S. F. protest

Civil Rights is the issue

San Francisco, Calif. The Ad Hoc Committee to Preserve Sexual and Civil Liberties held a protest rally at Castro and Market Streets in the Harvey Milk Plaza, San Francisco.

Hundreds of gay men and lesbians crowded to listen to speakers on a chilly night.

Randy Saulnors acted as master of ceremonies and was the first to speak with passion and eloquence.

"Make no mistake about it," he said, "what you are seeing in 1984 in this city is an attack on gay and lesbian rights.

"It has nothing to do with the tragedy we have ever had to face.

"By taking the action they have at City Hall, they have branded patients with AIDS in their greatest hour of need as sexual outlaws.

"While they attack our sexuality and our right to assemble where we choose, with whom we choose — people are dying with AIDS.

"This is a false issue taking away the interest from where it should be.

"Whoever asked, "Isn't the federal government coordinating it's efforts?"

"It is not the National Institute of Health and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) working together, and why are research centers throughout this country working privately; not sharing information together?

"Why in the hell haven't we found a cure for this, instead of holding out a hand to help, they are slapping us down; using AIDS as a tool to attack the liberation of a sexually liberated people.

"How dare they attack the government presume to be more concerned of the tragedy that has taken so many lives of our brothers and lovers than we are?"

"How dare they say they know more about this problem than those of us who live with it minute by minute and hour by hour.

"There is no more basic right in the gay rights movement than the right over our own bodies.

"This is not only the right, but the obligation of government to educate us to the medical issues here — but it is our right to make the decisions on how our bodies will be used and by damn we will maintain it.

"I say to gay men tonight and all sexually liberated people, it is important especially in this time of crisis to be proud — to take care of yourself and to take care of people you touch, but never feel guilty about being sexual or erotic.

"To our government, I say, this, the license of bathhouses and private clubs will not be the last thing to be recalled in San Francisco if our rights are not respected.

"We have heard recent police harassment — we have seen increases in attacks on gay people, we have seen fear in the straight as well as gay media. We will not stand for it.

"We will be sexual — we will support our brothers who are sick with AIDS — we will not condemn the cry and demand that our government protect us from those who would harm us.

"And tonight we say this is the beginning! They will not hear the end of it until they reverse the ridiculous policy that has begun in San Francisco.

"Next a spokesperson for C.U.A.V. asked the crowd, "When do we stop allowing our civil rights that we've taken decades to fight for, being taken away."

"Someone in the crowd yelled out, "Remember Stonewall!"

"Remember," he continued, "it was the drag-queens who were the mothers of the current human rights that you have.

"We need not neglect or forsake any part of the gay and lesbian community.

"What can we do," he asked, "to deal with this issue?"

"The first thing we must do is protest. Not once, but continue to protest, make sure to be clear, they are not going to take away our liberties and privileges so easily.

"Secondly, be an activist. Today we have an issue with United Airlines because of termination of two individuals who have AIDS.

"We need to be activists to protect and fight for our rights and privileges.

"We cannot stop and dismiss one part of the community of our family.

"We cannot give up just because the baths have been closed.

"Today we have to take back those baths and all of our rights and privileges.

"We have to rebuild the community's image — the image that we once held and had pride in."

"Doug Warner with A.C.L.U. told the audience, "Closings down the baths sends out false messages.

"It sends out a false message that government has done its duty.

"It sends out false messages to the community, to the people at the population at risk — that we can avoid the baths and be safe from AIDS.

"It sends out a dangerous message to the public at large that government censure and restriction of sexual activity in the gay and lesbian community is permissible and appropriate and justified.

"I am concerned," he continued, "that closing of the baths has important implications for the legal rights of the gay and lesbian community — rights that Steve Black and others have fought for in this community.

"It is not only an assault to the gay businesses, it is a constitutional attack on rights of bath house patrons and all gay men and has serious implications for the legal rights in other areas.

"It's easy," said Warner, "to imagine the vitiation and custody rights of gay men and lesbians denied for fear of AIDS.

"It's easy to imagine discrimination against gay men and lesbians in public accommodations, such as restaurants, in obtaining rental housing and employment in such palaces as United Airlines in fear of AIDS.

"Finally, if we allow the government's rationale that restricting activities through closure of the baths stop AIDS (to stand) we are defeating ourselves.

"We are defending ourselves if we think that some rationale cannot and will not be used to restrict our behavior in other places as well as our own bedrooms.

"This argument has been made in Texas by a group called Doctors Against AIDS who argued in federal court that Texas sodomy statutes should be upheld because of a lack of evidence of the spread of AIDS.

"We need to protect and fight for our rights and privileges.

"We need to rebuild the community's pride.

"We need to educate the public to the reality of AIDS."

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2nd IGHC convention resounding success

"S.F. Closes Clubs While IGHC in Convention just 45 miles away"

The week of October 7-11 proved to be one of great exaltation for the Association of Independent Gay Health Clubs (aighc).

The IGHC met for the second time in 1984 in full convention in San Jose, CA, a scant 45 miles from San Francisco.

During the second day of the IGHC convention the City of San Francisco decided to close 14 clubs in S.F. including two IGHC member facilities and four other gay health clubs.

Just the night before the closure order was issued the members of the IGHC took a bus tour of the gay health clubs in S.F. as a show of solidarity with our brother clubs.

Ninety 50 owners of clubs traveled to S.F. to see first-hand the clubs that were being condemned by the Board of Health in S.F. as contributing to the spread of AIDS.

All members on the tour commented on the cleanliness of all the clubs toured, and the fact that all had AIDS literature readily available.

Several S.F. television stations interviewed members on the tour of the clubs.

Their common question was — "Is this happening in your part of the country?"

IGHC club owners responded by stating that it appeared that the issue of "bath closings" was endemic only to the S.F. area.

More pressing business included the induction of seven new member facilities.

Standards were also set regarding the definition of a "gay health club" and concerning the promotion of sanitary standards in individual clubs.

Club owners present unanimously felt that their clubs would be improved because of the IGHC convention and the promotion of strong educational programs.
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Aerobics / Calisthenics: different movements
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Isolations: these exercises work on a specific
area of the body to develop it. Emphasis is
placed on the stomach / abdomen, legs, and
chest / arms.
Cool-down: designed to slowly relax the
body and restore it to its natural state.
Instructor: Graylin Thornton

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Out of the Shadows...
Ronn Goswick: CLO's Enhancing Publicists!

"Contact Ronn Goswick,"

...for every San Jose Civic Light Opera production, for every season. (408) 287-3015 or (415) 294-0080 will do the duty in his absence. By one old publicist whose contacts were limited to rather impressive resumes.

Camelot was written for the 50th anniversary of Camelot, and there's been a lot of talk about Camelot, but in the end, it's just been a dream come true. But that's not to say that we've never seen it before.

I have a story about the warm reputation of San Jose Civic Light Opera, or SJCLO. As of today (October 4th), we're celebrating our 67th season. We've been in business for over 60 years, and we're still going strong.

The need to eliminate homophobia in the arts and society is still the more prominent issue. Our community groups with issues affecting homosexuals. Two of our main goals are science and society. We're required to have a Privacy Act waiver form. If you have any questions about it, please contact Ronn Goswick.

I'm Ronn Goswick; Out of the Shadows...

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In The Offing...

by Ron Schmidl

So, what else is new among God’s children? Louis B. Meyer Theatre between 1618 and 1648, halved Europe’s population. The inception In The Offing...

concert in the Cabaret at Valencia Rose. James Justin in Novy Mir moves into the same space at 8 for the same price with many talents; from 11 to 2.

San Jose Ovlc Light Opera opens its 50th Anniversary Season—the table round through the 25th. The sets by Gary de Paul, plus additional songs by Al Kasha and Joel Herzog. Best of all, it brings unforgettable singing and dancing of the musical’s original to the stage.

Across the Bay, via that other bridge, the Gay and Lesbian Union of South Bay. They have performed at several local Gay and Lesbian functions to energetic group of female singers call the San Jose Women’s Chorus.

The men’s chorus (the Lords) under the direction of Wm. Wetbrooks and to Todd Pearcy. Often G & S operettas are sung without singers, musicians, nor audience. But his Lord Chancellor is otherwise bland and uninspiring. Most of the English Lords are also

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M.C.C.'s Larry Uhrig

Larry J. Uhrig, pastor of Metropolitan Community Church (M.C.C.) of San Jose, has recently published a book on Gay and Lesbian relationships titled, "The Two of Us."

Rev. Uhrig has had vast experience in counseling to talk about the realities of building a relationship.

In this book, Uhrig gives some down-to-earth advice about what makes a relationship work.

The book addresses the following issues:

1) Why it is a mistake to closely associate symbols of traditional marriage;
2) How we can create new ways of celebrating a relationship that reflects our needs as lesbians and gay men;
3) The 5 very different stages that a relationship will go through, and the potential pitfalls of each stage;
4) Why it is dangerous to pay too much attention to the "romantic notion;"
5) How to keep easily childhood conditioning from interfering with building a relationship with your partner;
6) The dangers of trying to hurry a relationship; and,
7) Why gay and lesbian unions will often elicit a challenge to Judeo-Christian values.

Announcement

The F.L.S.G. (Feminist Lesbian Social Group) meets once a month on the third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at a private home, San Jose. The address will be given when you call Carol at 251-0663 for directions.

The steering committee for SOL (Slightly Older Lesbians) will be having a pot-luck meeting followed by a 6 p.m. pot-luck dinner on Sunday, November 11th.

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were "part of the AIDS solution, not part of the problem." A budget for 1985 was passed by the group, a decision to incorporate was also made.

Officers were elected for 1985. They include: President, John Baran, Unicorn, Chicago; Vice-President, Jeanne Accardi, Watergarden, San Jose; Treasurer, Honesty, San Jose; Secretary, Gordon, Pine, Seattle; and two Directors at Large: Bill Kaelin, Pittsburgh; and Jim Snodgrass, Diplomat, Grand Re. The IGHC newsletter if Digest also rejoined Stan Berg, The Body Works, Indianapolis, as a correspodent.

Rev. Uhrig will be at Metropolitan Community Church of San Jose on Thursday, November 15th at 8:30 p.m. for a book-signing reception and a time of discussion.

The church is on the corner of 100th and San Pedro (in the Grace Baptist Church Building).

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fight must happen in places like this, where the decision will be made because such courts are made of nothing more than people like ourselves, human beings.

"The courts are subject to the political power that has been built up by government around this issue to the level of hysteria."

"It takes the unifying voice of the gay community to balance out so that reason can prevail in court houses.

"The problem is that happen is what is happening here." It is this, what is important, organize, speak out and charge with a united voice from the gay community to balance out so that reason can prevail in court masses.

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"And that word is love."

"Let's not walk away from each other."

"Let's begin now working together and come up with a way to work together to stop any future development along those lines."

"We have enough to deal with today — this is a health crisis."

The next speaker was Constance Berlandt, a member of the Gay Press, who explained that the American Flag was dressed in a bright red outfit with a mini skirt that turned out to be (on closer inspection) an American Flag worn upside down. (For those of you who don't know it, the colors waved upside down is the international signal for distress.)

Berlandt said, "I knew there would be a lot of speakers tonight. My concern is first of all that this is a movement that is never mentioned in terms of gay sex, and how evil we are because we are spreading AIDS and that word is love."

"It is as if we're joking, villains because we continue to have sex. And sex is considered a perverted and we're experiencing actually one of the greatest behavior modification experiments that has ever been conducted.

"My own feeling of the safe sex campaign is the highest priority in our country is that cleaning up AIDS by practicing safe sex is like saying, 'well, clean up chemical pollution by a don't litter campaign'.

"I feel that there is nothing wrong in taking good advice if it is given to me."

"My concern is that we are not being given the correct research. They are spending more on B- bombs... , three times more than what is spent on an AIDS research for just one year.

"We are not hearing anything on socialised medicine; we have a health commissioner — what's his name?"

"We have a mayor who is so concerned about our health that she vetoed domestic partners legislation which would have provided preventive care for individuals.

"We also have people interested in re-development — you remember re-development don't you?"

"I'm sure both of them are concerned with the "Western Addition," many, many blocks of the Western Addition were completely destroyed so that we could move the blocks out of that community.

"For years it was level empty lots until Bank of America and Safeway built to there."

"Now we have South of Market and several years ago, SPUR put out a release, I don't know what stands for, but SPUR has to do with real estate."

"It stated relations and developers were lined up around the south of Market like Oklahoma territories."

"Now, the gays are in the way, we have businesses; we congregate down there. It just isn't livable with us down there, so close the businesses and harass the people who hang out there... and that is what is going on."

"I find it a little bit shocking that we are moved back ten years, the years before Stonewall. We know what that stands for, but the CDC that there is no proof that AIDS is being spread in the baths."

A charge that was made earlier than the IGHC conviction was going on in San Jose last month. This is the charge that was said, "Let's begin now working together and come up with a way to work together to stop any future development along those lines."

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