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Gays March On Sacramento

by Sandy Lowe

A large wet contingent of Sonoma County Gay people joined thousands of other soggy activists from all parts of California in a rousing march and rally in Sacramento on Sunday, January 13. The torrential rains did not dampen the enthusiasm of the marchers who had come to the State Capitol in behalf of Assembly Bill 1 (AB 1), which would make the remedies of the Fair Employment Practices Commission available to people who have been denied jobs or promotions solely because of their sexual orientation. California Human Rights Advocates (CHRA) coordinated the march and the lobbying efforts.

On Monday following the march, Sonoma County representatives circulated through the halls of the Capitol office building lobbying local elected officials.

The Gay people of this area received statements of support from Mike Gage (D-8th Assembly Dist.), Bill Filante (R-9th Assembly Dist.), and State Senator Barry Keene (D-2nd Sen. Dist.) all of whom promised to urge their colleagues to support this needed legislation.

Doug Bosco (D-2nd Assembly Dist.) questioned whether such legislation was really necessary. A delegation of five local Gay people described a number of instances of discrimination from their own experiences. Bosco listened attentively and,

at the end of the conversation, acknowledged that he had changed his mind, was convinced and would support the bill.

Sonoma County lobbyists were pleased with the results of the day. Lobbying pressure succeeded in getting AB1 through the Assembly Ways and Means Committee on Tuesday, January 15, and is now cleared for open debate on the Assembly floor. Solid support was expressed by all but one of our elected representatives; a great advance over the status of the bill one year ago.

Disappointment came the following day, however, when the Senate Committee on Industrial Relations voted to kill the bill for the year. As a result, it is unlikely that the Assembly will consider the legislation knowing that the the Senate will not.

Gay lobbyists also visited State Senator Jim Nielsen (R-2nd Sen. Dist.) and spoke with his aide. The Senator (who sits next to John Briggs in the Senate Chamber) has since indicated that he opposes legislation to ban discrimination against Gays in employment.

Local lobbyists are determined to maintain contact with our local representatives and are already planning meetings and surveys with local candidates for state and federal office in this presidential election year.

For more information on local lobbying efforts call 887-1268.

Cotati City Council Bans Gay Discrimination

The Cotati City Council passed a resolution banning employment and housing discrimination against Lesbians and Gays on January 22. Councilman Bill Jordan moved adop-

tion of the resolution. Councilwoman Eve O'Rourke seconded the motion. There were four ayes coming from Jordan, O'Rourke, Councilman Allen Stansbury, and Mayor Bob Davis. Councilman Al Faletti voted no.

Two Week Boycott Called Against Film

"YOU CAN LIVE WITHOUT IT (for two weeks)" is the slogan chosen by some angry Sonoma County Gay people who are arguing a two week boycott of the film *Cruising* opening at a UA theater in Santa Rosa on February 15. The Ad Hoc Committee to Boycott the Film *Cruising* is aware that demonstrations of one sort or another are being planned against the film when it opens at 600 theaters across the country, and is seeking to take some action in Sonoma County "that seems right for our community."

The shooting of the film provoked several days of Gay riots in New York last summer after copies of the script were leaked to the press.

The filmmaker, William Friedkin claims *Cruising* is a murder mystery shot against the background of the Gay subculture. The murders, however, are no mystery. They are a series of dismemberings of Gay men. Early on we get to see the killer as he

stabs a man in the back while fucking him; we aren't left guessing who it is that's going around cutting off cocks and stuffing them in his victim's mouths.

A straight cop, played by Al Pacino, is sent out as an undercover "Gay" decoy to find the killer. "How far do I have to go?" Pacino's character asks his captain. "If we send out an undercover narc, he grows a beard and long hair but he doesn't have to become an addict." But during his immersion in the leather and S&M bars he becomes possessed. He breaks up with his girlfriend and becomes interested in an unsuccessful gay playwright, with whose jealous lover he has a violent quarrel.

The killer is also portrayed as a failed artist, but a heterosexual, a narcissist fond of musicals. Whenever moving in for the kill, he speaks in "The Voice of Jack." The killer has a humiliating encounter with his father and we learn that the Voice of

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Gays Respond To Attack And Harrassment

At least six Gay men were brutally beaten at a private New Year's Eve party in Durham (Butte County). The unprovoked attack by 12-15 youths necessitated emergency medical treatment and resulted in considerable property damage.

The incident began when 3 uninvited youths entered the party and verbally harassed the guests shouting, "Goddamn faggots" and "Queers." After having been asked repeatedly to leave, the youths assaulted one of the guests outside of the house before leaving. Due to the severity of the attack, law enforcement officials were immediately contacted. Before their arrival, the youths returned with about a dozen others. The violence resumed and several guests suffered serious injuries.

Since the incident, continued property damage and verbal assaults have forced the resident and party host to move from his home in Durham, 12 miles south of Chico.

The reason no names have been given up to this point is that the individuals involved fear further danger.

Ed Cleary of the Chico State Gay People's Union said, "This is not an isolated incident. In the past our dances have been interrupted and the people were harassed."

"Butte County is not unique in the attack on Lesbians and Gay men. As the violence of these attacks increases, we are no longer content to passively accept this harassment," said Melanie Martin of Lesbian/Gay Cause of Butte County.

Steps are being taken to discourage further incidents of violence against gays. Members of the Gay community and supporters have aligned to form the group Concerned Citizens Against Violence.

Twenty-two Gay men and Lesbians representing Concerned Citizens Against Violence met with Sheriff's Department officials and Butte County Supervisor Jane Dolan on January 11. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the Sheriff's Department's response to the incident and relations between the Sheriff's Department and the Lesbian/Gay community.

Representing the Sheriff's Department were Sheriff Larry Gillick, Lt. Terry Kortan and Lt. Richard Brush.

While there was some discussion about the discrepancies between the number and times of calls the Sheriff's Department claims to have received and the number and times of calls guests at the party claim to

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2nd Anniversary Issue

House Members Support Gays

Eighteen members of the U.S. House of Representatives have urged an end to discrimination against homosexuals by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Earlier, 15 representatives had signed a similar letter.

The new group includes: Anthony Beilenson (D-California), Phillip Burton (D-California); William Brodhead (D-Michigan), John Conyers (D-Michigan), Julian Dixon (D-California), Robert Edgar (D-Pennsylvania), Don Edwards (D-California), Vic Fazio (D-California), William Gray (D-Pennsylvania), Mike Lowry (D-Washington), Robert Matsui (D-California), Pete McCloskey (R-California), George Miller (D-California), Stephen Solarz (D-New York), Gerry Studds, (D-Massachusetts), Bruce Vento (D-Minnesota), Henry Waxman (D-California) and Ted Weiss (D-New York).

—Advocate

Feminist Cleric Fired

The Reverend William Callahan was relieved of his duties in Washington by his boss, the Jesuit worldwide director general, and sent back to his native New England to await reassignment. Callahan was branded a troublemaker when he called on bishops preparing for the Pope's visit, in September, to refuse to volunteer for the papal mass so that women would be asked to fill their roles. He had been specifically warned to "refrain from any public advocacy of priestly ordination of women."

—S.F. Chronicle

No Women In Combat

WASHINGTON, DC—A week hearings just concluded has made it clear that neither the Congress nor the Carter administration is prepared to allow women military combat roles. In order, however, to maximize opportunities for career advancement, both are considering expanded opportunities for women in combat-support positions.

The Carter administration, which wants Congress to rescind its ban on women in combat, met resistance from the House Military Personnel Subcommittee, which made it clear during the hearings that it had no intention of placing women in combat roles. Witnesses were asked, however, for suggestions as to how to give women more combat-related jobs in order to further their careers.

Rep. Richard C. White (D-TX), chair of the subcommittee, suggested legislation to remove the combat ban but declaring a Congressional policy which would permit the President to authorize the use of women in combat only as a last resort to defend American soil.

—GCN

Feds Sue Sears Over Women And Third World Discrimination

NEW YORK—Federal officials recently filed five suits against Sears, Roebuck and Company charging the company with discrimination against women, Blacks and Hispanics.

The suits, filed on October 22 in New York City; Memphis; Atlanta; Chicago; and Montgomery, Alabama marked the latest round in the EEOC's seven year long investigation in Sears. The company employs more than 400,000 people in its more than 3700 stores and catalogue distribu-

tion centers in all 50 states and Puerto Rico.

Earlier this year, Sears had sought to halt the planned suits by filing counter-suits against the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission (EEOC) and nine other government agencies, contending that the government's own policies, such as its veteran's preference laws, had created an "unbalanced work force" dominated by white males.

After debating whether or not to

They'll Try Again In Dade County

MIAMI, FL—The Congress United for Rights and Equality (CURE) has secured the approval of the Dade County Public Attorney to gather signatures on a petition in the hope of placing a "Gay Rights III" proposal before the voters on March 3, 1980. Robert Kunst, a co-chair of CURE, has termed the March 3 election "the affectional, sexual, and presidential preference primary." CURE must collect 29,000 signatures within two months for the question to be placed on the ballot.

The new proposition is reportedly more extensive than the one approved and later defeated when Anita Bryant mounted her crusade to re-

Boy Charged In 'Sissy' Stabbing Death

NEWARK, NJ—A 10 year-old boy is being held in the Essex County Youth House after having been charged in the stabbing death of an 8 year-old boy who allegedly called him a "sissy." A judge has ruled that the boy must remain in custody until he is tried.

Authorities said that Robert Kratic was stabbed in the back by the unidentified boy, who reportedly used a six-inch steak knife as a weapon. Kratic died near the spot where he had been involved in a game of touch football.

The boy cannot be tried as an adult, said Essex County assistant prosecutor Norman Menz, because "fourteen is the bottom age limit."

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Gay People In Medicine

CHANTILLY, VA—Gay People in Medicine (GPIM), founded in 1976, is a task force of the American Medical Student Association (AMSA) with two main objectives: improving the quality of health care of Lesbian and Gay patients and improving the working conditions and professional status of Lesbian and Gay health professionals and students.

GPIM provides educational workshops for health professionals, designs training materials, collects and conducts research on the health problems of Lesbians and Gay men, and provides referrals. The group also

peal it in 1977. "Gay Rights III" would prohibit discrimination in the areas of housing, employment, and public accommodation on the basis of creed, affectional and sexual preference, student status, political affiliation, native or familiar language spoken, source of income, pregnancy or abortion, military service, membership in trade unions or associations, smoking or non-smoking, or polygraph testing.

The current proposal would also provide that all persons would be entitled to full and equal treatment in regard to the services of health, mental health, and social services, and to financial credit, without segregation or discrimination.

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Firemen Want To Marry

They didn't want to live together, just get married, the two firemen in Alexandria, Virginia, told their chief.

The two men, one divorced and one widowed, were taking the action so that their children could receive their life insurance benefits under the city's new pension plan. "It's just plain discrimination against single men like myself," said Clarence W. Heahew, one of the complainants. "I wanted to make my mother the beneficiary."

The men's matrimonial plans might have some effect: at last word city officials said they were considering changes in the inheritance provision.

—Advocate

drop the suits, EEOC members voted to file one nationwide sex discrimination suit against the company and four limited suits alleging discrimination in specific stores or catalogue outlets.

The nationwide suit accuses Sears of paying women less than men in similar jobs; of engaging in sexually discriminatory recruiting, hiring, training and promotion practices and of giving lesser employment opportunities to pregnant employees.

The other suits charge that the company discriminates against Blacks and Hispanics in hiring practices. The New York City suit, for example, states that Sears "intentionally engaged in unlawful practices which discriminates against Blacks and Hispanics" at two retail stores.

—Liberation News Service

Gay Ordinance Fails In Davis

DAVIS, CA—A one-week old gay rights ordinance has been rescinded by the Davis City Council after an opponent of the measure threatened to put the law up to a referendum at the same time that three of five councillors face re-election.

The City Council adopted the ordinance by a vote of 3-2 during the week of Nov. 25. Its enforcement would have guaranteed Lesbians and Gay men equal rights in the areas of housing, private employment, and access to public accommodations. The next week, however, in the face of a threatened referendum, the Council reversed itself, 4-1. At the same time, councillors agreed not to reconsider the measure for at least two years.

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Copy Deadline

Copy deadline for the March issue of the Lesbian and Gay NEWS is Wednesday, February 13th.

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'Homosexuals' Protested As Harmful And Misleading

NEW YORK, NY—The National Gay Task Force (NGTF) has responded to the Dec. 18 airing of ABC News Close-Up: Homosexuals, stating that, "While community response to the program has been mixed, the overwhelming reaction that we have received has been negative."

In a prepared statement, NGTF said the documentary is being protested for several reasons, among them that, "through editorialized content," the film "claims to represent a genuine summary portrait of Lesbian and Gay life in America," which renders it "harmful and misleading"; that Lesbians are under-represented in the film; that "the major portion of the film is devoted to the personal agony suffered by a small number of documentary subjects"; the feeling that "the film belabors our suffering to the near total exclusion of experiences of pride and power in Gay identity," thereby rein-

forcing the stereotype that "Gay life" is sad and lonely; and because the producer agreed to permit representatives of NGTF to preview the program before it was aired and later allegedly reneged on that agreement.

NGTF Co-Executive Directors Lucia Valeska and Charles F. Brydon made it clear that they did not "in any way want to condemn the courageous contribution made by those Lesbians and Gay men who were willing to share their stories with the producers and viewers. However, they said, "The experience teaches all of us a hard lesson. Although we must risk unfair treatment at the hands of a much needed, theoretically unbiased non-Gay media, we must also scrutinize and gain control over the uses and product of our energy, openness and courage, which in this case resulted in a portrait of Gay people which at best evokes a tainted kind of sympathy."

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Guerilla Leader Supports Brazilian Gays

RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL—Fernando Gabeira, one of the best-known leaders of the Brazilian guerrilla movement of the late 1960s and early 1970s, was interviewed at length in a recent issue of Lampiao, Brazil's leading Gay journal, and he expressed strong support for Gay liberation.

The interview with Gabeira, involving several Lampiao staff members, is part of an on-going dialogue between the embryonic Gay movement in Brazil and the left.

In the interview, Gabeira characterizes the "orthodox left" as "neanderthal" and hopes that a more contemporary left will deal with issues raised by Gay liberationists, feminists, blacks, and environmentalists.

With the collapse of the guerrilla movement at the beginning of the 1970s, Gabeira lived in exile for several years in Cuba and in Sweden. He returned to Brazil during a recent amnesty granted by the government. He had participated in the kidnapping of U.S. Ambassador Burke Elbrick in 1969. In the interview, Gabeira does not identify himself as Gay, and speaks about homosexuals in the third person.

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The interview, which appears in Portuguese, appears in Lampiao's November issue, which can be obtained for \$2 from Lampiao, Caixa Postal 41,031, CEP 20,000 (Santa Teresa), Rio de Janeiro RJ, Brazil.

—Gay Community News

President Abortion Opposes

MEXICO, DF—President Jose Lopez Portillo has unexpectedly termed abortion a barbaric practice and expressed his opposition to it. Lopez Portillo's statement came amid a growing campaign in Mexico to legalize abortions. "I think there are more civilized and reasonable ways of controlling the birth rate," he said at a recent news conference.

In November, Communist members of the Mexican Congress introduced the first bill to legalize abortion, urging that it now be viewed as a form of birth control. The Mexican Communist Party recently announced its support for the abortion position taken by the National Front for the Liberation and Rights of Women, which began the campaign to revoke penalties for abortions and to instruct health authorities to provide them more than four years ago.

"It's a woman's right not to die because of a clandestine abortion," said Anili Elias, a prominent women's rights activist. "Even if there were zero population growth, a woman has a right to a free and safe abortion."

It is estimate that between 800,000 and 1.2 million illegal abortions are performed in Mexico annually, and that more than 10,000 women die each year as a result of abortion complications. Other studies indicate that only eight percent of abortions are performed under proper medical supervision.

—Gay Community News

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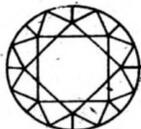
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"What is it, then, that makes homosexuals tend to sympathize with revolutionary causes and to find in espionage a congenial profession? No doubt, psychiatrists' case-books shed light on this, but just common sense suggests that the same gifts which make homosexuals often accomplished actors equip them for spying, which is a kind of acting, while their inevitable exclusion from the satisfaction of parenthood gives them a grudge against society, and therefore an instinctive sympathy with efforts to overthrow it."

—Essayist Malcolm Muggeridge, author of a recent *Time* magazine essay in which he discoursed upon the British espionage affair involving Sir Anthony Blunt.

Parental Stress Help Available

Child abuse is a major cause of death for children under 2 years of age. Child Protective Services estimates that over 2,500 children are abused, neglected or abandoned each year in Sonoma County.

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The primary objective of Parental Stress Service is to be available to any parent in stress when there seems to be no place to turn for help and support. A 10 week training class for potential volunteers will be offered at the YWCA beginning Feb. 5, from 7:10 p.m. Through the use of speakers, films, tapes and discussion, the class will prepare volunteers to take calls on the 24 hour Parental Stress Service hotline. All calls are relayed by switchboard to the volunteer's home.

Interested persons may register for the class entitled "Child Abuse and Its Prevention" through SRJC evening college, or at the first class meeting Feb. 5th. at 635 5th. St., S.R. For more information call 546-9922.

History Project Workshop

The Sonoma County Lesbian and Gay History Project will hold its first public workshop on Thursday, February 28 at 7:30 PM in the faculty conference room in Emeritus Hall (upstairs) at the Santa Rosa Junior College.

The workshop will offer assistance in how to conduct oral interviews. The purpose of the project is to gather and document the personal histories of older Lesbians and Gay men who are living in this area.

The workshop is being organized by the Gay Student Union, SRJC, and is wheelchair accessible. For more information call: 838-4237.

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NOW Opposes Carter

WASHINGTON, DC—The Executive Board of the National Organization for Women (NOW) has voted to oppose the renomination or re-election of Pres. Jimmy Carter, no matter who might run against him, because he has not won ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) and, in the Board's estimation, he has not tried hard enough to do so. The Board's decision is also based on the fact that abortion rights have been restricted during the Carter presidency. The 27-member Executive Board, policy-makers for NOW's 110,000 members, did not make a decision on a candidate it deems preferable to Carter.

This action by the Board was recommended to NOW's Political Action Committee, which adopted it as its position and scheduled a January meeting for discussion of a possible positive endorsement.

The ERA has been ratified by 35 states to date. Three more states must approve it before June 30, 1982, for it to become law.

Women And The Law Conference

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—The 11th National Conference on Women and the Law will be held Feb. 28-March 2 at the San Francisco Civic Center. It will provide an opportunity for students, legal workers, lawyers, and community workers to share ideas and expertise on the issues currently confronted by the women's movement.

The conference will include some 160 workshops covering such topics as abortion, employment discrimination, Lesbian rights, domestic relations, the impact of the legal system on women of color, violence against women, women in the criminal justice system, health care, and the Equal Rights Amendment. Registration deadline is Jan. 25, 1980.

To register or to obtain additional information contact the 11th National Conference on Women and the Law, Golden Gate University, 536 Mission St., San Francisco, CA 94105, or call (415) 442-7258.

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'Homosexuals' Interviewee Responds

Lesbians And Gays Should Voice Criticisms

To the *Gay Community*—

Because of my involvement with the ABC News Closeup called "Homosexuals," I feel a responsibility to share with our community some perceptions that may put some recent criticisms in perspective.

"Homosexuals" was written, edited, and produced by Helen Whitney. To my knowledge, Helen is one of the very few women in American television who writes, edits, and produces documentaries. Criticism would have been more rightly directed to Helen rather than her photographer, Don Guy. Don shot what Helen told him to. I saw it happen.

I don't want to discredit criticisms. It is true that a certain stereotypical image of Gay people came across. We seemed to be predominantly white and middle-class—"artists, classical musicians, museum curators, and psychotherapists." Some have asked where were the "teachers, truck drivers (male and female), mothers, fathers, nurses, and engineers"? That's a very good question. I asked Helen that same question

myself. We criticized her heavily for coming to a town with a 51% black population and filming only white people. She heard us. I saw Helen and Laurie Frank, her assistant producer, go into the back Gay bars here and out into the bayou country. I saw the support and encouragement those people gave them. I also very queerly heard those brave Gay people

politics in the film. That was a personal choice Helen made. I argued with her about it. Helen's reply was that as a straight woman she felt it would be arrogant of her—given 48 minutes of air time—to attempt a balanced view of Gay politics. I heard her honesty. In the nine hours of film ABC shot of our collective, Helen chose to show us talking about

enough, however, the higher brass of ABC stood by Helen and decided to air the show at network expense. I pass along this fact to our community so that it can be acknowledged. ABC deserves at least a "thanks" for letting us speak in voices that heterosexuals have silenced for thousands of years. We don't need to be gushy about it. They only did what's right.

We seemed to be predominantly middleclass

tell Helen they couldn't be filmed because they'd lose their jobs or be kicked out of their families. (I know for a fact that two of the women who did appear on the show have already been driven out: one was slapped by her father and the other disowned by her mother.)

I am not trying to defend Helen's judgments or her choices. Lesbians and Gay men need to let Helen hear our criticisms so that she can learn from them. My principal criticism is that there was no reflection of our

what it feels like to be sissies in a patriarchy. In her own way, Helen allowed us to make the most personally political statement we could have made. I respect her choice for us. I can't speak for anyone else.

Like many others, I screamed when I learned the title "Homosexuals." (We wanted to call it "We the People.") The final title was a corporate decision. Our criticism here should rightfully be directed to Richard Richter (ABC News Closeup, 1330 Ave. of the Americas, NY, NY 10019). When the final cut was shown to the original sponsors, they all backed out. (If I knew their names I'd tell you. Perhaps some Gay people in the bowels of ABC can get this info and pass it on to us—get this info and pass it on to us—"Name Withheld" if need be in order to protect their jobs.) Interestingly

There is one point, however, that Gay people outside the major urban centers are very sensitive about. We call it East/Westcoast chauvinism. In New Orleans, Mardi Gras is synonymous with open Gay expression—especially so last year when Helen was filming. The cops here were on strike then and it was the most peaceful Mardi Gras in living memory. The French Quarter was entirely queer. Because the cops weren't there to "protect" them by beating us up, the hets stayed away on Fat Tuesday and the streets were OURS. Helen and Don caught that spirit in a way I never thought possible. (I'd give anything to see the outtakes!) Perhaps I'm being overly sensitive. And I think we need to be very careful and loving in our criticism of any community's expression of its gayness.

The last time I spoke to Helen, shortly after the show was postponed the first time, she said that if the film got a good response (who knows what ABC considers a "good response"?), there was a possibility of its being expanded to 90 minutes and perhaps released for commercial distribution. Any Gay person who feels that would be a good idea might write Richard Richter or Helen Whitney at ABC (address above) and let them hear our criticisms and suggestions.

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Out And About

With Hannah

Quick! Quick! On Jan. 31, you can catch the Brown Bag Readers Theatre at Napa College Rm. 100 at 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome, there will be a sign language interpreter, it is wheelchair accessible, and there is a donation asked at the door. The Readers Theatre is a group of Lesbians from Sonoma Co. and their topic is Women and Alcoholism. Their presentation is inspiring, educational, humorous and if you miss them this time, don't miss them next time.

Speaking of clean and sober, the Sweethearts Ball is happening Feb. 8 at Sebastopol Grange Hall from 8p.m.-1a.m. with promises (on the flyer) of the finest dancing tunes.

The Moonrise Cafe has changed hands again. The new womanagement sez they want the Moonrise to be a safe and special place for all kinds of women. There are a lot of things happening there this month including: Karen Wintman, artist of the month, is having her reception on Feb. 2 at 5 p.m. I am told that her watercolours are not only beautiful, but reasonably priced. The first meeting of a group for Jewish Women is at 8 p.m. on Feb. 8. On Feb. 9, De Colores is performing a wonderful variety of Latin American music from old traditional songs to revolutionary songs of La Nueva Cancion movement. The Lesbian Alliance is meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 11 and, by the way, they like to start on time. Alas and at last, there is a dance on Valentine's Day to benefit the Moonrise. The dance will take place at Garbo's out on the river and the band will be Linda Tillery, Mary

Watkins and a few friends. There is a buffet at 6:30 and the dance starts at 9 p.m. I heard that the last time Linda Tillery played at Garbo's there were almost no men there.

Sonoma State U. Women's Studies is sponsoring a lecture series on the Law and Women this semester. The lectures will be presented in Cluster Schools 68 at 7 p.m., it is free, everyone is welcome, it is wheelchair accessible and child care will be provided. Planned speakers include Susan Jordan, a feminist attorney, and Karlene Faith, who is currently writing a book on women in prison. Karlene is a brilliant, amazing teacher who is loved by many (myself included) who have had the extraordinary opportunity to meet her.

Sweet Honey in the Rock will be in San Francisco in concert on March 1 in connection with the Women and the Law conference that will be taking place that weekend. Sweet Honey is a group of four Black Women from Washington, D.C. They sing acapella music ranging from traditional gospel to songs that reflect today's political situations. Their sound is outstanding and beautiful beyond words.

As Mark Hatfield (who is no friend of mine otherwise) said "It is interesting that we are willing to kill to keep our cars running". If you are interested in draft resistance or conscientious objectorhood, you can call (415) 566-0500.

If you are interested in having us make note of an event in March, drop us a line or a flyer and we'll certainly think about putting it in Out and About.

Booklet Offers Overview Of Gay Literature

Gay Life and Gay Writers is an elegant little booklet offering a bird's-eye view of Gay literature in English. What's really remarkable about it is that it's a Danish high-school reader—yes, that's right, a high-school reader—published by the Danish Radio Corporation under the auspices of the Ministry of Education. The booklet complements and expands upon transcripts of two BBC-produced radio broadcasts about literature and Gayness which are also included. The programs and booklet are used in Danish schools. Except for a glossary, which includes translations of such words as "carnal," "Gay," "camp," and "homophobia" into colloquial Danish, the contents are all in English. The selections include poetry by Shakespeare and his contemporaries, excerpts from the letters of various homoerotically in-

spired pen pals, some Tennyson, Edward Fitzgerald, Melville, Whitman, Gore Vida, Allen Ginsberg, voices from the liberationist '70s and—of course—Sherwood Anderson's "Hands."

The book's compilers (Wilhelm von Rosen and Vagn Sondergard) have used some of the handsomer woodblocks, drawings, cartoons, and photos from recent American Gay publications, including the two nude lovers from the cover of *Men Loving Men*. Everything's presented in an unsmutty, direct way as an educational primer for people who never heard that homosexuals could write. (For a copy, send \$4.25 to Danmarks Radio, Skoleradioen, Islands Brygge 81, 2300 Copenhagen S, Denmark. Order no. 96725).

—Advocate

TV Men Rule

New York

In the world of television, the white man is king, women are cast in traditional roles, and minorities, children and old people are under-represented, according to a study released recently.

And for many persons who watch a lot of prime-time television, this cultivates a "sexist orientation" toward the world, say the study's authors, George Gerbner and Nancy Signorielli.

The study, "Women and Minorities in Television Drama, 1969-1978," was prepared at the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg School of Communications, where Gerbner is dean and Signorielli is a research coordinator.

The report traced women and minority representation in 1365 network dramatic programs over a ten-year period and was based on a study of 16,888 characters.

In the television world, the researchers found:

- Men outnumber women three to one;
- Blacks and Hispanics are under-represented and children and the elderly are "grossly underrepresented," with more than half the prime-time characters being between the ages of 25 and 45;

The gains blacks and Hispanics made in casting during the mid-1970s have not been sustained.

The report was termed "a clear indictment of network policies and employment practices" by the Screen Actors Guild's president, Kathleen Noldan. She said the guild became

by Melvin Muller

Around the 15th of this month, the film *Cruising* will hit the screens of at least 30 movie theatres in Northern California.

The film, which is described in detail elsewhere in these pages, is one of the most vicious representations of Gay men ever to hit the screen. (Lesbians please read on.)

According to an industry source in Southern California, at press time *Cruising* was booked into 6 to 10 theatres of a possible 103 in the United Artists Theatre Circuit chain in Southern California. By compar-



Boycott: Happy Gays Won't Happen In Hollywood

(Continued from Page 1)

Jack is, in fact, his father's voice. This encounter turns out to be imaginary: dad is long dead, though son continues to write him letters begging for approval. Killing exorcises the punitive father and the killer's own suspected homosexuality—briefly.

The cop and killer finally cruise each other one night in Central Park. The killer muses nihilistically on the cosmos and "black holes" and both then enter a dark tunnel (shades of Freud). They drop their pants. ("How big are you?" "Party size." "What are you into?" "I'll go anywhere." "Do me first." "Hips or lips?" "Go for it.") Both reach for their knives, but the cop "garrots" the killer first. As he dies he stares, unbelieving, at the cop "in whom he sees—his father—himself." The next script note adds that the cop is now "released. He's done his job, he's made a choice, and he's a civilized member of society." Granting that Friedkin intended irony here, it is the first sign of it in the script, and it occurs in a parenthetical note that the director may appreciate, but the public will not see.

The cop's own exorcism appears successful, but demons lurk again when a fresh Gay corpse is found—the failed writer to whom the cop

had been attached. The film ends with the cop's promotion to Detective and his return to his girlfriend.

In 1969 William Friedkin directed



the film version of Mart Crowley's play, *The Boys in the Band*. Earlier that year Gays in Greenwich Village

son *Warriors*, the controversial gang fight film of last year, was shown at only one theatre in the UA chain in Southern California.

When a new film comes out, different theatre chains bid for the right to show the film first. One Orange County chain, comprised of 50 screens (a.k.a. theatres) refused to book *Cruising* at all. That chain's booker is Gay.

In phoning the UA Circuit office in San Francisco (area code 415, 928-3200) this reporter was quickly transferred to someone else when I called the head booker for UA to de-

termine when *Cruising* would open in Santa Rosa. My call was transferred following a very meaningful pause.

The second person I spoke with stated she couldn't "give out that kind of information" and that I would have to write a letter indicating what I need the information for. I had identified myself and my publication.

The director of *Cruising*, William Friedkin (*The Boys in the Band*, *The Exorcist*) was quoted in an interview in *New York Magazine* that he slightly changed the locale of the book for the movie (from regular Gay bar to the S&M milieu) because he "felt it wasn't interesting enough to show an ordinary Gay bar."

A source close to UA in Southern

Cruising' Reflects Hatred Of Gays And Lesbians

The following letter appeared in different form in the *Gay Community News of Boston*. It is reprinted here from *The Sentinel*.

I am writing this letter after having just finished reading a copy of the script to the United Artist film *Cruising*. I feel physically ill and very angry.

Cruising is more than Hollywood's stereotypical view of queers. This movie makes explicit the underlying hatred and violence that we, as Gay and Lesbian people, have always found in cinematic, literary and other portrayals of our lives just as the increasing violence against women in advertising, mass media, and pornography depicts the hatred implicit to

California told this reporter that United Artists expects the film *Cruising* to be one of the top five (5) money makers in its release period.

Meanwhile, the film *Windows* has been released in New York with scathing interviews. The film deals with a psychotic Lesbian who develops a passion for a shy, timid younger straight woman. The Lesbian hires a man to attack the young woman. The man forces a knife down the throat of the young woman and forces her to make guttural noises which he records. The rest of the movie is spent with the Lesbian listening to the tape in the back of taxicabs and finally goes on a murderous rampage.

At the fade out, the young woman

finds herself in the same room with the crazed Lesbian who begins to play the tape of the younger woman's voice with-knife-in-throat. The younger woman achieves a sense of strength and power.

Windows stars Elizabeth Ashley as the Lesbian and Talia Shire as the younger woman. It was directed by Gordon Willis, a cinematographer (*Manhattan*) and some-time director. The film is made with what is known as good "production values."

The address for the United Artist Theatre Circuit in Northern California is:

UA Theatre Circuit
681 Market Street
San Francisco, Ca 94105

sexism in such a manner as to encourage its continuation. Recently, we have seen the appearance of movies, such as *Warriors*, that led directly to violence. Like anti-semitic journalism and cartoons of Nazi Germany, this propaganda is a threat to our lives.

By focusing on the fringe of the sexual fringe, Gay men into leather and S&M, this film works to confirm and incite the worst fears of those who hate us while attempting to divert us from the issue of violence. How each of us feel individually about leather or, even, about cruising is separate from this attack on all our lives.

I hope you get a chance to read the script as it passes from hand to hand. And I hope you join in stopping the movie *Cruising* from replacing the silence about the violence we fear and face every day in our lives with a sensationalized attack that justifies and calls for a continuation of that very violence. I think that we must unite to stop the movie *Cruising* from making money in order to show that we will not permit the truth of the violence against us to be exploited for profit and in order to show that we can effectively fight back against these attacks against our lives and the lives of the people we love.

Sincerely,
Larry Goldfarb

profit and to pander to mass market fear and ignorance. "Having been censored out of history, do we want our history constructed by the censors? Having been made invisible, can now appear only as corpses?"

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A further consideration to the concern over films depicting violence against women, is the question of encouraging violence-prone heterosexuals to seek out Gay men as their targets: Recent films such as *The Warriors* and *Boulevard Nights* had to be restricted in many areas when they generated violence following each showing.

The Ad Hoc Sonoma County Group to Boycott the Film *Cruising* acknowledges that film boycotts are unpopular and difficult to enforce. A spokesperson for the group added that "many people are legitimately fearful of any restrictions of free speech and see them as a danger to ourselves as a minority group. On the other hand, local Gays are in agree-

Spokespeople for the group noted that the film "makes most of its money in the first two weeks after release. The film distribution strategy indicates that the theater people are hoping to make big bucks fast, far and wide."

Recognizing that Gay people may be as curious to see the film anyone else, the group is nevertheless urging all Gay people and their friends to boycott the film for at least two weeks as a way of cutting film profits and registering our protest against the continuing exploitation of Gay life.

People interested in participating in boycott actions can call Max at 838-4237.

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by Scott Tucker and Sandy Love

Christians Declare Holy War Against

By Eileen Ogintz
LYNCHBURG, VA.—“We’re fighting a holy war . . . What’s happened to America is that the wicked are bearing rule,” The Rev. Jerry Falwell thundered. “We have to lead the nation back to the moral stance that made America great . . . (We) need to wield influence on those who govern us.”

More than 3,000 men and women who filled the pews in the quiet Virginia city in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains nodded in agreement. They are ordinary, middle-class Americans—teachers and sales-

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Vatican Radio officials said the

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—United Press

Monument To Gay War Dead

A committee in Amsterdam is planning a monument to be erected in their city in honor of the unknown number of homosexuals who perished in Nazi concentration camps.

The number of Gays who died has

been variously estimated at 200,000 to 600,000. Homosexual prisoners wore pink triangles instead of yellow stars, and were considered criminal—not political—prisoners, so even under the post-war government they continued to risk prosecution.

—ADV

French Won’t Drop Age Of Consent

A government commission advising the French National Assembly has recommended against lowering the age of consent for homosexual acts from 18 to 15, the age at which heterosexual acts are legal.

The bill was killed by a concerted right-wing campaign against it.

Minute, a conservative scandal-oriented tabloid, did an expose of an amateur photographer of teenage boys, and provincial papers followed suit. The advisory commission was headed by Jean Foyer, an arch-conservative Roman Catholic.

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Milk’s Lover Files Wrongful Death Suit

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names Smith as heir. The lawsuit seeks to place in trust for Milk’s estate “the proceeds, and profit, from any dealings” in the rights to White’s story. Smith also has a claim as a dependent survivor awaiting action by the Workers Compensation Appeals Board.

—The Sentinel

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Chico Gays Fight Back After Attack

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have made, the main feeling of the meeting was, as one Gay man who was at the party stated, "I don't think that the Sheriff's response was the problem, the problem was that it (the attack) happened in the first place."

The incident was the most violent example of harassment of Gays in recent years. The consensus of the meeting was that the only way to stop such harassment is through education of the community and commitment on the part of local law enforcement agencies that the investigation of such attacks will be pursued. As Lt. Kortson said, "The investigation is still open," and will remain open until it is complete. Concerned Citizens Against Violence strongly urges those involved in the incident in any way to come forth and make a statement to further expedite the investigation.

According to Sheriff Gillick, "I ensure you the full cooperation of the Butte County Sheriff's Department at all times." Concerned Citizens Against Violence will continue

to work with the Sheriff's Department on ways to handle and prevent any possible future attacks on Lesbians and Gay men.

In an effort to educate the community about the incident, five members of Concerned Citizens Against Violence addressed the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, Jan. 15. Representing local Gay and non-Gay groups were Gary Sereno-Regis from the Butte County Fellowship, Pete DeGeorge from Concerned Citizens Against Violence, Lisa Todd from the Chico Feminist Women's Health Center, Melanie Martin from Lesbian/Gay Cause of Butte County, and Lisa Buckner from the Gay People's Union.

All five called for a resolution from the Board condemning the unprovoked attack against Gay people. Without the slightest hesitation, Supervisor Winston moved that the Board go on record as opposing violence against anyone. The resolution passed unanimously.

Chairman Lemke said, "This Board cannot condone violence for any reason, especially against individual groups."

involved in the report because "our actors are notoriously underemployed, the women and minorities worse than is the norm."

The report did not cite specific programs, and the authors said that, the way the study was conducted, it would be impossible to do so.

Women are cast in settled roles and in stereotyped lifestyles, and men age more slowly than women on television and enjoy life longer, the study said, indicating "television perpetuates an inequitable—if conventional—pattern."

The authors also studied the effects and impact television has on heavy viewers by compiling answers to National Opinion Research Center surveys in 1975, 1977 and 1978.

Although the authors stopped short of saying television caused frequent viewers to be more sexist in their views, they said, "television viewing seems to cultivate a certain level of sexist orientation."

—Associated Press

Body Politic Fights Court Action

TORONTO, ONTARIO—Pink Triangle Press, publisher of *The Body Politic* (TBP), Canada's gay liberation journal, will be back in the Canadian courts Feb. 7 as the government seeks to have the Ontario Court of Appeals overturn last February's acquittal of Pink Triangle on charges of using the mails to distribute obscene material and possession of obscene material for the purpose of distribution.

Said Tim McCaskell, a representative of the *Body Politic* Free the Press Fund, "If we lose this legal battle, a new trial is a real possibility."

Before the Feb. 7 court appearance, TBP must raise \$15,000 to pay for the appeal. The Crown will argue that the acquittal should be over-

The State is bleeding us dry

turned, and, McCaskell said, "We have to be able to defend that verdict which set a strong precedent for freedom of the press—the gay press."

McCaskell added, "The Crown has vast resources and time. We don't. The State is attempting to bleed us dry and burn us out with continuing legal harassment. The Fund is only an organization of volunteers and we have no more resources than people . . . are willing to give us. We can't do it alone . . . Not guilty means not guilty. Let's keep it that way." Contributions may be made out to Lynn King in Trust for The Body Politic Free the Press Fund and mailed care of Cornish, King, Sachs, Barristers and Solicitors, 11 Richmond St. West, Suite 320, Toronto, Ontario Canada M5H 3N6.

—GCN

Anti-Gay Bill Introduced In U.S. Senate

A wide-ranging antiprogressive bill that includes provisions against homosexuals has been introduced into the U.S. Senate. It is the first time Gay measure to appear there.

Called the Family Protection Act of 1979 (S1808), the bill contains a total of 38 provisions, a kind of grab bag of pet right-wing issues, such as prayer in schools and "sex intermingling" in school sports. The measure was introduced by Sen. Paul Laxalt (R-Nevada), and at press time had found no co-sponsors. Laxalt is national co-chair of the Reagan for President campaign.

The measure contains three specifically anti-Gay provisions, which are essentially restatements of earlier congressional bills. The three anti-homosexual provisions are:

- No federal funds for legal services for Gays (the 1977 McDonald Amendment)
- No "special" civil rights for Lesbians and Gay men (the 1979 "sense of Congress" resolution introduced by McDonald)
- No federal funds for any organization that presents homosexuality as a positive lifestyle.

"It's essentially an omnibus right-wing bill," says Steve Endean, executive director of the Washington-based Gay Rights National Lobby. "I don't see the bill moving anywhere." But Endean says he does fear that conservative Senators might pull various provisions out of the bill to use as floor amendments to other measures.

On a brighter note, a bill to guarantee civil rights for homosexuals was to be introduced in the Senate by Paul Tsongas, a Massachusetts Democrat. The bill has two new Senate co-sponsors, Daniel Moynihan (D-New York) and Lowell Weicker (R-Connecticut).

Gray Panthers Support Homosexuals

CHEVY CHASE, MD—At the third biennial convention of the Gray Panthers, many resolutions came up for the consideration of those attending. The national organization which seeks to protect the rights of older Americans considered resolutions dealing with legislation on nursing homes, senior centers, supplemental income for the poor, and housing and transportation problems, among others. Among the resolutions passed was one urging the "protection of the civil and human rights of homosexuals and Lesbians."

The convention was highlighted by an address by the Gray Panthers' founder, Maggie Kuhn.

—GCN

MOSCOW, ID—The North West Gay Conference has been slated for March 14-16, 1980, in the university cities of Moscow (ID) and Pullman (WA). The principal focus of the conference will be on the concerns of Lesbians and Gay men in the Pacific Northwest for the new decade.

Twelve areas of interest have been identified as the result of a September mailing by the North West Gay Peoples Alliance, and abstracts for papers, programs, and/or workshops are now being accepted.

For information about the conference, write the North West Gay Peoples Alliance, P.O. Box 8758, Moscow, ID 83843.

—GCN

Feminist Named To Federal Court

WASHINGTON, DC—Ruth Bader Ginsburg, 46, a professor at Columbia Law School and a staunch supporter of the Equal Rights Amendment and women's rights, has been named by Pres. Jimmy Carter to a seat on the federal appeals court in the District of Columbia. She has handled many constitutional law cases involving claims of sex discrim-

ination. If her nomination is approved by the U.S. Senate, Ginsburg will replace Harold Leventhal, who died in November after serving 14 years as an appeals court judge.

As a judge on the federal appeals court, she would be considered a potential candidate for any vacancy which might occur on the U.S. Supreme Court.

—GCN

Gay Film Entries Sought

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—Frameline, a non-profit Gay film collective, will be accepting entries this Spring for the Fourth Annual San Francisco Gay Film Festival to be screened during Gay Pride Week in June 1980.

The Festival has been established by Frameline as a non-competitive showcase for films by and about Gay

people. Last year's event included a wide variety of films from across the nation.

For applications or more information regarding this year's Festival, write Frameline, 330 Grove Street, San Francisco, CA 94114. Entries will not be limited in length or format.

—GCN

Gay Peer Group Study Provides Answers

Dr. Thomas Fitzgerald's research into Gay self-help groups in Scandinavia—coupled with ten year of experience in the Greensboro (NC) community—provide an outline for a prescription for peer support groups elsewhere.

The anthropology professor noted four major functions of the successful Swedish group he studied, which was started nearly 30 years ago by Danes: social services, "reflecting very impressive voluntarism among Scandinavians," he said; identify/consciousness-raising "so people feel better about themselves"; a "befriending" or outreach service, with a very effective switchboard; and political activism, "to break the silence on Gay issues."

Fitzgerald noted that Stockholm has a "very sophisticated" Gay radio program. (The U.S. has at least 30 such programs on the air, and the Stonewall Media Network was founded after the Oct. 14 March on Washington.)

Accomplishments of the Swedish Gay movement include decriminalization of homosexuality; lowering the age of consent to 15; rights of marriage, or "coupledom," for homosexuals, including immigrants; equal housing rights; a Lesbian presence on the Parliamentary study of homosexuality; the opening of many educational channels; and the removal of the "sickness" label by the mental health profession.

The situation in Finland "contrasts sharply" with Sweden, Fitzgerald said. Its self-help group didn't start until 1969, and soon went inactive. But men and women still work together to operate a switchboard, a magazine, a newsletter, and dances (since there are no Gay bars there), but have achieved only decriminalization of homosexuality. They seek removal of the sickness label, equality for couples, the lowering of the age of consent from 18 to 15, and the repeal of the law banning public discussion of homosexuality.

—GCN

Gay Man Adopts Lover

Milwaukee

A 21-year-old man has been granted legal permission to adopt his 23-year-old homosexual lover.

"It was an unusual petition, but there was nothing to indicate they were homosexuals," said Reserve Circuit Judge Elliot Walstead, who granted the petition January 8th. "And if there was something, I don't know if it would have been any of my business."

The 23-year-old man, who agreed to an interview in return for anonymity, said that adoption was the best and most economical way for the two men to make each other heirs with-

out drafting a will and to share the same last name without hiring a lawyer.

"I suppose we could have flown to California and gotten married," (sic) said the man, a printer. "But that would have been expensive. And this is better. Adoption is more permanent than marriage. Marriage can end in divorce or be annulled."

The man said that he and his new legal father, a nursing student, may return to court in the future in an attempt to adopt a child, adding, "I expect that would be quite a fight."

He said he had told his parents about the adoption and that they accepted it.

Associated Press

Campus Gay Group Wins Court Battle

NASHVILLE—A U.S. district judge has ordered Austin Peay State University to grant official recognition to a student gay rights group, ending months of litigation. In his order to recognize the Student Coalition for Gay Rights, Judge Tom Wiseman said, "What the university thinks about the advocacy of homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle, what the community or the legislature might think about the university's action . . . cannot serve as a justification for the abridgement of that advocacy."

Four years ago students at Santa Monica College elected Gay male Goldie Glitters as homecoming queen.

The 12 female runners-up protested Goldie's win and the football team threatened to boycott the homecoming game if Goldie were crowned.

University officials canceled the ceremony.

Last month the college relented, however, and sent the 33-year-old female impersonator his tiara.

"They'd have to kill me to get it back," exclaimed Goldie.

(IGNA)

Gay Foster Homes

TRENTON (New Jersey): State foster care officials have confirmed that Gay young people are being placed in homes with homosexual parents. "Some heterosexual foster parents

just can't deal with the kinds of problems these kids have," said Anne Burns of the state Human Services Department.

—Advocate

A Young Person's Introduction To Gayness

A Way of Love, a Way of Life: A Young Person's Introduction to What It Means to Be Gay by Frances Hanckel and John Cunningham Lothrop. Lee & Shepard Books, New York hardbound, 192 pp., \$7.95

Most of us recall the difficulty we had as young people in trying to find any information on homosexuality. We furtively searched the school encyclopedia, usually ending up, at best, by saying, "But that's not me!"

traces the history of the Gay liberation movement and describes the kinds of support resources for Gays that have developed. It concludes with sketches of "a dozen Gay lives" from "our city" (not named, but obviously Philadelphia), with photos that show them to be people we would all like to know. Finally, there is a well-annotated list for further reading. (The authors discovered the need for this book while working on a committee for the American Library Association Gay Task Force to

printed, well written, and positive—but just for that last reason will probably be effectively banned from many school and public libraries. It is up to adults with some influence to see that this book is made widely available. I urge you to do so.

—Hubert Kennedy in the Advocate

How can I tell if I'm Gay

It was years before we found a positive picture of what it means to be Gay. Here, at last, is the book we were searching for.

A Way of Love, a Way of Life goes after just those questions young people ask: How can I tell if I'm Gay? How can I develop positive attitudes about myself? Where can I find someone who will understand? What do Gays do in intimate relationships? Is it illegal to be Gay? These and other questions are discussed openly and honestly. Obviously, the book cannot answer the question of what is right for any one person, but it does furnish the positive atmosphere in which such decisions can be made—and young people are urged to trust their own feelings.

Using a simple presentation of fact combined with anecdote, the book conveys an astonishing amount of information. It suggests when and how to come out to family and friends, how to meet other Gays, and how to handle VD. It briefly

identify books for young people that dealt with Gay concerns.)

This is precisely the book that young people with doubts about their sexuality, especially those who think they may be Gay, should read. The problem is: How to get it to them? It is reasonably priced, beautifully

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Lobbying Seen As An Effective Tool In Fighting Immigration Bans

by Sandy Lowe

The Justice Department decision to enforce the draconian McCarran-Walters Immigration Act of 1952 by prohibiting Gay people from entering this country has brought the issue of official discrimination against us clearly into focus. Or so one would think.

For years Gay people have been protesting government policies that oppress us. And for years politicians have turned away pretending never to understand what we were saying. Well those humorless, blundering bureaucrats at the borders of Fortress

"Sexual deviation" includes Gays

America and those sweet smelling attorneys in the Justice Department may have blown the pretense this time.

The fact is that the McCarran Act was passed by a Cold War congress in the throes of a McCarthyite witch-hunt. It threw up immigration barriers against non-West Europeans, non-whites, poor people, communists, psychopaths and sexual deviants. In the words of Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, from a recent telegram to all diplomatic and consular posts: "The legislative history of the term 'sexual deviation' clearly and unequivocally contemplates the inclusion of homosexuals. The congressional mandate to exclude homosexuals remains effective."

Since those grim repressive days, the mental health professionals (such as the American Psychiatric Association in 1973) de-stigmatized and detoxified us, leaving the federal gov-



Some County activists have been trying to meet with Congressman Don Clausen (R-2nd Cong. Dist) since the March On Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights last October.

Immigration Service incompetence and prejudice will force the executive, legislative and judicial branches of the federal government to correct their past blunders.

Meanwhile, local activists will continue to try establishing communication with Clausen directly to let him know how many concerned and angry voters he's got living in his home district.

If you're interested in joining us on our next excursion to Clausen's Santa Rosa office late in February call 838-4237.

Letter Campaign To Carter Urged

The National Gay Task Force has appealed to Lesbians and Gay men everywhere to write President Carter and express their feelings about the Justice Department's recent legal opinion that the INS should resume a policy of barring Gay tourists.

Letters should protest this violation of the President's pledge as a presidential candidate in 1976 that the federal government would not abuse or harass homosexuals.

The letters should also ask the President to take effective steps to reverse the Justice Department's

2,000 Stopped At Borders

Acting Immigration and Naturalization Service Commissioner David Crosland alleges that only 31 persons have been excluded from entering the U.S. for medical and psychiatric reasons from 1971-1978.

The National Gay Task Force maintains that private conversations with INS officers have indicated a figure closer to 2,000 per year.

"Beyond the number," says Charles Brydon, NGTF director, "INS has a well-known practice of intimidating and harassing people into withdrawing their applications for entrance. The victims of this unlawful practice never surface in the numbers compiled of aliens who are denied entrance."

action.

In May, 1976, candidate Carter stated: "I do not think the government at the local, state, or federal level should single out homosexuals for abuse or harassment or prosecution under the existing laws. As President I can assure you that all policies of the federal government will reflect this commitment."

NGTF recommends that all letters be brief and to the point. Address correspondence to: President Jimmy Carter, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20500.

The President, the Congress and the Supreme Court will not act

ernment with a set of discriminatory laws against Gay people without any basis in modern science or democratic tradition—a set of laws and regulations grounded firmly in the fearful religious superstitions of the middle ages.

Yet most politicians, many of whom dance to little ditties about Human Rights, cannot seem to grasp their own culpability and responsibility in this matter.

On the executive level, President Carter has done and said little to support the ERA, women's rights or Gay rights legislation.

The Federal courts, and most notably the Supreme Court, continues to hide behind its basic black robes and refuses to rule on the constitutional issues involving Gay people.

And the Congress—bless its little stampede mentality—is quick to explain its helplessness. Case in point:

They have not succeeded. Let a group of Mormons travel that far and not be greeted with a silver smile and fleshy handshake!

Clausen's aides met with delegations of Lesbians and Gay men in Washington and in Santa Rosa at that time. But subsequent written requests to meet with the congressman when he returned to this district in January were never answered. A tentative meeting arranged through his Santa Rosa office to discuss the actions of the immigration service was cancelled because of a crowded schedule.

His office explained that the immigration matter wasn't congressional responsibility anyway, but more properly was an executive problem. Never mind an Act of Congress. So the buck gets passed.

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