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### ACLU launches new Lesbian/Gay Rights Project

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) announced this week plans to establish a new project aimed at ending discrimination against gay men and lesbian women.

The Lesbian/Gay Rights Project, located in the ACLU's national office in New York, will begin by challenging the state sodomy laws that criminalize homosexuality and attacking the various forms of discrimination that these criminal laws engender.

ACLU Executive Director Ira Glasser and ACLU President Norman Dorsen said that with the creation of the project the ACLU would be able to take a more aggressive and visible role in fighting for equal rights for gays and lesbians.

"Gay men and lesbian women confront laws and government practices that would long ago have been struck down as unconstitutional if they applied to racial minorities or women," Glasser said.

"Laws in twenty-four states, and the District of Columbia that outlaw consensual sodomy are used as the legal justification for various forms of discrimination,

and force gay men and lesbian women to choose between suffering second-class citizenship or keeping their sexual orientation a secret from the world."

"As long as civil rights for gays and lesbians remains a gay people's issue alone, it will be too easy for gays to be isolated in their struggle to secure equality," Dorsen added. "Antiquated sodomy laws restrict the civil rights and liberties of many Americans, and permitting such discrimination to continue threatens the civil rights of all Americans."

The first priority of the ACLU Lesbian/Gay Rights Project will be the eradication of sodomy laws.

Sodomy laws are used as the legal basis for police harassment of gay men, and to justify differential treatment of lesbians as well as gay men in housing, employment, and domestic relations (e.g. child custody) cases. Even where sodomy laws are not vigorously enforced, their mere existence defines gay relationships as a crime, perpetuating common myths and stereotypes about gay men and lesbian women, and inhibiting gay

people from living openly.

The ACLU, with the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, has already filed a legal challenge to the Louisiana sodomy law. The ACLU is now exploring the possibility of bringing similar challenges in Arkansas and Minnesota.

The gay rights project will also target discrimination against gay men and lesbian women in housing and employment — with emphasis on education and the uniformed municipal services (police, firefighters, etc.).

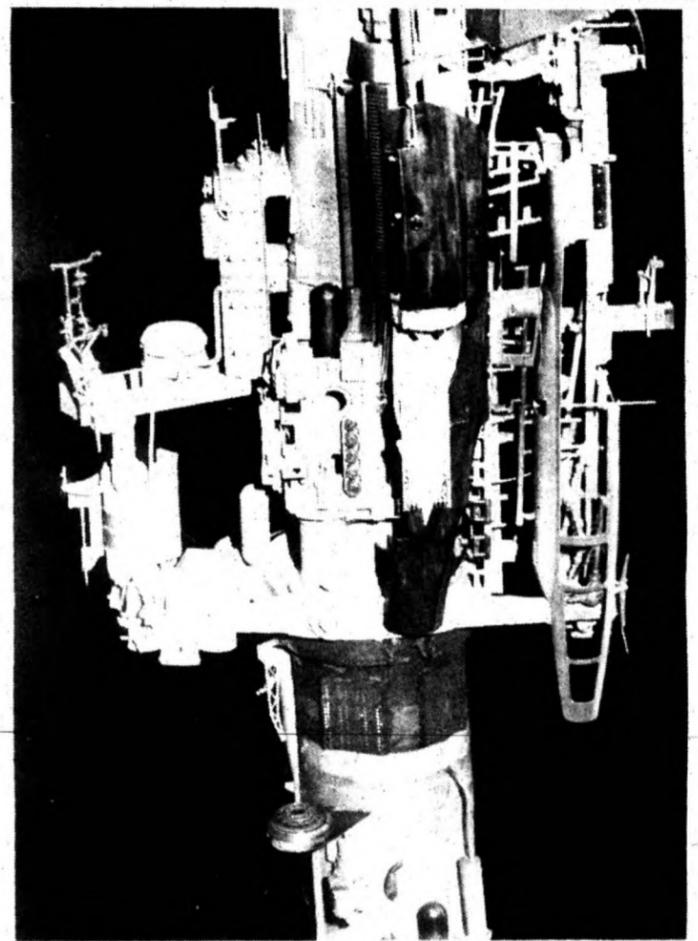
In addition, the project will pursue several cases in which local laws interfere with gay people's First Amendment rights, including laws barring gay teachers from "advocating" homosexuality in the classroom.

The ACLU Lesbian/Gay Rights Project is a result of strategy meetings of the national Ad Hoc Task Force to Challenge Sodomy Laws. This task force, organized in 1983, consists of the national ACLU, several state ACLU affiliates, Lambda, the Lesbian Rights Project, Gay & Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, Texas Human Rights Found-

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### NEWSFLASH!

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WHATZIT? A sculpture by Steve Storz landed at the Spring Showcase sponsored by the Arts Council of Gay & Lesbian San Jose on May 5. See page 12. Photo by Ted Sahl

### Nobel Prize Laureate Bishop Desmond Tutu Visits San Francisco Bay Area

By Ted Sahl

Nobel Prize winner Bishop Desmond Tutu spoke to 6,000 people — black and white — at Civic Auditorium in San Francisco.

A press conference waited for Tutu to arrive.

I noticed Senator Alan Cranston standing by himself and decided to hold my own press conference till the Bishop arrived.

**Sahl:** Senator, why would Bishop Tutu, fighting white oppression of his people in South Africa, hope to receive help from the United States when the white majority of this country has systematically oppressed blacks in this country for two hundred years? Do you honestly think he will get help?

**Cranston:** I certainly do. Presently I am working on a bill in Congress that has been agreed to by those leaders most opposed to apartheid, and we feel it has a good chance of passing.

We propose to get America on

record against the So. African regime.

No. 1, this bill would ban new investments by American firms in South Africa.

No. 2, ban all bank loans by American banks to the government of So. Africa.

No. 3, ban the sale of computers that help to control the population.

No. 4, ban sale of the Krugerrand.

Also, Cranston said, I am working with Robert Dole, Senate leader, to create an American Krugerrand for those who seek an alternate gold coin to invest in.

I believe it has a good chance of passing, Cranston said. There will be a lot of blacks who will lose jobs — a common claim by some skeptics. The best answer to that is . . . when slavery was

abolished in the United States, there was some unemployment in the South. So should we have kept slavery?

The first bill I spoke of passed in the Foreign Relations Committee 16 to 1 — only Jesse Helms of So. Carolina opposed it.

This bill would impose sanctions within two years if there is no strong progress toward ending apartheid.

Democrats and Republicans support this bill unanimously, Cranston said.

As to the second bill, we might not get it through in its present form, but I expect we will get something now. (Senator Cranston is a strong opponent of apartheid.)

Bishop Tutu did arrive, only to be greeted in the lobby by an

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Bishop Desmond Tutu

Photo by Ted Sahl

## Roberti Measure Extends Life of Aids Advisory Committee

Sacramento — SB 678 a bill by Senate President pro Tempore David Roberti to extend the sunset date of the state's eight member AIDS Advisory Committee to 1990 was approved by a 5-0 vote by the Senate Health and Human Services Committee.

AIDS is characterized by a specific defect in the body's natural immunity against disease and people who contract AIDS become susceptible to a variety of illnesses which usually do not affect people whose immune systems are functioning properly.

The AIDS Advisory Committee assists the Department of Health Services in addressing Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. Roberti's measure now moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

The Advisory Committee, created by Roberti's SB 910 (1983 session), is composed of two appointees by the Senate Rules Committee, four gubernatorial appointees and two appointees by the Assembly Speaker. SB 910 was approved by the Legislature and signed by the Governor 18 months ago with a sunset date of July 1986.

"I do not believe we will have the AIDS epidemic behind us by July 1986. SB 678 extends the sunset date for the Advisory Committee to 1990," said Roberti (D-Hollywood-Burbank).

The new measure would also add two ex-officio, non-voting members to the committee. One would represent the University of California's AIDS Task Force, and the second would represent the State Department of Mental Health.

"The state must play an on-going role in educating the public about AIDS. The Advisory Committee was created to help the state deal with this dire public health problem," said Roberti, "our efforts must include support of vital research, preventive education and the provision of services to people with AIDS. □

## Sex Offense Bill Passes Senate Committee

A bill making it a crime to induce sexual intercourse through false representation passed the Senate Judiciary Committee yesterday.

SB 773 was introduced in response to a recent state Court of Appeals decision which ruled that a Bay Area con man, who posed as a doctor and convinced several women they had a fatal disease that could only be cured by having sex with him, could not be prosecuted for rape. The man, Daniel K. Boro, will only be tried for theft and burglary because he charged the women for his "services".

According to the bill's author, State Senator Dan McCorquodale (D-San Jose/Modesto), "Boro preyed upon his victims' fears and exploited their trust in the medical profession. The women he assaulted were raped just as surely as if he used threats of force. They too believed their only alternative was death."

SB 773 will next be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee. □

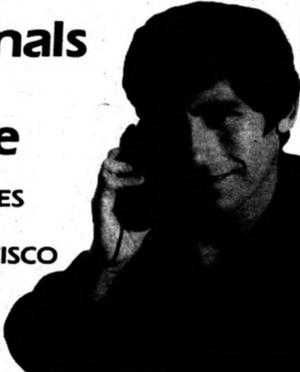
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## Human Rights Commission Strongly Objects to Military Use of HTLV-III Testing Results

Upon the recommendation of its Lesbian/Gay Advisory Committee, the San Francisco Human Rights Commission unanimously agreed, on April 25, 1985, to object to the Defense Department's recent decision requiring that military and civilian blood agencies collecting blood on military installations provide positive test results for the HTLV-III antibody to military health agencies.

Since blood collecting agencies will be screening for the HTLV-III antibody anyway, the Military's decision has no medical or blood screening basis. In addition, California law protects strict confidentiality of test results, because the test results could be used to discriminate against people who test positive.

The Military has open discriminatory policies regarding Lesbians and Gay men and regards homosexuality as grounds for discharge. As Chairperson Brenda Wade states, "The HTLV-III test results could be used to further discriminate, as AIDS has largely impacted on Gay and Bisexual men. We believe that there is no medical or blood screening reason for the Military to have these test results."

"HRC has written to the Secretary of Defense putting him on notice of its objections and has also written to Senators

Cranston and Wilson and Congresswomen Boxer and Burton, as well as to Mayor Dianne Feinstein, requesting that they do everything in their power to counteract the Military's decision," reports Lesbian/Gay staffperson Jackie Winnow. Irwin Memorial Blood Bank was sent a letter of support for its decision not to comply with the Military edict. □

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## LGAES founder Sebesta resigns

Meeting announcement for the June 6th meeting of the Lesbian & Gay Associated Engineers and Scientists states that founder Ed Sebesta will be resigning from all LGAES activities effective immediately after the meeting.

States Sebesta, "I have talked to Rick Rudy of High Tech Gays in the South Bay and they will take over and honor all memberships. After 5 years I have finished all I wished to do in LGAES and I am moving on to other interests which include personal ones.

"I will over the next year or so archive all of LGAES records and accomplishments and index all records. A history of our organization will be compiled and copies sent to the major historical archives.

"I am now a founding director in the San Francisco Bay Area Historical Society and will also make our club's records available to them.

"A long time ago when I founded the club," Sebesta stated, "the Gay rights ordinance in San Jose had been defeated and I was idealistic and wanted to change things. I went to the original BAGLIS meeting where a victim of security clearance denial was attacked and the military defended. I was so appalled that I

founded LGAES. . . "I still have my ideals and my gay liberationist interest, but I have no longer the time or inclination to run LGAES single-handedly month in and month out. I have also found the political interests I have are not the interests of the great many gay high-techs, theirs are primarily social.

"At first I used to look down upon this, after all I am sure that in the NAACP there isn't incessant whining about it being too political. However, I think that for a great many engineers basic social needs are unmet and this is a priority. I don't think engineers are generally made for discos, bars, or the usual gay social outlets. . .

"I do think that in 5 or 10 or 15 years from now gay high-techs will decide that they can do something about their situation and that the Mattachine-like policies of . . . 'uncle Tom' organizations aren't getting them anywhere. . .

"In the meantime," Sebesta concluded, "I think I can contribute more in the historical society to increase gay identity, and sense of purpose. . .

"I will always be willing to send xeroxes of papers to serious interested parties. I do feel that LGAES has done a lot and I feel that in High Tech Gays there is a good group that will provide a steady avenue of progress." □

## Notes from Parents FLAG News:

The following news briefs are reprinted from the newsletter of the Federation of Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Inc. (April issue). Parents FLAG can be contacted at P.O. Box 24565, Los Angeles, CA 90024, (213) 472-8952. A local chapter may be contacted at Parents FLAG, P.O. Box 8265, Stanford, CA 94305 and meets the third Thursday of each month in the Fireside Room of University Lutheran Church. Call (415) 854-3378 or (415) 497-1488 for further information.

• The simple fact is that if we do not act we will be oppressed. Not every situation works out to the benefit of the Gay community (such as the January referendum in Houston) but even when the bigoted have their way, lesbians, gays, their families, and friends are heartened with the realization that they are NOT ALONE! As parents we must stand up to protect the well-being of our children. We must resolve not to be maneuvered into inaction. The penalty for inactivity is oppression. Parents must cooperate and work in concert with Gay organizations to insure that the civil rights of our children and friends are not violated by self-serving spokespeople for God. In California, a measure has been introduced which would prevent and prohibit the compilation of an "AIDS blacklist" (AB488 - Roos). This will reinforce another measure, AB403 - Agnos, which will impose strict civil and criminal penalties for any violation of the confidentiality of deferred-blood-donor lists. Action to have these bills passed will prevent oppression of our children.

• The United States Supreme Court will soon rule on the constitutionality of an Oklahoma statute which authorizes the firing of teachers who promote gay rights or who discuss homosexuality in a positive light. The Oklahoma law was promoted by Anita Bryant (former Miss Oklahoma) and was patterned after the so-called "Briggs Initiative" which was defeated by California voters in 1978.

Parents FLAG filed a friend-of-the-court brief in the case arguing that the homophobic law violates the First Amendment because it: (1) discourages teachers from reprimanding students who harass or assault lesbian or gay students; (2) interferes with freedom of religion because it can be used to fire teachers who stand up for gay rights in religious debates; and (3) infringes on the right of teachers to engage in labor negotiations because, under the law, teachers could be dismissed for attempting to secure a sexual orientation non-discrimination clause in a union contract.

The court heard oral argument in January and a decision is expected by June. Los Angeles attorneys Thomas F. Coleman and Jay M. Kohorn represented Parents FLAG in the case.

California Attorney General John Van de Kamp joined with New York Attorney General Robert Abrams on a brief which urged the Supreme Court to invalidate the statute. Please write to one or both of these courageous public officials thanking them for defending the rights of lesbians, gay men, and their supporters. Their address: Hon. John Van de Kamp, California Attorney General, c/o Emil Stipanovich, 3580 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90010; Robert Abrams, New York Attorney General, c/o Rosemarie Rhodes, Two World Trade Center, New York, NY 10047.

• Louisiana-Baton Rouge: Brand new and eager to grow - a newsletter each month, and geared for action calling on parents to express appreciation to the sponsors of the TV airing of "Consenting Adult." Write your thanks to the following sponsors: Ralph Ward Jr., Cheseborough Ponds, 33 Benedict Place, Greenwich, CT 06830; J.E. Burke, Johnson & Johnson, One Johnson Plaza, New Brunswick, N.J. 08933; Gordon Stevens, Lever Brothers, 390 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10022; W.C. Wesco, Sterling Drug, Inc., 90 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10016. Homework: All parent groups/contacts follow through and thank above listed sponsors of "Consenting Adult," shown on ABC-TV. □

## Letters to the Community

Arts Council  
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Dear Ron Schmidt and Members of the Arts Council,

I wanted to take this opportunity to reiterate what a rewarding experience it was participating in the "Spring Showcase" May 5, 1985 and to congratulate you all on a job extremely well done! Your contributions went beyond the call of duty. Your dedication, planning, organization, and professional know-how were clearly evident in the successful presentation of the second Showcase.

To paraphrase an old song, "You've only just begun." Your cause is valid, worthwhile, and absolutely necessary, not to mention noble. Through culture, you are setting a standard of excellence in the gay community that can only assist in bridging the gap with our straight counterparts. You are making a much needed statement.

I personally want to thank you

for the wonderfully warm reception and the many encouraging comments about my photographic work. You made me feel very proud and I sincerely appreciate that.

I would like to propose a toast! A toast to a philosophy whose time has come and to a group of men and women whose dream has become a reality. Thank you again and keep up the great work!!!

Cordially,  
CHUCK SMITH  
Photographic Artist

Dear Friends:

We are pleased to notify you about a new musical theatre production for the Bay Area's lesbian and gay community. *Ten Percent Revue* will open at the Valencia Rose on May 31 for a five-week run (four performances each week) through June 29.

*Ten Percent Revue* is based on the songs of gay singer/song-writer Tom Wilson Weinberg,

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## New Book Explains Lesbian and Gay Draft, Military, and Veterans Cases

Just published is *FIGHTING BACK: Lesbian and Gay Draft, Military, and Veterans Issues*, a comprehensive counseling manual with analysis of pertinent regulations on homosexuality and step-by-step guidance for draft, military, and veterans cases. Designed for counselors and attorneys, it is also of value to military personnel, veterans, draft-age men, and all those concerned with the military's policy towards lesbians and gay men.

*FIGHTING BACK* is sponsored by the Midwest Committee for Military Counseling, and by the National Lawyers Guild's Military Law Task Force, Gay Rights Task Force, and National Committee to Combat Women's Oppression.

Single copies are available for \$14.25, plus \$2.00 postage (add \$1.00 for first class), from Midwest Committee for Military Counseling, 241 S. Wabash, Chicago IL 60605, or write for information on bulk pricing. □



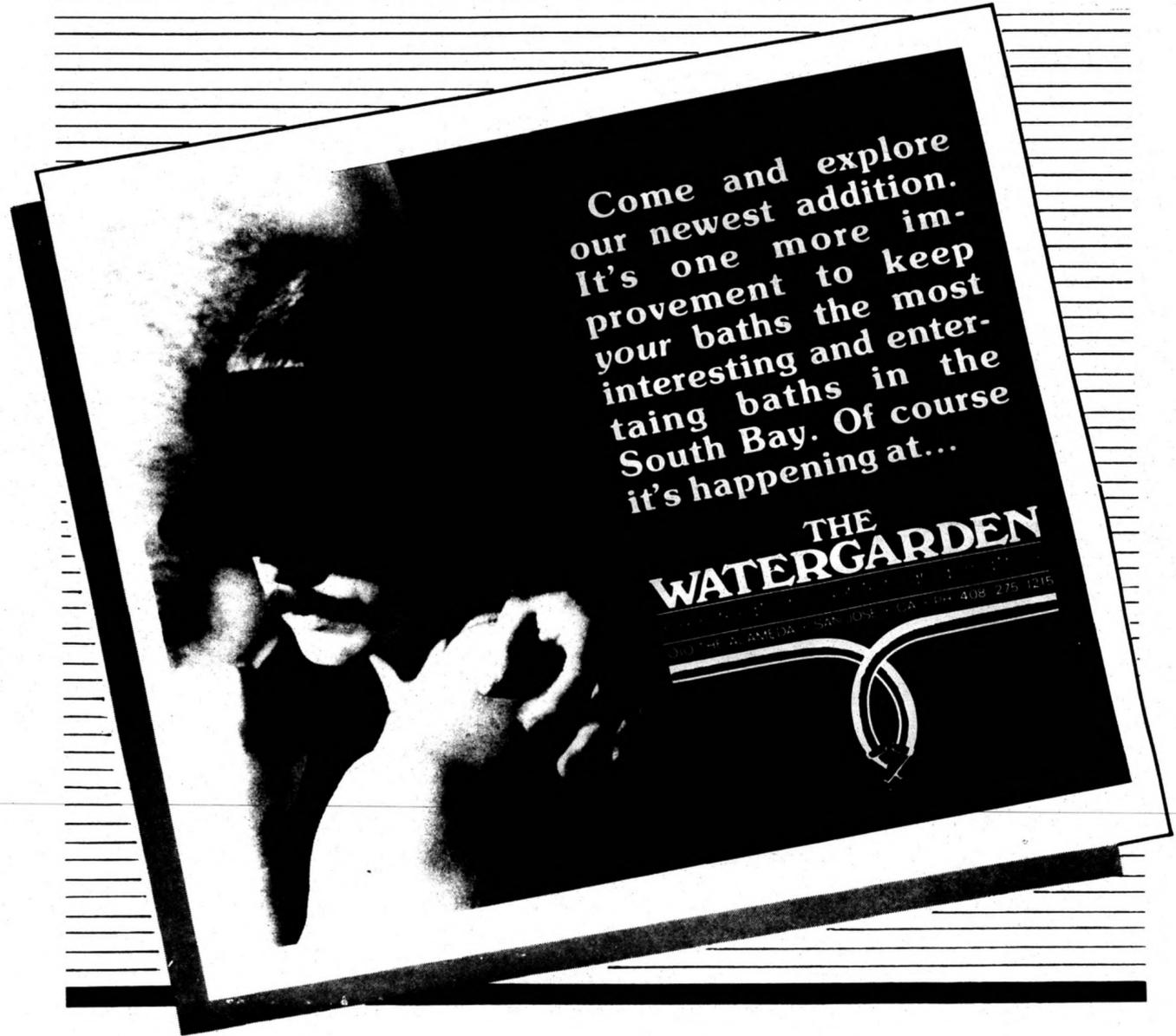
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## NGTF Position Statements on AIDS-Related Issues

### Aids Funding

Now that the virus associated with AIDS has been identified, it is imperative that funds be made available for intensive research into what additional factors contribute to the onset of the syndrome. Adequate funding for research into effective treatments is of critical importance. The government must ensure that scientists have sufficient funding for laboratory facilities.

### Health Care Costs

Local governments trying to cope with the health care and service costs of the AIDS crisis are increasingly burdened by federal budget cuts. With the federal government's own scientists projecting as many as 40,000 new AIDS cases in the next two years, it is inconceivable that localities will be able to provide needs such as hospital and hospice care, and intermediate and long-term home health care unless the Administration and Congress agree on new funding. The National Gay Task Force will continue its full-scale lobbying efforts to obtain sufficient funds in fiscal year 1986 and supplemental funds for 1985.

### Education Efforts

Perhaps the area most neglected in the AIDS crisis has been preventive education. For all that we have yet to learn about AIDS, we do know that it can be prevented by taking simple precautions and by avoiding certain

forms of behavior. Yet the government has provided only paltry sums for public education. Much of the hysteria that continues to surround AIDS is traceable to the failure of the government to correct misinformation by funding education.

### HTLV-III Antibody Test

It cannot be emphasized enough that this is a test for screening blood only. Those in at-risk groups concerned about AIDS will not find any useful answers through this test; it will not tell them if they have AIDS, if they are infectious, or even definitively if they have been exposed to the HTLV-III virus. In order to ensure that the test is as safe and effective as possible and that the rights of the lesbian and gay community are protected, the National Gay Task Force and Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund successfully lobbied the FDA for unprecedented, government-required labeling which reads: "It is inappropriate to use this test as a screen for AIDS or as a screen for members of groups at increased risk for AIDS in the general population." The labeling also emphasizes that the test is not a diagnostic tool for AIDS.

### Alternative Testing Sites and Funding

For the nation's blood supply to be as safe as possible, it is

critical that those in at-risk groups continue to refrain from donating blood. The National Gay Task Force and other gay/lesbian organizations, therefore, lobbied the federal government to establish alternative testing sites to offer the HTLV-III antibody test to individuals who might otherwise have gone to blood centers to learn their antibody status (even though the test is not a diagnostic device). The federal government is giving grants to state health departments to partially cover the cost of the first 90 days' operation of the alternative sites. The National Gay Task Force has, however, protested in a letter to Health and Human Services Secretary Margaret Heckler the planned reprogramming of \$10.4 million from public health projects to pay for these alternative sites. The areas affected include AIDS and other programs. Those funds must be restored.

**AIDS-Related Violence**  
Last year the National Gay Task Force released the first nationwide study of bias-motivated anti-gay and lesbian violence in the United States. The survey showed that 90% of lesbian and gay Americans have been victimized at some point in their lives solely because of their sexual orientation; 20% of gay men and 10% of lesbians have been physically attacked. Part of the increase in anti-gay/lesbian violence is directly attributable to unfounded fears about the spread of AIDS. The federal government must protect the lives and well-being of all citizens by condemning these attacks and supporting educational and legislative remedies. □

## NGTF Call For Major AIDS Preventive Education Effort in Senate Testimony

The National Gay Task Force (NGTF) called today for a major national prevention and education program to stem the spread of AIDS. NGTF Acting Executive Director Jeffrey Levi, testifying before the Senate's subcommittee on Health and Human Services, said, "It is impossible in these times not to recognize the fiscal constraints facing the federal government. However, every dollar we do not spend on prevention and education will be spent several times over on health care costs alone."

Levi told subcommittee Chairman Lowell Weicker (R.-Conn.) that "absent a vaccine, absent a cure or effective treatment for AIDS... we must do all we can to save lives and also, in the process, reduce the economic cost of this disease on the budgets of all levels of government." According to the federal Centers for Disease Control, the estimated cost of health care for the average AIDS patient is \$114,000 for the duration of the illness. Almost 10,000 cases of the syndrome have been reported.

AIDS service organizations supported by local lesbian and gay communities have borne the burden of risk reduction education with minimal government support, and, until now, no federal dollars. These programs have had a demonstrably positive effect—as measured by the dramatically reduced rate of sexually transmitted diseases among gay men—but they have reached only a small portion of those at risk to AIDS and generally have been implemented only in major metropolitan areas. Said Levi, "We must replicate the success of these programs throughout the country and reach out to all those at potential risk to AIDS." Within existing funding, only \$150,000 has been set aside in fiscal 1984 money for community-based education efforts.

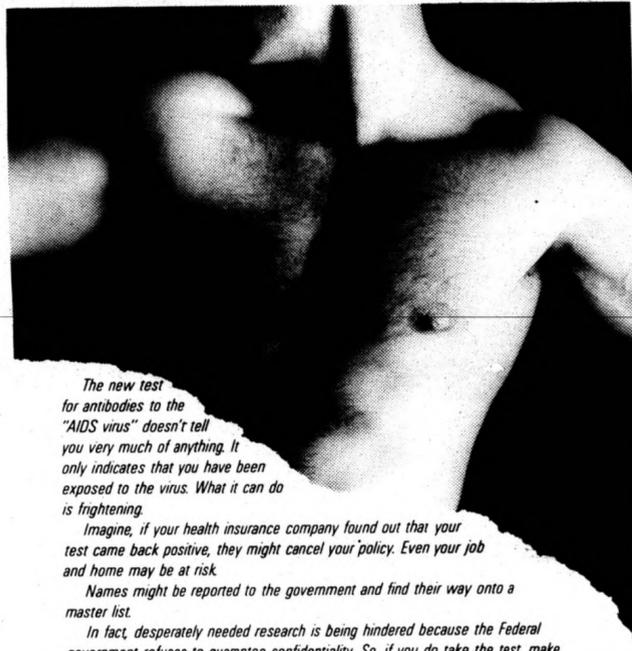
Levi requested that the subcommittee add \$2.5 million to the fiscal 1986 CDC appropriation

specifically for risk reduction education/information programs, perhaps along the lines proposed by former Assistant Secretary for Health, Dr. Edward N. Brandt, Jr. Levi suggested that at least one-half of the funds be granted to community-based groups engaged in public education about AIDS, and that the program should target "all segments of the American public."

According to a recent study of AIDS funding by the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment, both the CDC and NIH have consistently had to reprogram money from other important research or prevention activities to find the funds needed for AIDS activities beyond what the Administration had requested in its annual budget. Therefore, Levi also asked the subcommittee to provide supplemental funds for fiscal 1985 to make up for the reprogrammed monies, and to revise upwards the Administration's 1986 request of \$85.5 million to reflect continuation of the CDC and NIH efforts. "We may have reached the point," Levi warned, "where CDC and NIH officials are not telling their political superiors their true need for additional AIDS funding, for fear they will be forced to reprogram even larger amounts, thus imperiling other important health care projects." Levi requested that the subcommittee address as well the problem of personnel cutbacks that has made it difficult for NIH to carry out the research it has been assigned.

"There are few gay men or lesbians who have not been directly affected by the losses AIDS has extracted," said Levi. "It certainly has strengthened the gay/lesbian community in many ways, as adversity often does. We have, I think, provided a model for a community caring for its own. But the problem has become too large for us to handle alone." □

## THE TEST CAN BE ALMOST AS DEVASTATING AS THE DISEASE



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Names might be reported to the government and find their way onto a master list.

In fact, desperately needed research is being hindered because the Federal government refuses to guarantee confidentiality. So, if you do take the test, make sure you get a guarantee in writing that your name and the results of your test won't ever be released to anyone.

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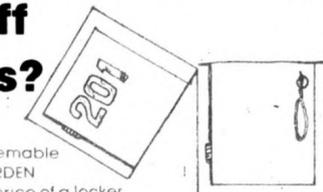
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## Sam Plays It Again, And Nicely

Theatre Review  
By Rick Rudy

Woody Allen's delightful comedy "Play It Again, Sam" (1969) is getting a campy, fun production by the San Jose Stage Company in their small home above the Eulipia Restaurant.

The milieu of the pseudo-intellectual, neurotic, Manhattanite is the background of this story in which the spirit of Humphrey Bogart gives the whimpy Allan Felix pointers on how to pick up a girl.

Felix's insecurity about dating, after his wife dumps him, is so universal, and the Woody Allen humor so disarmingly facile, that one easily overlooks the occasional flaws in this current production.

The play takes Allen Felix through remembrances of his wife, episodes with his best friend Dick, a brief affair with Dick's wife Linda, fantasies of dates with a half dozen stereotypical girls, and hurried conversations with Bogey on how it's all going. These are all laced with Allan's relentless, self-psychanalysis at each and every step.

Allan Felix is played with real conviction by Daniel L. Maloney. It may be the Silicon Valley air, but Maloney seems to blend a bit of the computer nerd, into the effete snobbery of the original New Yorker. This makes Felix somewhat more childish, but doesn't harm the plot at all.

Maloney neatly handles the stresses of the role, quivering one moment, and suavely sauntering into a pratfall the next.

Randall King plays the trench coat clad Bogey with some reserve, but a bigger-than-life Bogey poster over the bar keeps us remembering the real thing.

Heidy Arts is the solicitous Linda, who tries to help Allan over his crisis, and ends up in his bed. Arts seems a little unsure of her role, and so it hasn't got quite the edge it might, but her warmth in the affair scene makes up for the rest.

Dennis Martin plays Allan's friend Dick who is always on the phone leaving his number with the answering service. Martin is so businesslike that one wonders what Dick and Allan ever had in common.

Marcia Henry, Jeannierae Cole, Irene Economu and Renee Damar play all the other women in Allan's life, both real and imaginary.

The direction by Ross Nelson is fast paced and gives full reign to the Woody Allen wit and style.

"Play It Again, Sam" continues through June 2, upstarts at the Eulipia, and is well worth the trip downtown. Call (408) 293-2110 for tickets.



New bride Johnie Lawrence Staggs and nervous groom Teryl Lane Espy rush off to begin their honeymoon following a wedding ceremony performed at The Watergarden men's bathhouse by Catholic priest Ron Taylor. The wedding party and guests retired up the street to Toyon to celebrate the joyous occasion. Photo by Ted Sahl

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### GAYS OF OUR LIVES

By Claire Mix



## Mass Appeal at A.C.T.

Theatre Review  
By Rick Rudy

*Mass Appeal* (1980) by Bill C. Davis opened May 7 in a strong and compelling production by the American Conservatory Theatre.

It is a story of the generation gap between a middle aged priest, Father Farley, and young seminarian, Mark Dolson, with "radical" ideas. Dolson is always in trouble for speaking his mind, such as defending two seminarians who are "very close friends". The avid defense raises doubts about Dolson's proclivities, and the Monsignor wants Dolson dismissed, too.

But Farley takes Dolson under his wing, forestalling the Monsignor's intentions.

Naturally, Father Farley is in as much need of a dose of radicalism as Dolson is of a dose of reality, and the conclusion is one of hope for them both. Nothing profound here, but the script nicely balances the characters against each other, and it is handled with great humor.

It is only a two-man show, and so each actor is important and their chemistry is vital to the success of the play.

The priest, Father Tim Farley, is excellently played by veteran ACT actor Sydney Walker. Farley is a priest who knows his

congregation and lets them set the tone of his ministry. Walker ably shows the strengths and weaknesses of this man, the nuances of his interactions with others, and his joy in his young protegee.

Father Farley, like many of us, takes the path of least resistance when confronted, and Walker makes him truly believable.

The seminarian, Mark Dolson, is played with somewhat less success by Douglas Martin. Martin seems to mistake intensity for conviction, and his speeches often fall short of the genuine ardor the role calls for.

Yet Martin's portrayal has its strengths, too: Dolson's humor and warmth and compassion for others comes through, and Martin makes him much more of a person than the radical stereotypes might suggest.

The shared direction by Janice Hutchins and William Ball is a successful collaboration this time. The minimal, but handsome set, serves to focus in on the players, and the two actors flow together very well.

In all, this is a most entertaining piece of theatre, and a fine ending to ACT's season. *Mass Appeal* continues through May. Call (415) 673-6440 for tickets.

## SPORTS • SPORTS • SPORTS

The South Bay Volleyball League completed its spring season on Sunday, May 5. Best wishes to all the participants and congratulations to each team for their sportsmanship, camaraderie and happy times!

The final standings at season's end are as follows:

**Volleyball champions for Spring 1985 are the Orange Crush.**

**Orange Crush Captains are:** Tom Ammon and Kaleo Kaluhiwa  
**Orange Crush Final Points:** 352  
They won 19 games and lost 5.

**Second Place went to The Blue Bruisers:**

**Blue Bruisers Captains are:** Daniel Ramirez, Joan Avila and Mark McConnell  
**Blue Bruisers Final Points:** 325  
They won 15 games and lost 9.

**Third Place went to the Silver Smurfs:**

**Silver Smurfs Captains are:** Robert Sissenstein and Dick Haese  
**Silver Smurfs Final Points:** 306  
They won 15 games and lost 9.

**Fourth Place went to Emerald City:**

**Emerald City Captains are:** Golden Montana and Mike Stahl  
**Emerald City Final Points:** 283  
They won 10 games and lost 14.

**Fifth Place went to the White Briefs:**

**White Briefs Captains are:** Ed Durham and Jim Henderson  
**White Briefs Final Points:** 265  
They won 10 games and lost 14.

**Sixth Place went to Golden Boys:**

**Golden Boys Captains are:** Don Lavoie and Rick Raggio  
**Golden Boys Final Points:** 255  
They won 10 games and lost 14.

**Seventh Place went to Purple Voyagers:**

**Purple Voyagers Captains are:** Phil-David Soto and Jim Hulseman  
**Purple Voyagers Final Points:** 262  
They won 9 games and lost 15.

**Eighth Place went to Red Cross:**

**Red Cross Captains are:** Gary Lawson and Scott Brown  
**Red Cross Final Points:** 233  
They won 8 games and lost 16.

If you or any of your friends are interested in signing up to play volleyball in the fall, please call 248-5789. You will be assigned to a team. Practice games are played at various times during the summer, so don't be shy; no experience necessary!!! See you in September!!!!

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## FORTUNES

By Tycho

**ARIES (March 21 - April 20)** Someone close to you will hurt your feelings, which is not too surprising, since you're feeling emotionally vulnerable. Don't try to retaliate; the message is in your own best interest. It's time to draw back, cry a little, and rethink your priorities.

**TAURUS (April 21 - May 20)** A conflict between your public and personal life threatens. Ambition goads you on, limiting your contribution to the well-being of home and friends. Take some time off to explain your goals. You can't expect others to read your mind.

**GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)** High energy helps you past several transitions. You'll be translating limitations into boundaries, changes of thinking into creative new concepts, and the unexpected into delightful surprises. Right now, life is what you decide it should be.

**CANCER (June 22 - July 22)** Faith in yourself is your strength. You can drive forward with security and an enviable peace of mind. Aggressive and bright answers to career questions win you prestige, and the interest of a new and attractive person fuels the fire.

**LEO (July 23 - August 22)** Light begins to dawn on some confusion that surrounds you, largely because of some ideas from a stranger. The information certainly sounds right, and well may be. However, the best course is to take some time to consider it; passion leads to mistakes.

**VIRGO (August 23 - September 22)** You've earned some respect for your devotion to getting things done, and pride may make you hard to live with. Don't get pushy and overbearing about all this. Give advice only when asked, and you'll be far more popular.

**LIBRA (September 23 - October 22)** You'll be burning with a bright blue flame, but your ideas will not be easily accepted. The best course is to make them known, and retreat graciously when opposed. The passage of time will give you a delicious reward: the ability to say "I told you so."

**SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21)** Sometimes, the best advice is to bear in mind the nature of your zodiacal images. Scorpions are secretive, careful, wary little animals, able to strike fear in much larger creatures. Lie low, and let your ability speak for itself.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 - December 21)** Tough decisions are on you. Recent good fortune and approval from others has made your day-to-day existence feel limiting and unsatisfying. The situation may last a while, so it's best not to make hasty conclusions. Amass your information carefully.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 19)** Life is a process of growth, and romance bears on that as surely as any other element. Is what you're considering a chance for expansion of some kind, emotionally or intellectually? Or is it momentary excitement? A lot hinges on this choice.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 - February 18)** Demands made on you by outsiders which conflict with home loyalties bring a lot emotional turmoil and personal insecurity. Protect your base; your real strength is there. The glamour that attracts you is limited and shallow.

**PISCES (February 19 - March 20)** The luck you realize depends on the amount of work you're willing to expend to get it. Selfishness is not characteristic of you, so why begin to indulge in it now? The strength of your personality is best expressed when others praise it.

## Gay Mormons

To meet the needs of a rapidly emerging gay Latter-day Saint population in the Santa Clara Valley area, Affirmation — Gay and Lesbian Mormons have announced the formation of a San Jose group.

The organization will kick off the first of its regular monthly meetings with a potluck brunch on Sunday, June 2.

Affirmation with 15 chapters and groups nationwide provides social, emotional, and spiritual support for hundreds of LDS and RLDS men and women. It was the subject of a 60 Minutes Australia segment this past spring and has been a source of controversy within the conservative Mormon faith.

"Affirmation helps to provide a kind of family environment which is so important to us, says one of the group's founding members. Although we are LDS oriented, the group is open to all men and women who want a spiritual alternative to the typical gay social scene. There are even two non-Mormons among our organizing leadership."

The South Bay Chapter, which covers Santa Clara, Santa Cruz and lower San Mateo counties, invites all gay and lesbian Mormons and their friends to meet with them.

Those interested in attending can call (408) 279-1461 for details.

Literature about Affirmation can be obtained by writing P.O. Box 4875, San Jose, CA 95150.

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## Doin' It — Cow Boy/Girl Style

By Ted Sahl

A fundraiser for Gay Pride Day 1985 brought out cowboys/cowgirls for a fun and "foot-stompin'" night at The Interlude.

Them long horns danced reel easy like in twos, as the music belted — "Roll On Daddy."

With a much larger dance floor to match the music of D.J. Tim McDonell, they hooked thumbs in front pockets, shimmy'd to the beat, a kick front, back slap that boot and do it all over again, a

favorite dance that is done solo in groups of 5-10 or whatever.

My favorite number to the above dance step is done to a tune called "I'll be damned if I'll go home with a turkey like you" ... ! Oh, well, it wasn't that bad, driving home by myself.

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The June schedule is as follows:

June 2 — Women's jazz show  
June 9 — Interview with Linda Hirschhorn, recording artist of *Skies Ablaze*  
June 16 — Special music for Father's Day  
June 23 — Women's music

# ACLU

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ation, the National Committee for Sexual and Civil Liberties, and National Gay Rights Advocates.

The project will work closely with Lambda to assure that there is no duplication of effort, and to avoid diverting contributions from other gay rights groups.

Overall litigation priorities and strategies will be developed in consultation with an advisory board now being formed. The board is expected to include such leading gay rights activists as Jay Kohorn, Roberta Achtenberg, Leonard Graff, Tim Sweeney, and Abby Rubenfeld, in addition to several members of the ACLU Board of Directors.

The ACLU said it would require \$50,000 to being the project and was now actively seeking contributions.

The national office of ACLU is located at: American Civil Liberties Union, 132 West 43rd Street, New York, NY 10036.

# BISHOP TUTU

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African ceremony. Afterwards, he quickly disappeared behind a hoard of still and TV cameras.

The program got underway beforehand. A long list of religious speakers, who practically raved Bishop Tutu to sainthood, voiced their opinions — not to mention the politicians.

A break in the program saw Joan Baez leading a musical sing-along.

The stage filled with children, who sang, "We are the children," the song made famous to raise funds for aid around the world.

It grabbed everyone — tears flowed all over the place — but back to the speeches.

Bishop Swing of San Francisco spoke.

Bishop Leontine Kelly of the Methodist Diocese lauded Tutu. Bishop Kelly, a black lady, was arrested for blockading at the Lawrence Livermore Nuclear Laboratory during Easter weekend.

Mayor Dianne Feinstein of San Francisco, with a fresh new short haircut, gave Bishop Tutu the key to the City.

Gay Supervisor Harry Britt gave a passionate speech.

"In the perspective of history," he said, "freedom is that place where the future is about to be born."

"Freedom is that place where the human spirit is breaking out again and is tearing apart the conditions of the past and liberating people for new

# Arts Council Spring Showcase Spirited



Board of Directors of the Arts Council of Gay & Lesbian San Jose

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The crowd was not as large as expected, but the spirit was high. Sculptors, poets, photographers, painters exhibited their art works.

The variety of art was rich, exciting, and lots of it.

Music by both the Womyn's Chorus and the Liedermann Chorus — Kathy Tapp — the Underground String Symphony — a clarinet/piano duo — Polynesian dances —

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challenges to live together in different ways."

"It was on the continent of Africa that the human spirit first breathed the first breath of freedom in life," he said.

"In 1985, Africa is calling all of us home."

"For too long the voice of America and the international debate listens to the likes of Ronald Reagan and others who speak the language of domination, control and military power and not allowing people to express freedom and raise their heads with the power of dignity."

"We are here today to say the voice of America must become a voice of freedom," Britt continued, "a voice of freedom and liberation in the international community of human beings."

"As black So. Africans and Black African Americans are providing the leadership in proclaiming that message, they hear this other voice, a voice not of domination, but the voice of liberation coming from so many places."

"Those of us who hearken to the voice of the children of Central America, who have had enough in order to maintain special economic interests."

"The ugliness of Ronald Reagan's glorification of German militarism would be less if it were not that this country has a foreign policy based on racial supremacy."

"There is a voice in our own land of older men and women saying that their experience must not be secondary to the inexperienced or the young."

"We hear voices of Lesbian women and Gay men saying to those who would dominate us, our lives are not secondary to yours," Britt said, "but you had better listen to American women if you want to move into a

productive relationship based on justice and peace.

"And above all, the voice of those who would have peace say that no concerns whatsoever can be secondary to preserving our planet for our children."

"Those who hearken to these voices can say of ourselves, we are the children, the children of Africa, the children of the world. And we the children of this present order can be the parents of a new order, of a century based on freedom, if we make the voice of peace and justice and liberation the voice of the country we love."

Finally, the moment came when Bishop Tutu spoke to the audience.

He thanked those present for their commitment to justice and the struggle for peace in So. Africa, especially, he said, "when you needn't bother."

"It's a tremendous thing that you do, that you care, to not be home watching baseball or something else on television, but being here to express support for your brothers and sisters so far away."

"Those people back home know they will be free, those people know that they have a cause which is noble."

"They have a cause that must prevail because they are people like yourselves."

"And don't let any one kid you and say you're just wasting your time, man! woman! It is all part of the one family — the family of God."

"What you do matters — what you do counts."

He described the black worker who sits by himself in a single hostel and wonders, what have I done, God, do you care?

For all I want is when I leave my job, going back home, to be able to have my child rush out into my arms to welcome Daddy back home.

"I also would just like to be able to embrace my child, to kiss my child, to embrace my wife, to sleep with my wife."

"It's a crime to be with my wife in So. Africa."

"What have I done, God? . . . And you say, you haven't done anything."

"You are God's child and in the land of your birth . . . (heh, he chuckles)

You have to have a paper that says you have a right to be where you are.

"You have to have a piece of paper that says you have the right to look for work — crazy!"

"It is the only country in the world where it is a crime for a man or woman to look for work."

"And this is a country which your government supports with a policy of constructive engagement."

"It is your country that says South Africa is the last bastion

against Communism. (He chuckles.)

"How lousy!" he says to the audience, "The last recruiter for Communism is apartheid."

"And those who aid and abett apartheid collaborate with a system that is evil. With the same kind of evil which we spoke about when we spoke about nazism, when we spoke about Communism."

"You know, I come from a great country, a great country. God's own country, with apologies to Americans."

"It is a land that has an extraordinary capacity for playing romantic games."

"There was a time when we were called natives, with a capital N, and you thought, well, that's what it meant, it referred to the indigenous people of the land."

"But if you approached a white So. African born and bred in So. Africa, who never set foot anywhere else in the world, and you said, 'Excuse me, Ma'am, are a Native of these parts?'"

"You would know soon enough an awful mistake because in that country Native applies only to those with that color skin."

"And so you have the extraordinary business of foreign natives owning So. Africa."

"You use to have," Tutu said in a serious tone, "roadside greetings: Drive Carefully, Natives Cross Here."

"One day a brave person added a word to such a saying to read: Danger, Natives Very Cross Here."

"Dear friends, we have a land richly endowed by God, a land that is heavily ridden by fear, a land in which people have decided to force a biologically irrelevant color of skin as that which determines where you are born, where you live, whom you can marry, where you can go to school, and so forth and so on."

"And yet one almost always says, what has that got to do with who I am as a human being? — one created in the image of God."

"What does the color of my skin tell you about my values as a human being?"

"What does it tell you about whether I am warmhearted."

"What does it tell you whether I am intelligent. What does it tell you about whether I am compassionate and caring."

"God has not created us for that. Our God has said that your value, my value resides in the fact that I have created you in my image."

"I have created you to be my viceroy. I have created you to be my representative, and so you can imagine how devastatingly unjust our situation is."

"And you say to that black mother whose employer doesn't know her real name because they say her real name is too difficult to say, so they will call her Annie."

"And when you minister to her

in a congregation, you say to her, Momma, as you walk down the street and they ask, who is that?"

"You say — oh, that's God's partner, that's God's viceroy, that's God's representative."

"Momma, walk tall, for God loves you. God loves you with a love that is immeasurable and absolutely nothing will change that fact about you."

"It is the most fundamental fact about you, and God didn't make you to walk bent grotesquely because someone has got their foot on your neck."

"God made you to walk upright with head high. God said, you are my representative, Momma!"

"And I am the God on the side of the poor!"

"And I am the God on the side of the widow, the orphan and the alien."

"And so we can say to the oppressors, Hey! . . . you are in trouble, you are in great trouble . . . ha! You have already lost . . . Ha! You move around thinking you are running the show."

"Hey man! this is God's world, and God is in charge here."

"God cares about injustice, oppression. Our God cares and our God is not a neutral God, our God takes sides. Our God takes sides against oppressors."

"Hey! you have already lost, you know. There is no way in justice will prevail against goodness."

"The judgment and the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ proclaimed for ever and ever that goodness prevails over evil, that light prevails over darkness, that love prevails over hate, that life prevails over death."

"And there's no way you can frustrate God's intentions."

"So hey! oppressor, we've been nice to you, join the winning side."

"We're on the winning side, my brothers and sisters, not because we are smart, not because we are good. We know how often we fall short of God's intentions for us, but because we worship a God for whom these things matter, he says, you and you and you and all of us are my partners. I ask you to help me, help me transform the evil of this world. Help me transform the hatred of this world, help me transform the anguish and agony of this world."

"Help me transfigure the poverty, the ills of this world."

"Help me transform them for the sake of all my children black and white."

"Help me transform them so that they become my kingdom, my kingdom of Shalom."

"My kingdom of justice, peace, joy, laughter, caring and compassion, so that the kingdom of this world will become the kingdom of our God Jesus Christ and he shall reign, and reign forever, amen . . ."

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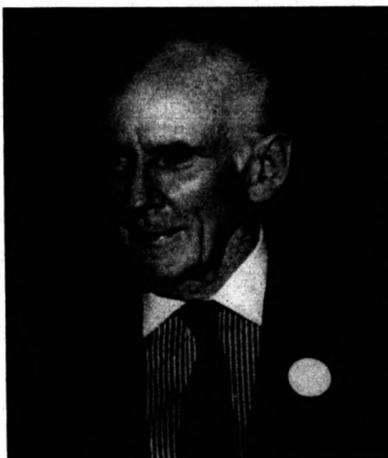
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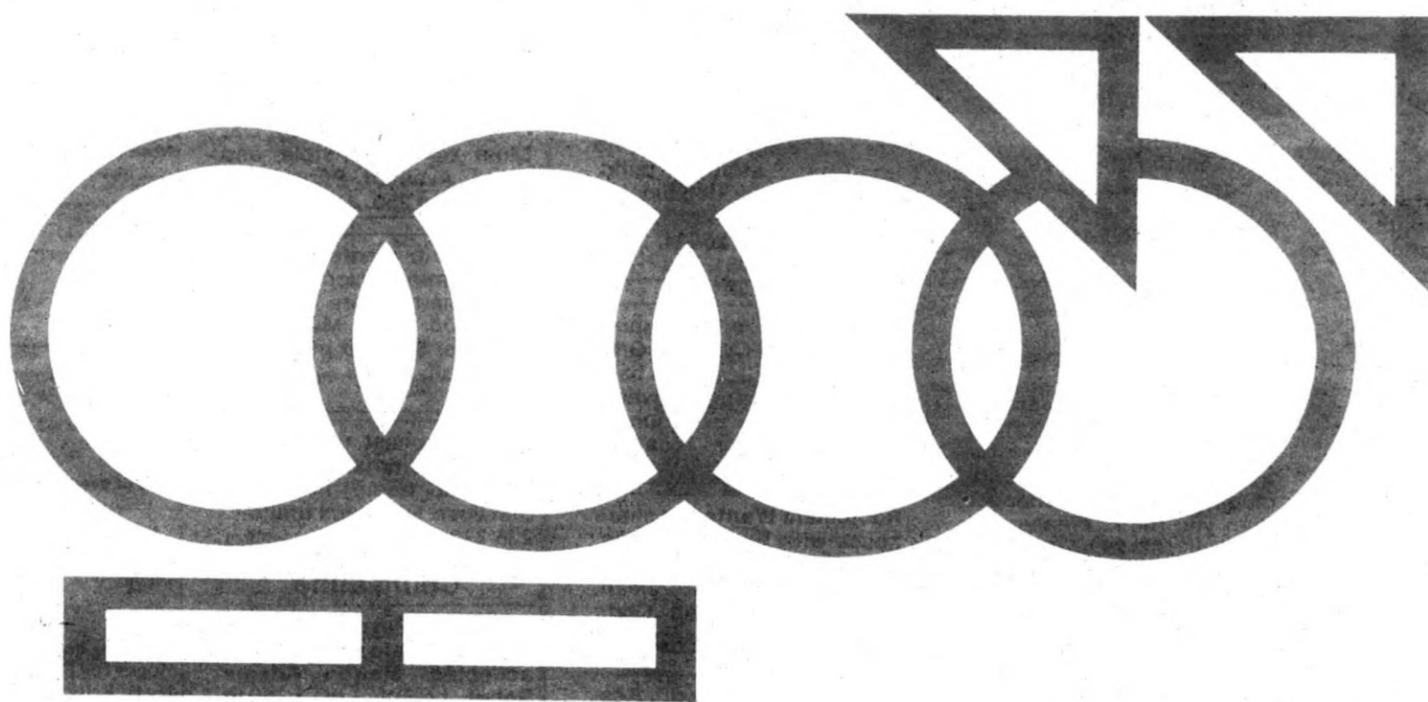
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