And we here hope that someday the empress title will get away from the dreaded Tavern Guild which doesn't seem to appreciate it much, and operate as an independent body. Same as we truly hope that the Emperor title will break loose of Bob Ross so that positive people who can do something with the title will be able to do so. Til the 28th, you all be careful on the streets,....! See ya!

Connie



Musty old Fran Benoit is shown being embraced by Master Houston in the huge patio of the S.F. Eagle, last Sunday after Brunch at the Brasserie.

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Helping Hand Awards Nominees

The Ninth Annual Helping Hands Awards nominees were named today in San Francisco. The Awards are given traditionally to those persons who help others with no thought of recognition or compensation. The date of the Awards Presentation will be named in the next issue of GayFocus.

Nominated for the 1981 Awards were the following persons (partial list):

- Bill "Ginger" Harrison - David Monroe - the S.F. Eagle - Tyrone "Mai Ty" Turner - Patrick "Daisy" Gardner - Lady Dee Dee Love - Hank Cheeke - Ed Dollak - Emerald - Tom Lovett Souza - Rick Hansen - Rev. Donald Dill - Lou Greene - Cornell "Connie" Garron - Marvin "Mr. Dolli" Nolan - David Stoll - Bobby Newman - Ron Ross - Bobby Pace - Gil Pina - Gerry Parker, II, and others still to come in. Deadline for nominations is January 25th. Anyone can make nominations, just write it on a card or letter and send to: Helping Hands Awards, c/o P.O. Box 1528, San Francisco, CA 94101.

Past winners have been:

- 1980: Bobby Allison - Richard "Cristal" Nelson - Perry "Tenderloin Tessie" Spink - Robert Charrot - Kimo Cochran - Beau Dodson - Tammy Lynn Keith Parker - Big Joe Parker - Bill White

1979 and 1978 Awards not given.

1977: Joe Roland - Harry Gardner - Elmer Wilhelm - Leon "Rose I" Hampton Paul Bentley - Jean Mellor - Don Jacobs - Harley Kohler - Mike "Jane Doe" Sullivan - Donald J. Weekes-Pierce

1976: Melvina - Randy Johnson - Arthur "Mr. B" Crosse - Bruce Jeffries Owen Grady - Elisa Rleigh - Kimo Cochran - Roy Harnetiaux Wayne Friday - Fruit Punch Radio

1975: Lee Raymond - Jack "Irene" McGowan - Doris (Ray) - Bruce Green Tommy "Shirley" Brown - Bob Trollope - Gene Blackburn - Margaret Clark - Hank Welsh - Bob Ross

1974: Naomi Murdach - Bill McWilliams - Hal Call - Al Alvarez - Dick Baltz - B.J. Beckwith - James Boyd-Robertson - Richard Wayland - Jay Mayhall David Stahlman

1973: Lenny Mollet - Charlie Davis - Donna Mae Johns - Dennis Kruszynski Don "Foxhole Tillie" Black - Elza Ostrom - Terry Taylor - Rev. Paul peachy.



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1.5 MILLION WILL BE WITHOUT HEAT..... REPORTS SAY THAT THIS WILL BE A LONG COLD WINTER FOR THE POOR!

According to a study released yesterday, more than 1.5 million U.S. households will be without heat or lights this coming winter.

The recession, federal budget cuts and the rising cost of fuel will undoubtedly result in an increase

of the number of homes without heat....seniors (the elderly) citizens will be hit hardest by the lack of fuel and lights. The result will be death from hypothermia—below normal deep body temperatures.

The estimate is based on a study of 150 public utility companies in 22 states, and does not include households which use oil supplied by private fuel companies. Over 50% of the home in New England are heated with oil, and private companies are not prohibited from cutting off customers, as the public utilities are in some many states. So the number of households that will be without heat this winter will be even higher than these estimates.

Earlier this year, a coalition surveyed gay companies and determined that gas heating costs would rise by at least 25%. About 65% of all U.S. households are heated by gas. As the high cost of heating has increased, the recession has deepened and the Reagan administration has reduced the amount of money available for energy assistance to low-income families from \$1.85 billion in 1981 to \$1.75 billion in 1982.

According to the National Center for Health Statistics, about 700 persons died from hypothermia and excessive cold in 1978, the most recent year for which statistics are available. Agencies generally agree, however, that the number of persons who die from hypothermia is far greater because hypothermia victims often appear to have had heart attacks, or the hypothermia sets off a chain reaction that results in death from other causes.

Dr. Richard Besdine, a consultant to the National Institute on Aging, says the number of persons who die from hypothermia and related conditions in the U.S. every winter range from "several to tens of thousands."

The utility companies and the lying-Reagan administration ("remember the so-called Libyan hit men bullshit? more Reagan lies!") are sadly mistaken if they think that they can freeze people into accepting unaffordable costs for heat and light with death from extreme cold the only alternative. People all over the U.S. are organizing against heat and light cut offs, and it is this growing movement that will turn the tide against the oil and electricity barons and their Republican-pigs and the Democrat-yesmen, and literally saves the lives of thousands of poor, elderly, and working people across the country. Reagan is a living lie, his programs show that!

"Roadrunner!"



...Tom Lovett Souza

GayFocus OPINION

We have had many people ask us what our position on Poland and Solidarity was during the past several days. And we have had difficulty answering that question as we have been avoiding a position, due to the fact that the U.S. radical right-wing is "cheering" for Solidarity, for reasons that are not in accord with ours, as the Right would like to see and end to a Worker's State, i.e. Marxism. That, we would not like to see.

We sought advice from people with whom we had rapport with who are members of the People's Anti-War Mobilization (PAM) but, theirs was the same as it was when Russia's military sent tanks in to suppress the workers in Hungary in 1956.

So, after long thought, and much reading on the matter, and consultation with others whom we have long felt close to, we have arrived at the following, and we would urge the Lesbian/Gay communities of San Francisco to heed what we say, and not let themselves be led by the Reaganites into their anti-workers state camp.

Solidarity of Poland has long given us hope that the continuing revolution which Leon Trotsky wrote of and which we believe in, was continuing on in Poland. But alas, the workers democracy in Poland was doomed from the start by the strength of the privileged minority whom rule Poland. The workers and farmers of Poland are fighting on, for the right to control the society in which they live, and despite the mass arrests, the murders of workers, the spirit of the revolution of the workers continues to grow, and it will only be a matter of time before Stalinist bureaucracy falls. Poland is unlike Hungary in 1956 as Hungary was not strong enough to defend a workers state from the military bureaucracy of the Soviet, and the outcome was inevitable.

In Poland tho, the tanks and troops of the Kremlin were not necessary to repress the workers and farmers, for the Polish bureaucracy was strong enough to do its own dirty work, but this bureaucracy remains in power solely because of the backing received from the Stalinist rulers in the Soviet. Poland is ruled by a privileged bureaucracy, but it is not a capitalist nation. The factories, railways, hospitals, large manufacturing plants, the mines, are all owned by the people, not money grubbing corporations. The capitalist class has been expropriated by the workers, therefore, the task of revolution in Poland is NOT to overturn the economic foundations of society, but, rather the workers struggle in Poland is aimed at winning democratic control over economic, social, and political life. It is aimed at eliminating the pervasive privileges and inequality that undermine efficiency and productivity of society as a whole and erode the very foundation of the Polish workers state.

The goal of the struggle of the workers has been for a total change in the way the country is ran from top to bottom. To achieve this, most revolutionary transformation, the Polish working people have resorted to the same proletarian methods of struggle utilized by the working class in the capitalist world. This includes strikes, union organizing, street demonstrations, and other forms of mass actions.

Seeing these repeated and massive working-class mobilizations has inspired workers in the capitalist countries to feel solidarity with the struggles of Polish Solidarity. This consciousness has been deepened by the growing realization that, at bottom, the very same international capitalist crisis that has led to increased attacks on the working class in the U.S. and throughout the world is at the root of the economic crisis in Poland. Even tho Poland is a workers state and not a capitalist nation, it is deeply affected by the capitalist world economy. The Polish people have been squeezed dry by the massive debt Poland owes to capitalist banks in the U.S. and Europe. This exploitation has been coupled with the decline in the export market due to the economic downturn in the capitalist countries. This, in a very real way, the Polish revolution has been part of the struggle that has included such diverse forces as the Iranian masses, the rebel forces in El Salvador and Guatemala, and the workers of capitalist Europe and the U.S.

U.S. bankers view with horror the prospect of a victory for the political revolution in Poland. Despite their hypocritical statements of support for union rights in Poland, they understand that a victory for the Polish working people would open the possibility of bringing to power a revolutionary government, like the one in Cuba. Thus as the *Wall Street Journal* noted Dec. 21, "many U.S. bankers see Society-style authoritarianism as their best hope for recovering the \$1.3 billion that Poland owes them. Most bankers think authoritarian governments are good because they impose discipline, said an executive at a bank with millions of dollars in Polish loans."

These views, however, have not prevented the Reagan administration and its imperialist allies from having an international field day of anti-Soviet and anticommunist propaganda. At the heart of this campaign has been the lie that the Polish working people have been demanding a return to capitalism.

But the fact is that the Polish workers have been fighting against social inequality and privilege. They have been demanding the right to control conditions of work, and to choose their own managers. They have been battling for a shorter workweek and higher pay. They have insisted on the right to know the truth about what their government is doing in their name, and for an end to censorship. But, as workers in the U.S. know very well, granting such workers rights and benefits is not on the capitalists' agenda. What the capitalist rulers have in store is just the opposite. This is why real solidarity with Polish Solidarity begins with telling the truth about what the Polish workers and farmers have been fighting for. rev. ray brosbears



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