Governor vetoes AIDS anti-discrimination measure

Gov. George Deukmejian on July 27 vetoed Assembly Bill 3676, which would have banned housing or job discrimination against AIDS patients.

Assemblyman Art Agnos, author of the bill, denounced the action, stating, "This kind of leadership is unbecoming of the Governor of California and clearly has placed him in an action, stating, "This kind of leadership is unbecoming of the" against AIDS patients.

Deukmejian previously had vetoed Agnos' AB-1, which would have prohibited discrimination against gay people.

In notifying the Assemblymembers of the veto, Gov. Deukmejian wrote, "Although there are thousands of persons who have been inflicted with this disease, only twenty complaints alleging discrimination have been received by the Department of Fair Employment and Housing, which currently accepts and processes complaints alleging that persons with AIDS have been subjected to employment discrimination."

In response, Agnos declared, "There is no mystery about AIDS discrimination — it kills and maims alongside with the virus itself by causing people to avoid medical treatment because of fear. But while the disease itself has no known cure, the epidemic of fear and discrimination is one we can conquer today."

..."My heart goes out to all Californians who are sick. . . who will become sick. . . and to their families and loved ones in this dark hour for our state," Agnos concluded.

Vote NO on 64
Stop LaRouche

Secretary of State challenges Prop 64 AIDS initiative ballot rebuttal argument

Sacramento — Secretary of State March Fong Eu filed suit last week in Sacramento Superior Court challenging portions of the ballot pamphlet rebuttal argument submitted by proponents of the AIDS initiative, Prop. 64 on the November 4 general election ballot.

The rebuttal to the argument against the AIDS initiative contains blatantly false information," Eu said, "As the person who provides the state ballot pamphlet to the public, I cannot in good conscience allow the distribution of such misleading information to Californians more than 12 million registered voters.

Provisions of the Political Reform Act allow any registered voter to join legal action in Sacramento superior court against content of the ballot pamphlet during the 20-day public review period if the voter believes such information is false or misleading.

Dr. Eu is challenging three statements contained in the rebuttal to the argument against Prop. 64 signed by Gus Sermos, former public health advisor for the Centers for Disease Control AIDS Program in Florida; Nancy Mullen, a Burbank doctor; and John Grauerholz, a doctor and fellow of the College of American Pathologists.

The statements in question are: "AIDS is not "hard to get"; it is easy to get;” "Potential insect and respiratory transmission has been established by numerous studies”and "Transmission by "casual contact" is well established."

Proponents have admitted the "casual contact" claim is erroneous.

Dr. Mervyn F. Silverman, chairman to the Committee on

News Analysis

Proposition 64

By John Follesdal

During the month of July, the BAYMEC/Stop LaRouche Committee held a series of organizational meetings at the New Black DeFrank Center at 1060 Park Avenue in San Jose, following the announcement by Secretary of State March Fong Eu that the LaRouche initiative — now Proposition 64 — had qualified for the November ballot.

Although the reputation of LaRouche and his followers would be enough to defeat most measures, this initiative is different: It taps into the AIDS hysteria that has spread in the wake of the disease.

That the LaRouche followers were able to gather over 500,000 valid signatures is difficult to fathom when looking at the background of their leader.

Born in New Hampshire in 1922, LaRouche was raised in an evangelical Republican family, but became a socialist as a young man.

After World War II he joined the Socialists Workers Party, adopting the pseudonym Lyn Marcuse in memory of Lenin and Marx.

Later he joined the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) and the Progressive Labor Committee, both socialist groups.

In the 1960's he formed the National Caucus of Labor Committees, with the goal of establishing a worker's government in the United States.

By the 1970's, however, LaRouche's political views had shifted to the extreme right.

Emphasizing a Soviet threat and the need for a strong support for the development of nuclear weapons, he formed the United States Labor Party.

Thus in 1984, he ran for President, calling for a new international monetary system based on gold, to "prevent a world-wide economic collapse."

(News York Times, March 4, 1985)

Today LaRouche refers to himself as an economist and market consultant with "moderate Democrat or Republican" political views.

These "moderate" views include the idea that Mondale is "an agent of influence of the KGB, the Soviet secret police. So are Kissinger and George Bundy, the former Ford Foundation president and presidential advisor." (interview with Washington Post, January 13, 1983)

Another of his "moderate" ideas concerns Queen Elizabeth: "Of course she's pushing drugs." (Interview with LaRouche on NBC's "First Camelot," March 4, 1984)

And, most recently, he has brought us another "moderate" idea: Proposition 64.

Although headquartered in Virginia, LaRouche's organization has two offices in California, one in Los Angeles, the other in Livermore.

While at the same time the number of LaRouche's people in California, Joel Bellman, a Los Angeles radio producer who has been reporting on LaRouche, estimates that there are several

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Gay Task Force opposes confirmation of Justice Rehnquist

Washington, D.C. — The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force has called on the Senate to reject the nomination of Justice William Rehnquist as Chief Justice of the United States.

In testimony prepared for delivery before the Senate Judiciary Committee on July 30, NGLTF executive director Jeffrey Levi charged that Rehnquist "has demonstrated a singular disregard for fundamental constitutional principles" and has sought to restrict the "free speech and free association rights of gays and lesbians."

In his statement to the committee, Levi cited Rehnquist's involvement in the recent Supreme Court decision on sodomy, Bowers v. Hardwick, in which the Court ruled that homosexuals do not have the right to privacy in their consensual sexual relations.

Levi also referred to the less publicized dissent by Rehnquist when the Supreme Court refused to hear a University of Missouri appeal in 1978 of a lower court decision requiring recognition of a gay student group.

In that opinion, Rehnquist suggested that the existence of sodomy laws was sufficient basis for denying gays and lesbians the right to free association and free speech, because "having made certain acts criminal, (the state) may prevent or discourage individual action in promoting speech conduct which encourages others to violate those laws."

Levi cited the panel chaired by Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-SC), "as citizens of this

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First Victory on Capitol Hill

Washington, D.C. - The gay and lesbian community scored its first legislative victory on Capitol Hill, when the House of Representatives unanimously (417-0) approved Senate Bill 1263 (S-CA) to overturn the Washington, D.C. Human Rights Code.

President Reagan issued a statement, declaring the bill "a good piece of work," and urged the Senate to pass it. However, the Senate failed to act on the bill before adjourning for the year.

The Senate will take up the bill on Capitol Hill as the first order of business when it convenes in January. The Senate vote was a decisive 78-1 in favor of the bill.

The strategy was straightforward: a coordinated strategy to pass the bill in both houses of Congress. The bill was introduced in the House by Representative Barney Frank (D-MA), who has been a consistent supporter of the bill. The Senate version was introduced by Senator Joe Biden (D-DE).

The bill guarantees hostile drivers and the right to speak at meetings. It also strengthens the law by providing enforceable remedies for violations.

The bill is expected to be debated in both houses of Congress during the upcoming sessions.

The new law will provide a stronger legal basis for the ongoing efforts to overturn state sodomy laws. It will also provide a template for future legislation to protect gay and lesbian rights.

The strategy is expected to be effective in other states as well. The bill has already been introduced in several states, and similar legislation is under consideration in others.

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Re: Falwell Judgment

I am writing an editorial column for the Sunday Independent, and would like to know what you think about the recent decision handed down by the US Supreme Court in the case of Falwell v. Jones.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

Editor

[Newspaper Name]
VISIONS
By Jan Cohgen

The Alameda Gardens, a seventy-two unit apartment complex located at 75 North Kane in the Gay Zip Street in San Jose has been in the area for a successful 28 years. The Alameda Gardens Boehne addition to the already successful combination of this successful area, Parks, Phillip and Pagnion are evident.

Both women claim that there are no longer exist a relationship or project with a romantic relationship between them, but instead, they are interested in the growth of the local club, "maintained Phillips."

"I think that we can have both in the family at the club, but we can also achieve with club members, "we feel it's essential to the community, but in times that we can't be with them, then interest, the women," Phillips added.

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Gala choral festival energizes local singers

by Frank Furnis

The overwhelming success of the annual national festival of the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choralists (GALA Choruses) this past weekend has brought a new spark of the gay choral world to the Bay Area.

Everyone attending came away amazed by the power and achievement of the Gay Choral Movement. The five concerts, playing to packed houses at Minneapolis' new Orchestra Hall included excellent performances by choirs from across the United States and Canada.

The Dick Kramer Gay Men's Chorus and the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus, each offering a substantial musical program. The San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus and the Los Angeles Gay Men's Chorus, each offering a substantial musical program.

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Award-Winning documentary on "The Times of Harvey Milk"

Pacific ArtVideo President Robert Ford announced that the documentary, which features the life of Harvey Milk and received an Academy Award nomination, will be screened at a special event in San Francisco on September 15th. The film documents Milk's journey to that moment, and the screening will feature a panel discussion and a Q&A session with the filmmakers.

The film is based on the remarkable life of Harvey Milk, a gay rights pioneer who was assassinated in 1978. "The Times of Harvey Milk" is a powerful and moving film that explores his journey from a closeted life to a public and political career, and his impact on the gay rights movement.

The screening will take place at the Castro Theatre in San Francisco, and tickets will be available soon. For more information, visit www.pacificartvideo.com.
Gay rights on ballot in Davis

Davis, CA-Opposition to the Civil Rights Ordinance (in effect since March 29, 1986) in the city of Davis is being spearheaded by the MARCH FONG EU Coalition, who had earlier demonstrated prejudice against Lesbians and Gays. The opposition recently joined in the call for the removal of AIDS from the proposition so soundly that it won the initiative passed in various referendums in other states, states whose voters supported increased funding for AIDS services and research. The opposition recently joined in the call for the removal of AIDS from the proposition so soundly that it won the initiative passed in various referendums in other states, states whose voters supported increased funding for AIDS services and research.

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