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GAY FREEDOM DAY PARADE

San Francisco will once again have a GAY PARADE. And it will be held on the last Sunday in June, the fourth anniversary of the Stonewall incident in New York City on Christopher Street.

The GAY PARADE this year to have it's own identity, using the name, GAY FREEDOM DAY PARADE, instead of the name used last year, which really belongs in New York. The GAY FREEDOM DAY PARADE promises to top last year in numbers as far as participants as well as spectators, for San Francisco proved that it could do it last year and it did, bigger than any city in the world. This year, as last, the parade committee is an open committee with all people invited to participate in the planning and work of building such an effort as a parade. This year as last, few Gay organizations participated in the first meeting and with no representatives from the "big three," despite a front page article in the KALENDAR and flyers distributed to announce the meeting. But, since the meeting, the response has been overwhelming, and it as last year, will grow larger with each ensuing committee meeting.

Elected to offices on the executive parade committee board, were such famous San Franciscans as William Edward Beardemphl, founding president of the SOCIETY FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS, and now moderator of the GAY VOTERS LEAGUE. In addition to Bill, is H.L. Perry, chairperson of the Gay Parade last year, and this year elected to

the post of Parade Marshall. Michael Bumblebee of JOIN HANDS was elected to the board, as was Reverend Ray Broshears.

For information concerning the makeup of the GAY FREEDOM DAY PARADE COMMITTEE and time for meetings, call 771-3366, which is the number for the HELPING HANDS CENTER which is the site for parade meetings, and parade committee co-ordinator.

In addition to the parade, this year there will be a Gayfair and rally after the Parade which will terminate in Lafayette Park, which is at Gough and Sacramento streets. The committee voted to hold a dance prior to the Parade on Saturday night, with the proceeds to go to the various Gay social service agencies.

Emphasis this year will be placed on contingent participation, with groups from various cities and groups urged to

march under those banners, and signs and banners are encouraged as well. Participation by Gays not affiliated with any Gay group will be given highest priority,

Jim Fouratt of JOIN HANDS is spearheading a drive to urge participation in the Gayfair and program. Attorney B.J. Beckwith has volunteered to give legal assistance should any "snags" develop. BAY AREA REPORTER co-editor, Bob Ross is most enthusiastic about the entire event. Groups are encouraged to create marching bands and units, such as drums and tambourines, and what have you.

This year's parade promises to be far more colorful than last year's judging by the very early responses. As last year, the parade has a non-judgemental policy, and non-discriminatory policy. This means that if you object to drag-queens, that's just tuff. Or if you object to anyone or group participating, then that's just tuff

too. For it is the peoples parade, and the people run it, and the people shall do nothing to hurt the struggle for Gay Rights, or to embarrass the Gay Rights struggle. Everybody has their own set of morals, some are super puritanical and some very loose. But working together, collectively, all struggles will be decided in the spirit of Gayness of our sisterhood and brotherhood as Gaypeople. All people have the same rights, the radical left, as well as the radical right, the conservative queens, and the leather trippers. Only one restriction was placed, and that is no partisan political trip may be pushed as this is an election year and candidates for public office may not participate as such, but may participate as Gay sisters and brothers.

WE'VE COME A LONG WAY BABY, AND WE'VE GOT AN EVEN LONGER WAY TO GO. Responsibility for your freedom as Gaypeople rests with you. Many of the younger Gays have it so much better than did older Gays when they were young. And things have not come to the state they are today, by setting around looking down your nose at Gaypeople who are out doing things.

Let's all get out and march on Sunday, June 24th, right here in the Gay "MECCA" of the world, San Francisco.

The parade will be as good or as poor as you make it, it's your parade, participate and help make it the greatest event in the history of this nation. Let's send a message to Washington, by turning out in the largest numbers this or any other city has ever seen.

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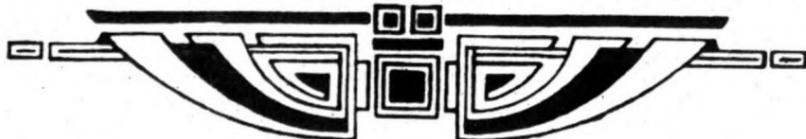
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Two more years of exploring the denizens of the lesbian secret society — organizations, publications.

Still the secrecy — wondering if women with dyke-haircuts and single really were members.

Seeing secret members in rumors of film stars, women army generals, famous women writers, photographers, artists, singers. Heroines of the secret society.

Well, I've been the rounds now of secret lesbians across the country, have met some of the heroines, plugged into some of the pride in our people and learned that the organization is still a secret one.

Women who will live, if they survive, lives that will be less than what they could have been if they'd made contact.

Gay sisters — can you live with the thought of other young women having to grow up in the same lonely misery you went through? Will you be responsible for their suicides, their destruction, their losses?

Would you have others go through what you went through because of your silence?

Come out! I urge you to come out. I urge you on behalf of tens of thousands of young women, old women, married women, single women who today are dying because they can't make contact with the secret lesbians around them, who'll go through life with the faith that somewhere the secret organization exists — just as it does in the dirty books.

Peace & love,
Sasha Gregory

But damn the secrecy. Damn for nearly a decade spent in loneliness, booze and suicide attempts. Damn the secrecy for continued deaths of sisters who haven't been able to make contact with the clandestine group even today — the days of gay-lib.

Damn the secret-ones for each suicide, each shattered mind, each destroyed human wreck who'll never make contact. Damn each and every lesbian who doesn't stand up and be counted.

In every town across the world, in every sub-culture, work-environment, school environment, camp environment, church environment.

Growing up in a small country town with a small country high-school (in the old days before gay-lib) being a lesbian was like being in a select secret organization where no one knew any of the other members.

Code words were Gay or queer. Using these code-words I learned a lot about the secret organization through pronographic books and scientific studies of the inferiority of queer.

High school years were spent wondering if there were any other members in the school. Teachers maybe — gym teachers with short hair? camp counselors? Everyone single was a suspected member of the clandestine lesbian organization.

But they were all well-trained and none would reveal themselves to me, even after several irregular and blatant confessions of my feelings.

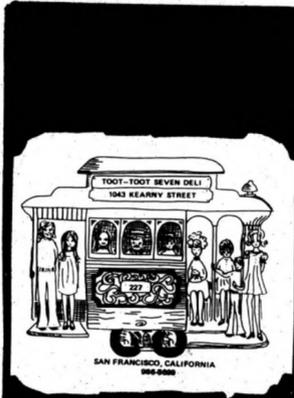
Still I could make no contact with other members.

This was a decade ago. In college I still tried for contact — again, single women with dyke-cut hair. No success. A few trips to the shrink, too much booze, loneliness, sex with women who were really straight and still no connection.

Trips to San Francisco looking for those pornography-displayed places — Gay bars. No contact. Whispers among street people about them (this was only four years ago), but no addresses, no contacts.

Still the only known member of the secret society.

Then one day, discovery. The places — the bars. They were ladies aide club, social club, literary world, dog-grooming world, bar world, political world, research world, counseling world, there are women who need to be put in contact with the secret lesbian underground.



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GAY FOUNDATION DENOUNCED AS "CORRUPT" "VICIOUS"

Early in February, the California Committee for Sexual Law Reform (CCSLR) met in Los Angeles for their second annual statewide conference. Gay radicals protested the "machevillian-type" politics of some of the "leaders" of the CCSLR body. Also, they protested the \$12.50 per person dinner being held by these same "leaders." Unlike a year ago when the conference was held in San Francisco, no militance shown outside the location by picketing, this time it was done very firmly inside the meeting by the delegates, most of whom were in San Francisco, and had crossed the picket line of the GAY ALLIANCE, GAY SINSHINE and EMMAUS HOUSE. One of those crossing the line a year ago was Morris Kight, longtime activist in Gay struggles.

Kight, oft times called the "lavender pope" by intimates, led the verbal attack, when he charged corruption in the Whitman-Radclyffe Foundation. "We have found out that the Whitman-Radclyffe Foundation is a basically corrupt foundation" whose activities have been directed by "a small cabal of elitists... There has been vicious hypocrisy and double-dealing and behind-the-scenes dealing." Target of the charges by Kight, was the director of the SF Gay Foundation, and political chairperson of the SOCIETY FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS, Jim Foster. Foster ignored the charges, and his associate, David B. Goodstein said that the Foundation would continue on as it has been with Jim Foster as its director. Foster is reported to be receiving a salary of \$500 to \$700 per month, as the director. Support for Foster came from a "former" Gay radical, Reverend Mikail Itkin, who was joined in this by Mary Butel of H.E.L.P., Inc., a SIR-like group in Los Angeles. But, the Gay women at the conference came to Kight's assistance with charges of equal measure, and this put the entire conference into turmoil. SIR president Frank Fitch, tried to lead a walkout in protest of the radicals' charges, but that too failed.

Lesbian feminist, Jeanne Cordova, supported by steering committee secretary Barbara McLean, said she had been elected president of the Whitman-Radclyffe Foundation at a steering committee meeting shortly after the foundation was formed last year. But,

she added, and launched into an expose of Foster and Goodstein, in saying, that she and other officers named at that meeting, were "NEVER HANDED CONTROL OF THE FOUNDATION," or, "NEVER CONSULTED ON ITS SUBSEQUENT MATTERS."

Ms. Cordova launched her attack and expose of the operation of the Whitman-Radclyffe group, by introducing a motion that would have prevented any member of the CCSLR from being a paid employee of the Foundation. This of course would have meant that Foster would have had to resign from either the Foundation and with it that huge salary, or from CCSLR. Prior to the meeting, the CCSLR was becoming a major power in lobbying circles, but now with the actions at the conference, it appears that the California Committee on Sex Law Reform is going the way of NACHO (North American Conference of Homophile Organizations), which is defunct.

Prior to the Conference, elections had been held for delegates to the Conference, and were held at SIR, which "automatically excluded" Gay radicals from participation.

Gay radicals from San Francisco have tried to educate Los Angeleno Gays to the facts about the imperialistic trip of elitists such as Foster and his associates for the better part of two years. It is evident that Ms. Cordova and Gaybrother Kight came to this awareness.

Mr. Butel's attack on Kight insulted the Gaywomen as having no mind of their own, as Butel in defense of Foster, said, "he had no doubt that Morris has charmed the women into following his lead." "This is a typical fascist reaction, and is a slap in the face of some very hard working Gaysisters in the Southland," was the charge from Ms. Candy Coleman.

As the conference began to crumble, Kight and others tried to hold it together, but the SF based Gay elitists were not to be reasoned with. Earlier, Kight made a plea to accept a transsexual from Riverside on the CCSLR as a delegate, but this was defeated by the Foster faction. Conservative Los Angeles Gaydelegates joined in with the conservative Gays from San Francisco (Foster, Goodstein and Fitch), and this completely wrecked the conference.

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At first glance, androgyny, the concept of blending male and female attributes into the same person, seems like an ideal model for Gay liberation.

That it's a straight man's trip, and therefore oppressive to women and Gay people, is not that clear. It's true nature needs to be clarified in order that the subtle tyranny of androgyny does not infect and become a stumbling block to emerging Gay consciousness.

It is closely related to the equally-subtle oppression reflected in the concept of drag (dressing according to a societal concept of sex roles - whether it's a male dressing as a socially-defined female or a male dressed as a socially defined male) as a revolutionary force.

Androgyny grows out of a Greek mythology the very purpose of which was to consolidate the overthrow of a matriarchal (female-oriented) culture with a patriarchal (male-oriented) culture.

In the Greek culture that prevailed, great instances of homosexual behavior (male worship, primarily, and only incidentally, sexual activity within a straight-defined context) was paralleled by the low status of women.

The androgynous figure in this culture was seen as the sacred male - the male who embodied female attributes and thus

feels he lacks, they become subject to great punishment.

Thus, the straight beats up the drag queen in the Tenderloin for two reasons - the drag queen represents what the straight is not but wishes he was, and, the straight is using his club as his cock to enforce his "possesison" of the effeminate, androgynous model. Androgyny, therefore, underlies the oppression of Gay people.

Those who play to the straight man - which is to say, set themselves up for a clubbing by dressing in female drag - while at the same time mocking or perpetuating the subjection of the female, themselves (priests or Cockettes) are, contrary to being revolutionary, perpetuating their own oppression.

Androgyny is the ultimate straight man's trip. Gay men's liberation is ceasing to play to the straight man's freak out. It is beginning to say, strangely enough, that it's good enough just to be male.

Both (biological) males and females already have all the attributes that are necessary to be total persons. Gay

liberation is the abolition of such distinctive categories as male and female (except in the sense that they represent degrees of biological variation). Therefore, being that there are no opposites to blend, androgyny as a concept is simply false.

Nick Benton

NEW FLICK

A major film will soon be released in San Francisco, one which has already produced a lot of comment in the Gay community here and in Los Angeles. It is called the touch of his hand and stars Jim Halladay (Mr. San Francisco of 72). The film explores the classical theme of a married man expressing his love and desire for a younger boy. It is a sensitive and touching film. Congratulations to Bruce Allen for showing it as it is. Soon to open in San Francisco, New York and Los Angeles. You will not be disappointed with the Touch of His Hand.



COMMENTS ON THE CALIFORNIA LAW OF INDECENT EXPOSURE

by B.J. Beckwith

Section 314 of the California Penal Code proscribes indecent exposure and obscene exhibitions. It is a charge which police officers often place against both Gays and straights. The harshness of the statute is compounded by the requirement that a person convicted of the charge must register as a sex offender.

The statute reads in relevant part: "Every person who willfully and lewdly, either

1. Exposes his person, or the private parts thereof, in any public place, or in any place where there are present other persons to be offended or annoyed thereby; or,

2. Procures, counsels, or assists any person so to expose himself or take part in any model artist exhibition, or to make any other exhibition of himself to public view, or the view of any number of persons, such as is offensive to decency, or is adapted to excite to vicious thoughts or acts, is guilty of a misdemeanor."

The maximum penalty for a misdemeanor conviction under the statute is six months in the county jail, a \$500 fine or both; however, as presently written the statute has an enhancement provision which provides for a maximum sentence of life in state prison where there has been a previous conviction for either indecent exposure or fore lewd acts committed on the body of a child under 14 years of age.

I am pleased to report that three recent court decisions have served to moderate the harshness of this statute.

The Federal District Court, in the Case of "Wainwright v. Procunier" (446 F.2d 757) held that section 314 did not apply, as a matter of law, to a man who was observed urinating in a parking lot of an abandoned service station in Berkeley, where the only other persons present were the defendant's own companions.

In June of 1972, the California Supreme Court expanded the ruling of

the federal court, when a unanimous decision was rendered in the case of "In Re Smith" (7 Cal.3d 362). The "Smith" case held that mere nudity is not necessarily lewd within the meaning of the statute. The case involved a nude sunbather who went to sleep on an isolated beach and found himself surrounded by police and others when he awoke. He was arrested and convicted of indecent exposure. The Supreme Court in reversing his conviction laid down this rule:

"...The rule clearly emerges that a person does not expose his private parts 'lewdly' within the meaning of section 314 unless his conduct is sexually motivated. Accordingly, a conviction of that offense requires proof beyond a reasonable doubt that the actor not only meant to expose himself, but intended by his conduct to direct public attention to his genitals for purpose of sexual arousal, gratification, or affront."

An even more gratifying example of the State Supreme Court's judicial impatience with this barbaric section of the Penal Code is the recent decision of "In re Lynch" (8 Cal.3d 410), decided in December of 1972. The Court declared unconstitutional the enhancement portion of the statute which provides for a maximum sentence of life in prison. The Court concluded that the possible life penalty was so disproportionate to the crime for which it is inflicted that it shocks the conscience and offends fundamental notions of human dignity. In declaring the possible life penalty cruel and unusual and thus forbidden by the United States Constitution the Court observed:

"Though the offense is not a victimless crime, any harm it may cause appears minimal; and such second offense punishment is greater than that prescribed by California law for far more serious crimes."

In conclusion I offer a word of caution to the wise. While the foregoing decisions have somewhat ameliorated the harshness of Section 314, the prudent person will be cautious as to where he, "lets it all hang out." Many individuals throughout California will continue to be arrested while masturbating and displaying erections at public urinals, on the beach and in other open public places.

REFLECTIONS OF A CONSERVATIVE HOMOSEXUAL

by Thomas M. Edwards

When I was asked by Reverend GAY Broshers to contribute an article to GAY PRIDE QUARTERLY, I was astounded. We are not of the same mold, save for our sexual orientation. He is religious, I am an atheist; his politics are wholly undefinable, while I remain an outspoken Conservative Republican; his activism, though colourful is poorly directed, and I have been called a "fascist faggot pig" for my unqualified support of our Police Department. Still an idea did find germination and fruition, presented herewith for your consideration.

Because a man is a homosexual he is no less a whole person with all the human rights and obligations incumbent thereto - Roman Catholicism notwithstanding. Unfortunately in recent years since Gay Activism has tried to upstage radical militancy, too much emphasis has been placed upon our so-called "rights" and too little upon our definite "duties." It is well and good to demonstrate (peacefully) for jobs, lower taxes, end to private and public discrimination, or against legislative prescription; however to earn rights or to be secure in those Constitutionally guaranteed, we, as responsible citizens, do have obligations.

Certainly we have the right to be secure in our homes, but we also have the duty to assist the police in keeping public safety; we can within reasonable limits march and protest against real or imagined wrongs, but we should be equally ready to serve in the Armed Forces of this Nation to protect the freedoms of all of its citizens. (Most Gays, like myself, served proudly and brought no discredit upon either the uniform or ourselves.) Further by all due process we must secure the abolition of all laws regarding our sexuality with the condition that we recognize the rights of the heterosexuals and provide the words "in private" as an appendage to any consensual bill; naturally we are free to act and conduct ourselves in any manner consistent with the contemporary standards of the times and community, so long as we do not place ourselves above the demands sought for the protection of an orderly society; finally we must support the candidates of our choosing, but unless we exercise our ballot we have no right to be critical of any Office holder.

To many of these axioms may appear without rationale, yet - as a 41 year old homosexual (practicing since 14 and out of the closet at 21) - I am appalled at the number of Gays who consider only one side of this two-way-street. The ultra-liberal Gay activist thinks not at all of other citizens, Gay or straight - in fact he would abolish their rights and demoralize their community positions for selfish, personal, and many times illegal gains. On the other hand, we of the Conservative Right have been the ones who have worked for and gained the advances within our society as regarding the acceptance of homosexuals for only within our philosophy can be found the dicta which encompasses ALL life-styles, TOGETHER with the rights and duties exercised by each responsible citizen which will assure the continuity of the greatest government conceived by, executed by and promulgated for all freedom loving persons.

The Conservative homosexual is neither a closet queen nor a militant. He is Gay and seeks only to be accepted on his own merits, within the framework of a society governed by law and order, where, in truth, and by essential definition he has a minority status. Any conservative, Gay or straight, recognizes

that within our system, cheques and balances are necessary which do not require sexual, racial, or religious identification; rather they merely guarantee change within an established democratic framework.

Ironically a conservative homosexual can vote for a liberal candidate if he feels such can achieve our acceptance. And a few liberals have without ulterior motivation worked with us: Paul Douglas of Illinois; Hubert Humphry; Clair Engle of California; State Senator Milton Marks and Assemblyman John Foran, both of San Francisco. Others wearing the liberal label have abused and prostituted us beyond imagination: McGovern, Willie Brown, the Brothers Burton, Angelita Alioto and her husband, Eugene McCarthy, the odious Franklin D. Roosevelt, and many, many others.

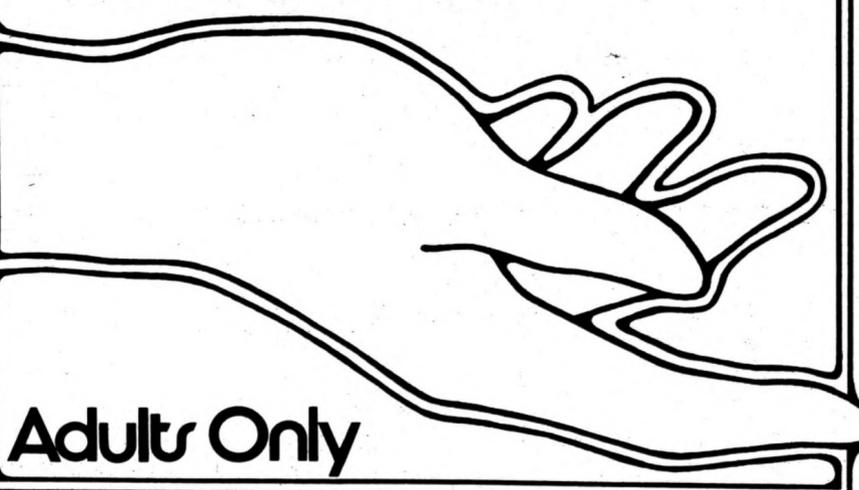
Most Conservatives, on the other hand have considered that private conduct is no concern of the state (a conservative touchstone) and should not be legislative, so long as no one else's rights are impaired. Consider: Hiram Johnson, Barry Goldwater, Robert Taft, Ronald Reagan, former San Francisco Chiefs of Police Tom Cahill and Al Nelder, President Nixon, and my dear friend, the late Captain (SFPD) Phil Kiely.

The key (and liberals are masters of this art) is that we in the Gay world must not let ourselves be manipulated merely because we are a minority as have the Blacks, Chicanos, Jews and Catholics. These exploitations have all been by "liberals" who have in fact been thinly disguised Marxists. Our hope, and that of America is within the Conservative movement.

George Santayana, a leading Conservative Light of the 19th and 20th Centuries admonishes: "Those who do not remember the past are condemned to relive it." A consideration of centuries, together with lessons derived therefrom - placed in proper perspective as regarding today's social upheavals - should convince intellectually honest homosexuals that these reflections are not only self-evident but without contradiction.



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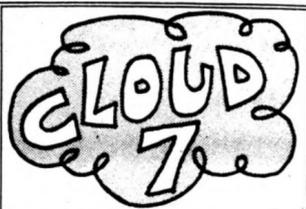
FOSTER: Oh... TV cameras, after all these years the cameras are rolling again, George McGovern really did make a pro-Gay statement to me it was in a driveway — no, in a Doggie Diner, no, in a Men's...

Richmond, two dowager Empresses of Oakland, three dowager Queens of Reno, the reigning Queens of Portland and Seattle, with three busloads of court, the Kaiseriae of Burlingame and the Czarina of San Mateo with the Crown Prince of Half Moon Bay. There have even been some important persons as Bill Beardemphl as Martin Luther, Chuck Thayer as Napoleon — again, Thomas M. Edwards in a Model T Ford arrived as Oliver Cromwell, Luscious Lorelei arrived as Lady Godiva, Rick Stokes has arrived as Max Rafferty and as a special surprise George Coffman arrived as Martha Mitchell... Yes, ladies and gentlemen of our TV audience it is costume time as well as royalty time. What a minute — just pulling up to the doorway now is a white jewel encrusted Cadillac limousine and stepping out in FULL regalia (a quadruple tiarra in a blinding array of jewels) is the head of the METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH, His Holiness Pope Troy Perry I, of M.C.C. attended by their Excellencies Bishops Sandmeirs and Peachy, all three with "capa magnas" of over 16 feet trailing behind them. We understand Pope Perry will crown the new Empress and give his blessings to the TV audience as well as the thousands here at the Cow Palace. Now back to Chet at control central.

CHET: Thank you David as the hour draws toward 1 AM with the introduction of the Elector of Sacramento and the Margrave and Margravine of Angels Camp we have concluded with the introduction of all past, present, and visiting nobility of all Gaydom and we can move right on to the Coronation of the new reigning Empress of San Francisco, Her Imperial Majesty Empress Sweetie-Pie I The XVIII Empress of San Francisco, Defender of the Gay Faith, Supreme Empress of all lands West of the Mississippi, and Commander in Chief of all Western Bike Clubs, "Mon Dieu et Mon Droit."

Yes, ladies and gentlemen of the TV audience this is it, 21 peri-wigged, uniformed trumpeters with straight brass trumpets are starting to sound the series of eighteen fanfares, a red carpet is rolled the length of the Cow Palace floor and four blue-white spotlights are trained on Her Imperial Majesty Empress Sweetie-Pie I as she regally walks to the jewel encrusted, peacock feathered throne high on a dais in the middle of the floor an amber-pink spot now catches His Holiness Pope Perry as he enters carrying the crown of the realm sparkling ever-more so radiantly since it has the 20 carat emerald "The Star of Turk Street" mounted on its top. The entire assemblage gives a deep bow and curtesy of obedience as the Pope climbs the stairs to crown the Empress. She gestures to refuse the crown! The crowd cheers. She refuses it again!! The crowd cheers loudly. She refuses it again!!! The crowd cheers madly. Then she snatches the crown from the Pope's hands and slowly crowns herself.... Ladies and gentlemen the cheer is deafening. The orchestra is now playing Mr. Thomassen-Bergner's original composition — "God Save Our Serene Empress" and the whole assemblage is singing. Yes, today is truly a big page in the history of the U.S.A.

DAVID: Well, Chet, the crowds are really pouring in now — already in are the Grand Duke and Duchess of Mill Valley, the Princess of El Cerrito, the Countessa of Sausalito, the Viscount of South San Francisco the Calaf of



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GAY LIBERATION IS DEAD... LONG LIVE GAY REVOLUTION!

by Rev. Ray Broshers

A funeral should be held for the corpse of the GAY LIBERATION FRONT, for it died and it was killed by its friends and enemies alike. The friends of the GLF became so caught up in their success that they allowed the GLF to stagnate, which in turn allowed for the Gayripoffs to move in with their capitalistic ways, and co-opt the name and kill what could have been something good. That is why we now call for a GAY REVOLUTION.

Revolution is the method by which we shall create the conditions leading to the destruction of the gender-caste system as well as the class system, which shall lead to the liberation of all Gay peoples. It shall be a total change which shall reach to the very roots of the present social order and destroy all of its aspects which restrain freedom.

A REVOLUTION differs from "reform," in that, it means that the oppressed, with a full consciousness of their oppression, create social change through their own power.

Historically, revolution is the method by which one class overthrows another. A GAY REVOLUTION will see the overthrow of the straight-male caste

system, and the destruction of all systems of caste and class. This is because they are rooted in sexism. It is on this point that GAY REVOLUTION differs from past revolutions of the masses, for it is a complete revolution. Any movement that seeks less than an end to sexism and racism, as well as total liberations of all peoples, will ultimately be co-opted by the oppressor. If you don't believe this, just look at what the Gay elitists in such groups as the SOCIETY FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS in San Francisco and the SECOND FOUNDATION in Portland have done to the liberation movements in those cities which have now become little more than bowel-movements. History has shown that the maintenance of straightness, female oppression, racism, and oppression of the poor people has prevented every revolutionary social and political movement from realizing its goals. Instead of destroying classes, these past revolutions have produced new class systems or a return to the previous social order with new faces, but the same old mouth. Because they retained the sexual and class caste system, they made the rebirth or non-destruction of castes and classes impossible.

GAY REVOLUTION will not lead to freedom of association for Gaypeoples in a predominately straight world, nor will it lead to a straight-defined homosexuality with marriages and exclusive monogamy. GAY REVOLUTION will produce a world in which all social and sensual relationships will be Gay and in which homo and heterosexuality will be incomprehensible. Kinsey was full of shit, for homosexuality and heterosexuality do not exist, there exists only the sexual being, the Gay person, one that has come to grips with the realities of life and acknowledges that there is only a sexual being. Convergence at the point of Gay feminist consciousness by people from the Gay and women's movements will be the initial stage of revolution. It will be a new type of woman who will break the wall that now separates the male and female Gaysperson and helps to create a new alliance.

Gay peoples, women and men (who have ridden themselves of male chauvinism), will move toward becoming Gayer and eliminating sexism and straightness from themselves. The straight women's movement with its

consciousness of the fundamentally oppressive nature of the man/woman caste system, will move toward sensual relations of equality and mutuality, and homosexuality, and from there into Gay consciousness. It is at this point increasing numbers of straight men will be forced to make a choice between becoming Gay or attacking Gay feminists in order to restore their balance of power. Reactionary oppression is the most likely course, and it would occur both individually and through the institutions of society; government, religion and psychology. The goal of this reactionary oppression will be to force women back into the homemaker role and Gaypeoples into closets through threat of imprisonment in jails and mental institutions. This reaction would then produce a collective insurrection by Gay-feminist revolutionaries which would seek to end the power of straight men. In all of this, women must take care not to become reactionaries on the other level and destroy their alliance with Gay revolutionaries. The preferable alternative to such reactionary repression would be for males to become Gay in large numbers. But just as straight women must explore each other sensually and sexually, so must also straight males bring each other out. Gay-feminists will no longer serve the oppressor sexually or physically. Through a collective effort and with the assistance of strong-willed individuals, we will complete this most revolutionary of all revolutions, the GAY REVOLUTION.

And that is why we urge all truly Gaypeoples to COME OUT, to quit the Gay Liberation movement of the capitalists and to join in with us as GAY REVOLUTIONAIRES, and develop a Gay-feminist consciousness and help plan programs of revolutionary action.

We must organize, allowing for a certain amount of individualism, and encouraging commitment, collectivism, and self-discipline. GAY REVOLUTION should build a system of small groups to collectively deal with specific work projects or organizational functions.

We must encourage collective living, political action, consciousness raising, political education, and sensual development. GAY REVOLUTION does not recognize age, for if a person has true Gay consciousness, they do not see anyone as young or as old, and for anyone to discriminate against someone because of age is counter-revolutionary and cannot be tolerated. As Gay revolutionaries, our main emphasis will be in serving those who are sensually identified as Gay. Our service will not be doing things for Gays, but becoming with Gays, Gayer and freer Gay human beings. We must preach the message of GAY REVOLUTION, that, Gay is a process of attaining mutual and equal, social and sensual relationships amongst all human beings, which can be realized only through participation in the free and dynamic expression of love amongst all people of the same sex. We must unite to end sexism, racism, and oppression where ever it is found, for we must hold this thought always, for, as long, as one person is oppressed, we are all oppressed and none are liberated. Power to the people, power to the Gaypeople, all power to the GAY REVOLUTION.

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The year that everyone, including myself, said would never arrive is here, and that is the year of the "heavy-hand." The year of the "heavy-hand" has come down upon the low-income and poor peoples of America in such a way that it is frightening beyond words. Censorship has become the order of the day. Some newsevents are not covered by the establishment media for fear of losing their right to broadcast. Desperate bureaucrats in fear of losing their jobs, have taken outlandish ultra-rightist positions, and in turn persecute those under them. Gaypeoples all across the land have been the major target of a nation-gone-mad due to fear. Gaypeople are being killed without so much of a lifted eyebrow by the various police departments. The various police departments themselves have within them the "fear-mongers" who are almost always, members of the John Birch Society or subscribe to the American Opinion magazine or the Thunderbolt. At least 40% of San Francisco police officers are of this ultra-right trip.

Unemployment is astounding. Crime, despite the "new method" of statistics of the police, is rising, especially the crimes of extreme violence. Agency heads, send out their dupes to threaten groups and individuals who challenge their positions of bureaucratic security. In San Francisco, police brutality has risen to an all-time high. The peoples of the Mission district look in sheer fear each time they see the black and white squad cars drive up. In the North Beach, longhairs are set upon by plainclothesmen and beaten and jailed for "obstructing the sidewalk." In the Castro, rightwingers physically attack and critically injure longhairs or Gaypeoples without any interference by the police. In the Tenderloin, the deputy chairperson of the GAY ALLIANCE was allegedly, savagely beaten by a plainclothes cop for no apparent reason. Steve Cook's trial is on March 19th, for after the policeman gave his physical advice, he was booked on "battery on a police officer," who according to bystanders, looked like a T.L. punko. Tommy Tanaka (Abihai), leader of a youth group in the downtown area, and is friendly to this editor, although he nor his club members are Gay, was beaten by three police officers for no apparent reason except than Tommy looks "different" (biker-type clothes).

Then, if the police trips are not bad enough, people are being fired from their federal civil service jobs as a result of a "purge" of faggots by the Justice Department. Sam Jordan, a person who received an honorable discharge was fired after someone, "suspected" he was a homosexual. This person had Sam's Army record gone over and it was determined that he was a homosexual. Sam is Black. So, if you're Gay and Black, they'll kick you way back.

Pvt. Gail Bates, and Valerie Randolph were persecuted by the Women's Army Corps (WACS) because they are Gaypeople.



STEVE COOK and REV. RAY BROSHEARS. Steve smiles through his battered face while holding a copy of GAY SUNSHINE depicting police brutality.

Then too, Gail is black and Val white and that's a no no in the WACS. Gaypeoples were officially barred from any further speaking engagements in high schools as a result of a state board of education ruling. Gaypeoples are "finking" on other Gaypersons on various levels in order to gain "favor" from the straight ruling bureaucrats. In France during World War II they had a way of dealing with informers, and more recently in Northern Ireland "informers" have been dealt with severely.

And now, the final bit of oppression is coming down. Gay businessmen refuse to support or advertise with publications that represent groups or individuals who "rock the boat." Witness the recent "advertisement" in the BAY AREA REPORTER asking them to shut up a columnist. Conservative Gaybusinessmen

will find that by with holding support of those who dare to speak out, they are in the end, killing themselves, imprisoning themselves, for that is what is coming down unless Gaypeople "get their shit together. This bullshit "fueing" between the various Gaygroups in San Francisco and the nation had best stop before it is too late. Orwell's "1984" is here and now in 1973, and if you think otherwise, you are just plain stupid or gassed on grass or alcohol. As chairperson of the GAY ALLIANCE, I urge, in the name of survival alone, that those who want to "off" other Gaygroups to cut out the crap and let's set down get some things going, while there is still time left to do so.

I've said my say, those who wear rose-colored glasses will say "tsk,tsk," and call up to denounce me and cancel another ad. But that's life or DEATH!

GAYS PICKET CITY HALL. Larry Littlejohn and B.J. Beckwith

THE YEAR THAT WAS!

A MOST HAPPY DAY

The "most happy day" in several peoples' lives occurred with the opening of the HELPING HANDS COMMUNITY CENTER, at 225 Turk Street in the Tenderloin of San Francisco. For at too long last, Tenderloin Gaypeoples as well as new arrivals to San Francisco had a place to turn to in their hour of need or information or just plain socializing. The Center is run by a board of advisors which include leading lights of Gaylife in San Francisco. Operated for the Orthodox Episcopal Church of God, and is manned by the GAY ALLIANCE of San Francisco who has offices there, and for all practical purposes is "home" of the GAA California/GAY ALLIANCE.

It is open from 1 PM to 11 PM daily with the exception of Sunday, when it is open 3 to 8 PM. It is staffed entirely with volunteers and works on a co-operative basis with the Gay EMMAUS HOUSE in the Haight-Ashbury. It houses the Gay Drug Research Program; Military Resistance and Veterans Assistance Service; Human Rights for Inmates of Prisons and Mental Institutions, as well as the Old Folks Defense League. There is a free, Gay Legal Rap with an attorney on Friday evenings from 6 PM to 8 PM. The Center has to be listed as a multi-service center at best, for it endeavors to serve the total peoples of not only the Tenderloin, but the city at large. Drag queens find themselves at home as does the hustler, or super businessman types. It is a true melting pot. All colors of Gaypeoples are found there, as well as political spectrums. Recently, Mr. Gay California and former Groovy Guy, Jimmy Hughes joined up, as have such luminaries as Terry Taylor and Mr. Carol Lynn, of television fame. The center has a never empty coffee pot and has little goodies for your enjoyment. Drop in to the HELPING HANDS CENTER when in the Tenderloin of San Francisco, the Gay "MECCA" of the world.



A couple of straights attend opening. Harvey Haukari, Aide to Senator Milton Marks, and John Edelhouse of San Francisco Drug Research Project.

DAVID PERRY - New GAY ALLIANCE Public Relations Director. Picture was taken when in Vietnam.



Photo by Eddie Van

JOINS GAY ALLIANCE OF SAN FRANCISCO... JIMMY HUGHES, "Groovy Guy '72". Mr. Gay California '73, has joined the GAA. He will be on school speakers bureau.



EDDIE VAN and REV. RAY BROSHEARS. At opening of HELPING HANDS CENTER, Eddie tells Ray about the magazine DAVID, making Eddie the West Coast representative. Both Agreed that a non-political "slick" magazine like DAVID is what we need.



STEVE GINSBERG of CHUTZPAH

Photo by Eddie Van



GAYS PROTEST VICE SQUAD. City Hall Picket joined by Tenderloin prostitutes.

QUEENS LIBERATION ALLIANCE

by Sandy Green

"I am not a freak and any mother — who says that I am just might find themselves pushing up daisies", that is the statement that more and more T.V.s and T.S.s are making, much to the horror of the piss-elegant fag who is picking him or herself up off the sidewalk. Transvestites and transsexuals are now standing up loud and proud once more, all over the land.

San Francisco drags once were the only visible sign of Gaypeople in this city of closets. Then the so-called "respectable" Gays came along, and with it, the big-put-down of drag queens. Hell honey, I can remember standing teo to toe and slugging it out with the cops back in '66 in front of Comptons at Turk and Taylor. Those dizzy fags back in New York think that Cristopher Street was something, honey, let me tell you now, they should have seen Turk Street '66.

With Comptons, the El Rosa, Sound of Music, Chuckkers, the Camelot, and the Hilliard lined Turk Street and made it the wildest street in the world.

Honeys, I can remember the editor of this toilet paper when he was a "real flying nun" and for days and nights on end. But, he and Elliot Blackstone have been the only two persons who have consistently stood up for and fought battles for the drag queens of San Francisco. That's why the Reverend's GAY ALLIANCE has more drags as

members than any Gay group in this country, at least that I know of. I understand that Tony is planning to conduct some classes at the HELPING HANDS CENTER on helping some of the new TVs and Tss learn how to dress, wear makeup and walk and act properly. Keep in touch with the Center for news of this exciting and revolutionary idea.

I wish to set my drag sisters back in New York a bit straight, and at the same time, defending SFTG' Dear queens of New York, drags ARE ALLOWED in bars here in the Tenderloin. JACKIE D's, the BODY SHOP and the AMBASSADOR all three allow drags. But, the S.I.R. of which you had words of praise for, has never allowed drags to use that toilet. And of course there are some bars which will not allow drags, but their day will come.

We are working the elimination of section 650½ of the California Penal Code which says that it is a crime to "cross-dress," (wear the clothes of the opposite sex).

This oppressive law is used quite frequently when the cops can't find anything else to bust a drag for. Some of the attorneys are beating these cases, and eventually we will win out. But it takes a united front and working with other groups. We shall defeat these oppressive laws, someday, somehow.

Luv
Sandy

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challenge in the courts orders to transfer them to this new institution.

For years the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Groder, and the present director Norman A. Carlson have been watching and admiring the ability of doctors to make passive vegetables out of active human beings. The "dean" of American psycho-surgeons, Walter Freeman, whose brain-slicing lobotomies were deemed successful especially with older pateints, women, Black people, and "simple occupations" advocated early lobotomies to "prevent" development of potentially disruptive behavior.

The federal government has financed much of California's experimentation with Prolixin and other mind-destroying drugs. It is anticipated that all prisoners sent to Butler will be "treated" either to lobotomy or to large permanently disabling doses of chemical mind destroyers.

According to both Federal Bureau of Prisons statements and impressions given by officials in unguarded moments, the Bureau classifies "management problem" as any prisoner who is alcoholic, a member of a minority group, an overly passive follower type, sexually assaultive prisoners, high security risks, (which includes Muslims and Church of New song adherents) and all writers who dare to challenge the authority of the federal keepers.

It is not too early for civil rights attorneys and other persons interested in preserving the human dignity and constitutional rights of prisoners to start actions that will challenge the concept of the Bureau of Prisons and to require previously established procedural safeguards. It should not be necessary for many prisoners to be destroyed before moves are made to preserve the rights of all prisoners. Certainly laws of the various states should be amended to protect. State prisioners from being victims of the 1984 Dr. Frankensteins.

Under terms of the Interstate Agreement, state prisoners will be eligible for shipment to this facility. There are no procedural safeguards written into the agreement whereby prisoners can

A NOTE OF SINCERE THANKS

This is to thank those who have helped the HELPING HANDS COMMUNITY CENTER so very much. The operation of such a center is the most difficult task that could be undertaken, when that Center is designed to serve the total community, and not just those who have money. The following listed persons have given so very much, one way or another to the Center. God bless each of them.

Attorney, B.J. Beckwith, William E. Beardemphl, Al Alvarez, Larry Littlejohn, Robert "Bob" Ross, Tony Russo, Wendy, Bon Black, Sweetlips, The Gaslight, Jackie D's, Carol Lynn and Steve, Toby

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Don Collins and Dennis, H.L. Perry, Drug Research Project, Ruth Dewson, SFPD Police Community Relations Unit, Attorney Evander Smith.

There are others whose names slip my memory right now, but, I do wish to thank each and all.

Sincerely,
Reverend Ray Broshears.

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WHAT GAY LIBERATION MEANS TO ME

by Randy Jonsson

Being a resident of San Francisco for five years now, and not being the same person I was, I suppose you could say I'm now liberated. Liberated from a small town where people whispered, laughed, or pointed at you. If they didn't know you, they knew your family.

If I went back there to live, it would be more or less the same except maybe a little less mainly because of The Gay Liberation Movement.

Gay Liberation to me means to accept.

The Gays accepting the straights, and vice-versa. Giving poeple, or organizations a chance to prove that people can be for each other, (straight or Gay) and not for ones self.

No one is perfect, so we all have to accept the people who are extremely outspoken to lay it on the line, and making sure they are outspoken to an extent where as they don't make an ass out of themselves, or the people they are speaking for. To accept the bad faults with the good. Isn't that what friendship is all about?

Gay Liberation means uniting, not by force, but by will! And certainly by not fighting among ourselves. If we disagree, explain and when wrong, not to be bull headed, but willing to admit and give in.

I wrote once in an article that violence should never have been invented, and I still say it. Just by a look you can say more, than five minutes without fighting, for that is force, and one should never be froced into anything.

Gay Liberation of course is mainly for the Gays, but not only. It's purpose to me is to prove for the heard hearded straights that we're not all 55 year old attacking 12 year old in the park, or that we all don't wear obvious make up, or go into a crowded store giggling and make complete asses out of ourselves.

Although some people do. Not being against these people, but by showing them there are right ways to get attention, or bed partners and by just being themselves is what the Gay Liberation Movement should explain to them. Getting attention that is complimentary, and not condemning, will make it worthy to the Gay, as well as the straight people.

So for all the drag queens, for all the S&M's, for all the bar people, richnd poor, black and white, for ALL people, just a little help, a little patience, a little understanding, a little work, and a little merging, can bring a BIG misunderstanding to the surface, and in your own mind you'll find the worth that you've gone to be a satisfying and rewarding deed.

That's the way I feel, thank you for your time.

OLD FAGGOT DEFENSE LEAGUE

by Laura Burke

Being old and Gay is hell. The young Gyperson is a bastard. They look at you like you had just escaped from the grave when you cruise them. To grow old is the most fearful thing that can happen to a faggot. The subject of aging is taboo in most all Gay circles. All Gay publications are aimed at the young faggot, for no one wants to aim anything at old faggots, except maybe a gun to grab their money. Most of Gaypeople were brought out by an older Gay, and most as they grow older look back in anger at that person, now considering the act vulgar, but at that time exciting and strange. Any Gyperson who is over the age of 35 just doesn't exist for most Gay publications, except as points of ridicule or possibly the rare role of elevated statesperson.

To grow old in the Gayworld leaves you with the feeling that you must kill yourself when the wrinkles begin to show in the dim light of the bars, and the dyed hair looks like it is, for you are treated, unless you have money or position, like a leper. Gaypeoples need to get off of the mist discriminatroy of all trips, and let our Gay sisters and brothers of older years know that they are still worthwhile, lvoed, watned, and human beings. We must not avoid them, treat the older Gyperson as a problem.

The insults and degradation because of age must cease. The older Gypersons feelings are more sensitive than most, and we must as younger Gays, remember this. There are various types of older Gypersons. The dirty-old-man or woman is the most vilified person. Sometimes the title comes deservedly, but most often not. But, even if you have the look of a proper establishment type, fancy suit / mod clothes or what have you, that still is no guarantee that you will be loved any more than the dirty old man or woman.

I would ask you all to remember that you too are going to be old, providing you haven't offed yourself. Be a bit kinder when you meet an older person. People who are racists are considered evil, well, ageists are just as bad.

BOY FRIEND IS BACK

by Fannie Hertz

San Francisco's Gay community is buzzing with the news of the latest announcement from the YONKERS PRODUCTION COMPANY. The next all singing, all dancing and all male musical production will be THE BOY FRIEND' The uninhibited whacky days of the roaring twenties will be recreated in style when Chuck Zinn, as director, and Doug Marglin, as choreographer, team up once more after their smash hit of HELLO, DOLLY last year.

What this happily reunited odd couple has planned for their next extravaganza will have this city pounding at the doors to get tickets. In fact, rumor has it that this show is going to "pee" so much that every table at the VILLAGE will be supplied with a bed pan.

So brace yourselves kids, June is right around the corner and with it comes THE BOY FRIEND.

If your heart is in the theatre and your tap shoes are in the closet, come down to the VILLAGE for open auditions on March 4th from 12 to 6 PM and March 5th from 7:30 to 10PM. I hope to see ALL YOU HOOFERS AND CROONERS there.

A LETTER TO ANN LANDERS

GAY ACTIVISTS ALLIANCE

Following is a copy of Ann Landers' column for January 9, 1973. I suggest you include in your next publication as a summary of this column, quoting her sexist dogma (marked) and appealing for an avalanche of letter commending her for her support of some of our human rights but protesting her dogma that homosexuality is unnatural, a sickness and a disfunction. Ann's sexism periodically surfaces on this issue so it is never too late to challenge her on it. Sometimes she publishes the account of letter received in response to some of her replies. Letters should be addressed to:

Ann Landers
Chicago Sun-Times Plaza
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Also, an appeal for the letter-writing campaign made from the pulpits of the Gay churches and at meetings of organizations would be in order.

Following Ann's letter is a copy of my response to her. If it should provide any ideas for your article, please feel free to use them.

Sincerely,
Elver A. Barker

"Dear Ann Landers:

Recently I read where two men were married legally in Texas. What I don't understand is why they had to resort to trickery to get married. Why are homosexual relationships considered illegal? Why is it considered a sex crime when there is no victim, such as rape or child-molestering? Why do some police departments hire men to tempt the homosexual and then arrest him for being a pervert? It seems to me that this is much more dishonorable, much baser conduct than loving someone of the same sex.

Why must people like me sneak around behind the backs of parents and relatives so that we don't shame or "disgrace" them? Why can't I hold hands with my lover in public and dance with him the way heterosexual lovers do? Surely love isn't indecent, to be scorned and despised. The world needs less hate and more love — any kind of love. I don't understand why so many people don't understand. Can you explain it?

One

"Dear One:

You read wrong about the "legal" marriage. In no state of the union can members of the same sex marry. This goes for Texas as well as the other 49.

I agree that police entrapment is a rotten device and I am against it. I also agree that many victimless crimes should be taken off the books. In Illinois, as well as many other states (Illinois was first) homosexuality between consenting adults isn't considered illegal.

Why can't members of the same sex kiss publicly and dance together and proclaim their love as heterosexuals do? Because homosexuality is unnatural. It is, in spite of what some psychiatrists say, a sickness — a dysfunction. In our culture, in the year 1973, we aren't conditioned to accept homosexuality as the normal human condition.

For 18 years I have been pleading for compassion and understanding and equal rights for homosexuals, and I will continue to do so. But I don't believe homosexual activity is normal behavior and unfortunately most people have the tendency to equate any and all abnormalities with sin, disgrace and shame.

Ann Landers
Chicago Sun-Times Plaza
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Ann Landers:

If I were wealthy I would foot the entire expense for the homophile organizations of North America to collaborate in bringing a million dollar lawsuit against you for your libelous claim that homosexuality is unnatural a sickness and a dysfunction. And "abnormal" simply means a deviation from the norm or average and cannot always be equated with the undesirable. Lefthandedness is abnormal and so is world peace.

There is no scientific nor rational basis for your dogma, which in court you would be challenged to prove. We would pit our best attorneys and research scientists against yours and you would lose. The Homophile Movement could make sure the case was given the most widespread publicity. We could appeal our case to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary. If the money were granted it would be used for further public education to eradicate this sexist myth.

So many people don't understand because people of your superstition and influence keep them from understanding.

That you would help perpetuate such a vicious lie is especially unbecoming to one of Jewish descent. The myth that homosexuality is a sickness is rooted in the illogic of judging the whole by some of its parts, just as is anti-Semitism and racism. All homosexuals who go to psychiatrists are sick or they would not be there. But you cannot logically judge the entire homosexual and bisexual populations by the clinical few. Are all heterosexuals judged by those whose case histories are in psychiatrists' files? A White judge would be just as illogical to believe all Negroes are criminals or potential criminals because all those brought before him have committed crimes.

We appreciate your support of some of our human rights, but our civil rights include freedom from lies that cause society to prevent us from living the happiest lives of which we are capable. We cannot know our fullest happiness as long as our same-sex love must be shrouded in secrecy.

That some unenlightened homosexuals accept the sickness myth is no defense. Some years ago a member of the American Nazi Party committed suicide when it was publicly revealed that he was a Jew. And there are Negroes who campaigned for George Wallace. If there is a scientific term for this psychological phenomenon I don't know what it is, but in simple language it is a sickness, just as

your sexism is pure ignorance and irrationality.

Praise be to your twin sister Abigail Van Buren who has published at least twice in her similar column "Dear Abby" her acceptance of the facts that homosexuality is not a disease, that it is the inability to love at all which is an emotional illness.

I cannot afford to pay for a lawsuit against you. But the Homosexual Revolution will no longer tolerate the heinous lies that homosexuality is unnatural, a sickness and a dysfunction. We have already begun to bring test cases of kissing and dancing together in public and openly proclaiming our beautiful love between members of the same sex as heterosexual lovers do. And we will continue to pound at the barriers of ignorance, prejudice and injustice through public education, civil disobedience, legal actions, and nonviolent demonstrations until the walls come tumblin' down.

Fortunately you are young enough that you should live to see public displays of homosexual love become commonplace and their increasing social acceptance within each new decade. Our equal rights are not complete without this. Sometimes you are big enough to admit when you have been wrong. The years will tell whether you will reject your present superstition on this issue.

Sincerely,
Elver A. Barker

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Elect Supervisors by Neighborhood Districts

In the 1971 Supervisorial election Mendelsohn spent \$99,371.65; Pelosi spent \$86,429.00; Francois spent \$67,620.02, and so on down the line of the winning candidates.

As presently constituted, no one can get elected as Supervisor without vast funds. Our current city wide method of electing supervisors means that there is a very small group of persons, A NOB HILL CABINET, representing powerful moneyed and downtown interests controlling who is elected through campaign funding.

The equation is simple — the most money equals the most votes. This means that we now have a Board of Supervisors whose first loyalty is to well-organized, moneyed pressure groups.

Moneyed special interests win out time after time over the needs of our neighborhoods in the votes of the Board of Supervisors, like the URBAN DESIGN high rise ordinance; or the neighborhood needs from our MUNI system; or DISTRICT POLICE STATIONS; or the REDEVELOPMENT fiasco; or CONSUMER PROTECTION; or so many, many other pressing needs of the individual citizen of San Francisco.

San Francisco's City Government is totally unresponsive and aloof from the needs of the people. Yet, taxes go up and up for the average person.

In November 1972, San Franciscans voted two to one for some change of the way Supervisors are elected. Our present Board of Supervisors sabotaged the will of the people by purposely placing on the ballot a cumbersome five part policy statement that was not legally binding on them.

If San Francisco is to be governed by the people of San Francisco, then we must establish a sensible method of electing Supervisors by neighborhood districts.

ELEVEN DISTRICT SUPERVISORS WILL MEAN that if a citizen needs something, he has a Supervisor he can go to and that Supervisor must act if he wants to get that important neighborhood vote in the next election.

ELEVEN DISTRICT SUPERVISORS WILL MEAN that campaign expenses can be cut to 1/11th of present costs and good candidates can be elected without being indebted to special moneyed interests.

ELEVEN DISTRICT SUPERVISORS WILL MEAN that our neighborhood groups will have a receptive audience at City Hall and will no longer be bypassed for the downtown privileged few.



For questions, volunteers, petitions contact: W.E. BEARDEPHL — 392-1270 or 431-5711

LETTER TO FAG RAG FROM WALPOLE PRISON

This letter is one of the more important items that we have chosen to run. It speaks of the real problem in prisons. GAY ALLIANCE, Al Dubois and Wade both feel that the message here just might stir you to some positive action.

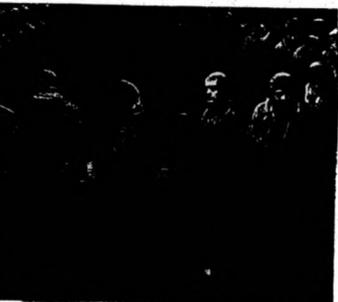
The following letter was written by Eddie Rastellini, an inmate at Walpole State Prison near Boston. Rastellini is serving the fifth year of a fifteen-year sentence for what is known in Massachusetts as "the detestable crime against nature." In fact, Rastellini is in jail because he is Gay and because he is poor. Gay brothers in Boston have been communicating with Rastellini, and Richard Rubino, a Boston lawyer who has been working with and for the Gay community, has initiated efforts on his behalf. There will be future articles about Eddie Rastellini, his victimization and his fight for freedom. In the meantime, funds are needed to help this Gay brother. Send donations and/or letters of solidarity in care of Fag Rag, c/o Red Book Store, 91 River Street, Cambridge, Mass. 02139.)

"Dear Jacques:
I cannot suppress my feelings any more, so I must relate this story to someone...

Next door, in the cell to my left, is a 24 year old boy. His name is Billy, 5'7", about 140 pounds, brown hair (which tends to seem blondish in the light), deep but clear innocuous blue eyes, not really handsome, but one's heart could go out to him when he smiles. He looks so innocent, so boyish, so alone... and he really needs love and affection so bad.

Yet, thanks to American Justice, society and its inequitable methods, its self-destructive ideas, etc., this confused boy would be described by 'his creators' as... a killer... a monster... an incorrigible animal. But these same monsters (the creators) that would gladly describe this boy as above would not tell the public, which it exploits and puts in fear by such stories, why.

They won't tell you (John Q. Public), for instance, that if Billy was treated righta as a very young boy, that he just



might not have killed a man over a 25 cent candy bar (in prison) or that he just might not have gone to prison (State Reformatory at Concord) at the ripe age of 16 on a minor sentence (no sentence is in any way minor), a sentence that has dominated into a life sentence plus 38 years to go after the life sentence...

I could not begin to tell you of the insanity of our "Great Society," a sick society that has made this confused, emotional boy an outcast, a misfit, a monster, a boy who is, for all purposes, dead, but hasn't been buried yet...!

I can only ask, "How many more young, really innocent boys will be killed mentally before the "Great Society" wakes up, becomes aware of the hypocrisy of those in power; how many more will be literally buried alive in cement and steel cages?"

I met Billy about a year and eight months ago, and it is only within the past month or so that I am really getting to know him.

Because of my uncompromising honesty, and my tendency to argue when I am right (I cannot give up my individuality nor conform to a convict's way of thinking), I have gotten myself into hot water with some bad-assed dudes...

Evidently, Billy was in boys' schools at one time, but graduated to a state prison at the age of 16. Because of poor communication with his family, and poor financial status, he used his youth, and

his body, to acquire status, to belong. This distrubs him beyond belief. He constantly becomes belligerent and aggressive to the point of murder whenever anyone may seem (in Billy's mind) to challenge his manhood, or even doubt it. Billy would say, "I may be a fucking faggot, but you try this faggot!" It's obvious from his record of one killing and three stabbings so far, not to mention the various other acts of violence against guards, inmates and himself.

Billy has befriended me because he empathizes with me, because in his mind he knows the degradation I go through. Although he publicizes his interest in "scoring" me sexually, he knows that he won't because I won't let him. Why not? Because of the perverted, impersonal and depraved intentions of others (not Billy; he digs it) who give dignity to their sex acts by the mere use of applying the word homosexuality to their perversion. If I became involved with him (which, in a distant way, I think I would), it would be the cause for further degradation and repression by the others here. And Billy understand that I view my sexuality as a very beautiful thing.

Now, Billy, at 140 pounds, has put himself as a shield between the others and myself, has openly declared that he is protecting me henceforth — and over my own objections.

I cannot explain this. I know it's not a psyche game. Billy is for real, he's a man of conflicting emotions (as I have become towards him), conflicting ideas and beliefs, but, essentially, he's a beautiful person, one worth helping, one worth being treated and free...

Imagine if you will, Jacques, your lying in a bed in a cell, listening to such a person, who was all but literally murdered, in a durged, emotional condition, alternately raving at his would be killers, and kicking his own ass because of what he realizes now as his own trapped stupidity. The block is starlit, quiet, and finally, Billy's last anguished cry, "I want to go home," tears roll from his eyes.

COMMUNITY PAGE

DIRECTORY of Bay Area Gay Groups

BERKELEY GAY MENS COLLECTIVE & GAY MENS RAP - Meets at First Baptists Church, Haste & Dana, Berkeley, 349-0926 or 834-6842 (Gay mens rap group open to the public Fridays at 8 PM. Also have intensive ongoing encounter groups separate from the Friday rap, as well as one-to-one counseling.)

BERKELEY MENS SWITCHBOARD - 2700 Bancroft Way, Berkeley 94704, 845-4823. (Group for Gay and straight men interested in breaking down sexist attitudes. Switchboard provides counselling and information; also have consciousness-raising rap groups on Mondays and Thursdays at 8:30 PM.)

CHUTZPAH - 285-1110, (A Gay Jewish group that holds meetings in members' homes).

COUNCIL ON RELIGION AND THE HOMOSEXUAL - 330 Ellis Street, San Francisco, 771-6300. (Educational and informational group to promote a rational understanding of the Gay's relationship to religion.)

DAUGHTERS OF BILITIS - 1005 Market Street, Room 208, San Francisco, 861-8689. (Major Gay womens' group in San Francisco. Information clearinghouse, informal rap groups, consciousness raising groups, lectures, book club, comffeehouse nights, dances and social events. Oriented toward raising consciousness as Gay women and promoting more honest interpersonal relationships among Gay women. Publishes monthly magazine "Sisters"). Best to call evenings, otherwise you get the answering service.

DIGNITY - 890 14th Street, San Francisco 94114, 626-7780. (Educational and social group for Gay Catholics; goal is to "build self-respect and community among Gay Catholics". Branches in several cities.)

EMMAUS HOUSE GAY SWITCHBOARD AND DROP-IN CENTER - 618 Shrader Street (Near Haight) San Francisco, 668-3580. Open 7 days a week - noon to midnight.

(Non-religious Gay lib-oriented social services group. Drop-in Center has free coffee, couches, free clothes, roommate and apartment listings, meeting space, community bulletin boards, library of Gay periodicals, and informal rap in a relaxed atmosphere. Regular events include roommate nights, barter nights, and sewing classes. People wanting to initiate new projects are welcome. The switchboard provides crash pads (maximum of 3 nights), survival information, referrals for legal, medical, psychological and military hassles, and info on Gay activities and events. All Gay men and women welcome.)

FREE GAY STUDENTS ASSOCIATION - c/o Student Activities, City College of San Francisco, San Francisco 94112, 564-2206 or 826-4350. (This is the campus Gay lib group at San Francisco City College.)

GAY ALLIANCE - 225 Turk Street, San Francisco, 771-3366. (Activist group whose orientation is toward militant Gay action, with emphasis on education and non-violent street protest action. Also provides competent legal advice and assistance with Gay-related police hassles, and can provide immediate assistance to get you released on your own recognizance (that is, without paying bail) if you get busted. Also can help with parole and probation problems. They are a major sponsor of the **HELPING HANDS COMMUNITY CENTER**, which is listed elsewhere in this directory.)

GAY LIBERATION BOOK SERVICE - P.O. Box 40397, San Francisco 94140, 824-3184. (A people's mail order book service for Gay lib literature. Comprehensive catalogue of current Gay lib literature, both political and literary, is available free on request. They are helpful in providing source material information for any aspect of Gay studies.)

GAY LIBERATION FRONT - c/o Student Activities, University of California at San Francisco, San Francisco, 826-9131. (This is the campus Gay lib group at San Francisco State University.)

HELPING HANDS COMMUNITY CENTER - 225 Turk Street, San Francisco, 771-3366, open 1PM to 11PM

daily. Sundays from 3PM to 8PM. (A Gay drop-in center. Services include free coffee, informal rap, Gay drug abuse counseling by professionals and paraprofessionals, Gay legal assistance and bust help from attorneys, and a police complaint rap service with a representative of the Community Relations Dept. of the S.F. Police Dept. to mediate police hassles. The center also houses the offices of the **GAY ALLIANCE**. Free Legal Rap 6PM - 8 PM on Fridays with lawyers. Military Resistance Counseling 2-4:30 PM.)

JOIN HANDS - P.O. Box 42242, San Francisco 94142, 648-0658. (Gay group involved with Gay prisoners. Program includes education on treatment of Gays in prison, correspondence with Gay prisoners, and re-entry assistance on jobs, housing, etc., for Gay ex-cons.)

LESBIAN MOTHERS UNION - 824-2790.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH - 1074 Guerrero (nr. 23rd St.) San Francisco, 285-0392. (A non-denominational Christian church with a ministry to the Gay community (in other words, they're Gay) that holds weekly services every Sunday at 7PM; also has prayer meetings, religious counseling, and choir practice. As you might expect from a Gay church, they're somewhat conservative, but their hearts are definitely in a good place. They used to operate a housing center and will be re-entering the social services picture before long. They have many competent Gay professional and paraprofessional counselors in a variety of fields who belong to the church.)

SAN FRANCISCO GAY WOMENS' RAP - 1005 Market Street, Room 208, San Francisco, 861-8689. (Sponsored by **DAUGHTERS OF BILITIS** - you can come and rap about anything you want. They also sponsor encounter groups and discussion groups dealing with specific topics. Call for full info on the rap program.)

SAN FRANCISCO MENS SWITCHBOARD - 775-8028, 4PM to 8PM daily. (Complete switchboard

services (information, counseling and referrals) for Gay men and straight men. Oriented toward overcoming Gay-straight hangups among males. The service is impartial as regards your sexuality. Volunteers to assist are encouraged in this endeavor.)

SOCIETY FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS - Information Office: 67 Sixth Street, Community Center: 83 Sixth Street, Phone: 781-1570. (Oldest Gay group in San Francisco. They tend to be a traditionalist homophile organization; they are down on demonstrations and believe in "working within the system" Nevertheless, they have made major breakthroughs in Gay rights through a number of lawsuits protecting Gay rights in the areas of employment, police harrassment, etc. They are also an effective pressure group in city politics. They can provide a wide range of legal and psychological services, some direct and some by referral. Other services include: a Gay Alcoholics Anonymous group, a Married Mens' Rap Group, lunches for senior citizens, psychology rap groups, a Gay speakers bureau, a Gay weight watchers group, Gay radio broadcasts, apartment and roommate listings, and a full-time job counseling and placement service. Recreational programs include arts and crafts classes, life modeling drawing classes, pool, chess and bridge clubs, and weekly dances. They also share their facilities with the **DAUGHTERS OF BILITIS** for bi-monthly Gay womens' dances.)

SAN FRANCISCO WOMENS' SWITCHBOARD - 420 Sutter Street (In the Garrett) San Francisco, 771-8212. (Not an exclusively Gay group, but includes straight and Gay women in equal proportions. Services are to all women both Gay and straight, and include information and referrals, crash pads, rap groups, information on activities and events, counseling, etc. Women wanting to initiate new projects are encouraged to become part of the switchboard.)

THE GAY FREEDOM DAY PARADE COMMITTEE, comprised of a diverse cross-section of Gaypeoples, voted to hold the Second Annual GAY PARADE on the last Sunday in June, 1973.

The GAY FREEDOM DAY PARADE COMMITTEE is an Open Committee, which means that all who work want to twork to build the Parade may join, by merely attending and working on a committee of your choosing. Michael Bumblebee, H.L. Perry, W.E. "Bill" Beardemphl, and Rev. Broshears, have been elected officers, with other positions yet to be filled. Attend the planning meetings, work, participate, this is the way of sincere peoples.

Parade Headquarters:
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