MCC Pastor Asked to Resign

Amidst controversy over handling of the Building Fund of the MCC (Metropolitan Community Church), the District Coordinator, Rev. Ralph Gordon and the Board asked Rev. John Barbone of MCC-SF to resign as pastor for the good of the Church. In a sermon Sunday April 25th, Barbone did resign, but Church Treasurer, Doug DeYoung, asked him to not resign. The Congregation concurred that Barbone had taken steps beyond his authority, and also requested his resignation.

Dissension Rips Gay Parade

Freedom of speech and participation is NOT one of the principles practiced by the Gay Freedom Day Parade Committee. True to the Beardemphl tradition, freedom is allowed for only those who "agree with him and his "puppets", parade Chairperson Randy Elfred, and David Johns, Sentinel reporter. Dissension has ripped the parade since Beardemphl changed the gay fair site from Golden Gate Park to, first; Hayward Field, which was opposed by area residents, mostly black. And then by residents of Lafayette Park, and later by the SFPD when Beardemphl tried to place the parade and fair at the Embarcadero Plaza. Then Elfred—Beardemphl announced the final choice as Duboce Park, that small strip of land north of Market by Franklin Hospital, the women of the Gay Freedom Day Parade Committee, Liane Estelle, and the Treasurer Elmer Wilhelm, along with dozens of others, protested Beardemphl's FINAL decision. Beardemphl has yet to attend a public parade meeting this year, but has been manipulating it through his puppet Randy Elfred of BAGL. Now, late word has it that Beardemphl/Elfred and Ron Lanza, have offered to return to Golden Gate Park as in past years for the Gay Fair after the...
The Chief of Police in San Francisco, Charles Gain, came out in favor of gays as police officers when questioned concerning gays now on the police force who were in the "closet", he urged them to come out of the closet for support and having gayerpe on the San Francisco Police Department.

Chief Gain's statement was greeted with tremendous support from San Francisco's gay community and opposition from some of San Francisco's heterosexual community. Among the supporters was Senator Milton Marks (D-SF), Harold "Duke" Smith of the ALI, B. Toklas Memorial Democratic Club. For other members of the Toklas Club echoed Duke Smith's anger at Chief Gain's statement.

Most all gay leaders of the heterosexual group's anger was due to the fact that the Chief neglected the support of some of the gay Democrats who would likely support him.

Chief Gain's statement drew favorable support from Sheriff Richard Houghton who has already hired an up-front gayman as a Deputy Sheriff. Supervisor Bob Mendelson also gave support to Chief of Police saying that he was greeted with hostility from Supervisor Diane Feinstein and the Political Action Committee of San Francisco.

The POA held a press conference and attacked the Chief and stated those who were gay should be "forward and progressive," and as "showing the way in police reform.

Gay reaction across the nation was as in San Francisco, overwhelmingly favorable, with a few homosexual persons opposing to Gain's statement.

The Harry S Truman Democratic Club held their monthly luncheon at the Casa de Cristal and "P.S. Resturant on Polk Street, and the Chief brought his lovely wife to the luncheon which pleased everyone.

Noted critic of Chief Gain, Thomas M. Edwards was present at the luncheon and the political atmosphere of the affair is that Edwards is an extreme conservative and a Nixon Republican. Supervisor Edwards and Truman Club president Brosharaoh are very friendly even the several worlds apart politically.

Truman Club:

The Harry S Truman Democratic Club at its April meeting, withdrew their endorsement of John Francis Foran, in the 6th State Senatorial race, and endorsed his foe, Bill Schumacher. The Board gave as the reason, Foran's continued "pork-barrel" politics, and his opportunism on gay issues which resulted in a legislati ve move against the gay community.

Anyway, they are trying to gain signatures for district elections in the districts outlined above, which cuts the Polk gay vote into several directions.

When you see a petition, the GLA (Gay Liberation Alliance) urges you to refuse to sign it. If for do, you help save any gay for a higher appeal.

San Francisco's one and only S E A L o n presents the best in exciting gay novelties, magazines, and films.

A rock band will play on the stage brought in for the event and Parks Department has already granted permission for the GLA to hold the event. Republique will the event, which will be the most diverse event in the history of the Gay Liberation Movement in San Francisco.

All groups who wish to speak or participate in the event, please contact the GLA at 636-1106. Call for an end to 200 Years of Gay Oppression!

Some people say we're on top.
Others say the bottom. Subscribe and find out which end you like!
"It's So Lonely On The Front lines!"

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EDDIE VAN at the TENDERLOIN HOOKER'S BALL SAN FRANCISCO 1976

Photographer EDDIE VAN took these pictures at the Annual Tenderloin Hooker's Ball, at the California Hall on Polk Street. The event was put together by Queen Mother IV of California, Mama Peck and Ta Ta Peter. Many celebrities were present, including Mike Carini, Melvina, Shirley and Missy!
S.I.R. Floundering in Stormy Financial Red Sea...

As a special April 21 meeting of the Society for Individual Rights (SIR), President Larry Epinette revealed that the Society feels they have enough evidence to present to the SFPD, that will result in a Felony arrest warrant for their former office manager, Sean Rice, and Hayward Leitrum. During the meeting it was revealed that Rice's apartment in the Tenderloin's swank Central Towers which he shared with lover Harry Leitrum (also officially declared armed on April 19), and that a third person crew from SIR (Bob Ross, Doug deYoung, and Dana Walcott) were allowed passage into the apartment, for the purpose of retrieving stolen SIR records. Among the records found, were receipt books from VECTOR (a SIR publication), cancelled checks, SIR membership records, and uncancelled checks amounting to $60, among others. These were found in a file cabinet, also taken from SIR headquarters.

For evidence indicates that Rice did indeed steal about $2000 worth of checks addressed to SIR and VECTOR, a figure which could possibly go as high as $5000 as new evidence is uncovered. As far as Leitrum is concerned, existing evidence concluded that the "Angel" probably stole nothing more than what little petty cash SIR had at the time he and Rice disappeared.

Surprisingly, it was revealed to the less than 50 SIR members present at the meeting, that not even the staff members were fully informed by SIR to date, and Epinette said that would be done. As well as not really being aware of the stolen records, Ross, de Young, and Walcott made note of Rice's personal check accounts, his account numbers, credit cards, and Ken Rice's three Society Security cards. Also Rice's "400 Publications" was found.

Sipple spent many long days

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MOSCONTE Tells Poor To Starve!

by Rev. Christopher Stone

A few months ago, well before the election, we started hearing about a little campaign to get George Moscone with the slogan: "S.F. is a音箱." I confess we stay dialed to the right, since it no longer has too much evidence that he was, since him.

Executive Director of the Society for Individual Rights (SIR), saying how undesirable the people he is supporting now is.

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Demonstrations Set For New York Convention!

The NATIONAL COALITION OF GAY ACTIVISTS plan for a massive demonstration in NEW YORK at the DEMOCRATIC Party's National Convention.

President of the Coalition is Morty Manford, who told a press conference in New York, that the Coalition expects upwards of 20,000 gay persons to demonstrate at the Convention. The Coalition has as its emblem, the inverted pink triangle, the symbol that homosexuals had to wear when in Hitler's concentration camps in Germany.

Manford criticized the Democratic and Republican parties, for their "callous disregard of Gaypeople's fundamental human rights and our status as second class citizens."

"Aquiescence to prejudice and inequality corrodes the spirit of America today," Manford said. "That is why we shall don the PINK TRIANGLE...which homosexuals in Hitler's death camps were forced to wear for identification purposes...as we rally forth to demonstrate. It is a reminder of our persecution in history as well as a badge of our fight against discrimination today."

West Coast GAY activists are making plans to attend and demonstrate at the Convention. In Los Angeles, Norris Kight and Gerry Parker are making plans there. In San Francisco, a few have stated they will attend, including Ray Broshars.

Broshars said, "We want to let them know that not all gaypeople are Auntie Marys like Jim Foster and Harvey Milk, that there is still alot of fight left in us, and that 200 years of gay oppression will not end now!"

For more information, contact Ray at 771-3366 or write to the National Coalition of Gay Activists, P.O. Box A-711, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10017.

FIRE!

PENDULUM BURNS...NEW ORLEANS TYPE DISASTER NARROWLY AVOIDED. BAGL "eyes" other bars to shape up. DOES YOUR BAR HAVE ONE EXIT ONLY? IF IT DOES... YOU COULD BE BURNED ALIVE.

In a recent BAGL flyer, the MIDNIGHT SUN was the bar under discussion. The flyer claims that the bar has a legal capacity limit of 50 people only. Yet, on weekends, there are as many as 150 crammed together in the tiny bar. The Midnight Sun has no backdoors, and a fire at the front of the bar could result in dozens of persons being burned alive. The bar does NOT have a sprinkler system, and has fire extinguishers behind the bar. But, even a sprinkler system will not deal with smoke inhalation, panic, trampling. BAGL has made it clear to the owners that they want to resolve this problem within the gay community, and not take it to the Fire or Police Department.

BAGL has meetings of their Committee on Rights within the Gay Community, to discuss these problems. At the San Francisco Gay Community Center, 55 Page Street each Monday night at 7:00 PM. The GLA (Gay Liberation Alliance) has made complaints to various bar owners about exceeding their fire limit, and having only one door. Several of the Polk and Tenderloin bistros have been the target of the GLA, as they violate the law clearly.

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LAPD Raids

The LAPD (Los Angeles Police Department) raided a “slave auction” at the popular MARK IV in Los Angeles and arrested 40 persons and booked them on a series of charges, ranging from “slavery” to “resisting arrest” on April 10th.

On April 13rd, the Gay peoples of Los Angeles in a fantastic show of unity, jammed the Troupers Hall, and raised $10,000.00 for the legal defense of those arrested.

Famed gay activist Morris Kight informed the GAY CRUSADER that charges were being dropped against all but 4 or 6 persons by District Attorney Van DeCamp.

The Troupers Hall event was billed as a “slave auction” with media well in attendance, including the BCG and 21 other outlets.

Councilperson Zev Yaroslavsky was in attendance, as were representatives from the Mayor’s Office, State Senator Alan Song’s Office, Councilwoman Peggy Stevenson’s Office, from U.S. Senator John Tunney’s Office and Councilperson Ed Edelman.

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When down there last, I saw Michael Hendrickson and Grant Pinote hanging around...and everyone’s favorite Miss Tina. Saw Sheriff too. So’ nice!!
Protest on Polk Street

Responsible merchants on Polk Street are preparing a protest to halt the arrival of a porno book store and massage parlor, next door to the NEW BELL SALOON. The purchaser of the property has a porno book store (straight) on Powell Street, which is a known tourist trap. Some comment has been made between the NEW BELL and the AMERICAN FLORETS, when it was learned that he purchased the store on the "quality" of the Powell Street store. This action threatens the nice environment of Polk Street.

Like many others, we have been watching with a sense of worry and disbelief as our neighborhood is transformed into a mecca for adult entertainment and Massage parlors. This development is not only a threat to the character of Polk Street but also to the safety of our community.

We urge everyone to join our protest on Polk Street at [insert date and time]. Together, we can make a difference and preserve the beauty and charm of our beloved neighborhood.

SARA SERPENT

GREETINGS SNAKE LOVERS!

And to all queers, beware! SARA SERPENT is lining up her noisemakers and marching into the yellow pages with a vengeance. The New BELL SALOON, on Polk Street, has been purchased by a well-known pornographer. This action threatens the nice environment of Polk Street.

At last, Mr. B.'s, Club FRISCO DISCO disco club, at 606 Sixth Street, just a half block off of Market Street, closed its doors on May 31. The staff was fired, and the club's future is uncertain. This loss is a blow to the local queer community, which has long enjoyed the club's lively atmosphere.

So, what's next for Polk Street? Will we see more developments like this? How can we protect our community from the encroachment of adult entertainment? We must stand together to resist these changes and preserve our beloved neighborhood.

SARA SERPENT

GAY CRUSADER

JERRY NEE...this popular nocturnal writer is the life of the party. He is known for his wit and sharp tongue, and his stories are eagerly anticipated by his fans. Last week, he hosted a private party at his home, which was attended by a select group of friends and fellow writers. The atmosphere was electric, with laughter and conversation filling the room.

J-MICHAEL...brilliant manager of the LE SALON, broke knee in a street accident. He was rushed to St. James Hospital immediately, and his condition is currently stable. We wish him a full and speedy recovery.

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GAY CRUSADER

the MOCKINGBIRD Sings!

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