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Santa Rosa and Washington

Lesbians and Gays Lobby Clausen

On Monday, October 15, Lesbians and Gay men from throughout the U.S. lobbied their elected representatives seeking guarantees of equal rights for all citizens without regard to sexual orientation or affectional preference.

In Santa Rosa, seven representatives of the local Gay and Lesbian community addressed Gordon Tippet, aide to Rep. Don Clausen, and a capacity crowd at the Federal Building.

Carla Longo opened the presentations, stating that "We, the approximate 25,000 Gay residents of Sonoma County and the 50,000 Gay constituents of the Second Congressional District, claim with strong determination, our human rights.

"Eighty percent of our Lesbian and Gay population are registered voters (the largest percentage of any minority) and we concern ourselves with Mr. Clausen's position on these issues.

"Those of us addressing you today comprise just a fraction of our local Gay community. Many are currently participating in the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. Most unfortunately, some still choose to remain hidden. It must be remembered, however, that each silent and absent voice today still carries one vote, and the closed, curtained cubicle of any voting booth is as safe and anonymous as any dark closet we may be backed into.

"Today we join hands and forces with our sisters and brothers marching 250,000 strong in our nation's capital. Today we demand what is just and due...we demand our human rights."

Georgia Prescott, demanding an end to laws and policies which discrim-

North Bay Support Group Continues

The North Bay Lesbian and Gay Support Group is alive and well in Sonoma. It meets on Wednesday nights at 7:30 at 853 Broadway. It is a rotating leadership rap group open to any Lesbian or Gay man on a drop-in basis. There is no fee. There are community projects and a monthly social.

For information about the North Bay Lesbian and Gay Support Group and its functions, contact either Dave Carter at 996-3420 or Pat Lytle at 996-3644.

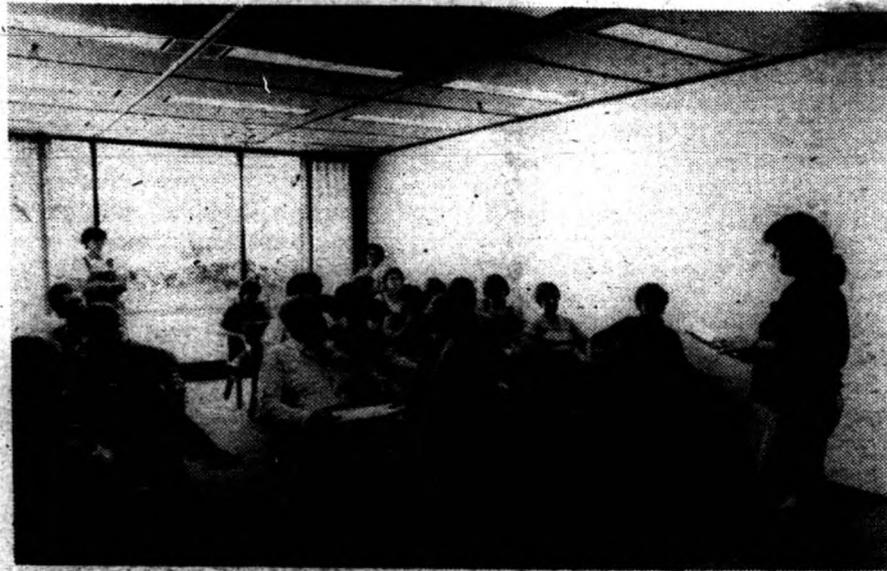


Photo by F. G. Samia

Carla Longo opened the presentations of seven Lesbians and Gay men who addressed aide Gordon Tippet in Rep. Clausen's Santa Rosa office.

minate against Lesbians and Gay men, pointed out that we cannot gauge the loss to our country resulting from policies which deny entry and citizenship to Lesbians and Gay men.

She noted that "Presently, openly Gay therapists (including those licensed in their various states) as well as openly Gay reading material, are prohibited in Federal prisons. This results in a second and discriminatory kind of punishment being imposed on Gay prisoners.

SSU Gay Student Union Begins Meetings and Events

The Gay Student Union of Sonoma State University has successfully launched a program of regularly held meetings and activities for the Gay population and other interested people. Current activities include a weekly drop-in evening rap session in the Student Union and a monthly potluck.

The rap group is an informally structured meeting for Gay and bisexual women and men in a relaxed, easy atmosphere. Its purpose is to provide an opportunity to meet and talk with people about common concerns. It is not a closed group; anyone can join. The meetings are held Wednesday evenings, from 8 to 10 p.m., in the North Meeting Room, Student Union.

The first potluck, recently held at a member's home, was a great success. Potlucks will continue to be

"The most common reason for the U.S. State Department's refusal to grant security clearances to Lesbians and Gay men is, of course, the blackmail theory. Oddly enough, in the early 1970s, a Gay man from Washington D.C. participated in a Gay freedom march and was noticed by Federal agents monitoring the march. The next day, he lost his security clearance. It would take a foreign agent from Mars to think blackmail would work on a person who was parading

held monthly, usually on Sunday evenings, throughout the semester; they will be off campus at individual's homes.

The goal of the GSU is primarily to provide a social organization for its members for the purpose of fellowship/sistership. The basic message is, "We are here - for good!" We are Gay men and women who are committed to becoming more visible, to let other Gay students on campus know we exist. The GSU is also open to providing for a variety of needs of its members as whatever level of participation or visibility she or he wishes.

For more information about the GSU, call Ed at 838-4560. Organizational meetings are held every Tuesday from 1 to 3 p.m., North Meeting Room, Student Union. All are welcome.

the streets under lavender banners. It is our own government we have learned to fear - not representatives of unfriendly nations.

"Sodomy laws have for years been used to find the homosexual unfit for employment, unfit for parenthood, and open to unfair treatment in the courts. Please note that I didn't say arrest or conviction under the sodomy statutes. Since it is widely believed that all homosexuals practice sodomy (while it is never questioned among heterosexuals in non-sex offense cases) it is also widely believed that we are breaking the law. In a recent case involving a Washington teacher, a court ruled that although there was no evidence that the teacher had engaged in sexual acts of any kind, much less proof that he had violated Washington repealed sodomy laws, his acknowledgement of his status as a homosexual made it unquestioned that he had violated the law.

"The sodomy law itself is an infringement on the privacy of consenting adults and its application toward same sex partners is yet another discriminatory practice fac-

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Sacramento March Called

A number of prominent Gay political leaders in San Francisco announced October 26 a march on Sacramento in mid-January to publicize lobbying efforts on behalf of an anti-job discrimination bill.

The measure, by San Francisco Democratic Assemblyman Art Agnos, would prohibit job discrimination based on sexual orientation. It has stalled in committee in two previous legislative sessions, its Gay sponsors said. The bill passed the Assembly Labor Committee, 7 to 6, in July.

On hand to announce the march were: District 5 Supervisor Harry Britt; Alan Robertson, executive director of the Gay lobbying group California Human Rights Advocates; Del Martin, a Lesbian leader and author; and Gay supervisorial candidates Kevin Wadsworth and Howard Wallace.

The march is scheduled for the weekend of January 12.

Local organizing for the state march is just beginning. For information call 887-1268.



Straight LeDyke

MY MOTHER USED TO TELL ME to let boys win at games because if I didn't they wouldn't like me. She was right. A couple of young lads who wandered into the Flip Side found some tough competition at the pool table the other night. In fact, one of them got womped by a local Dyke who had the poor manners to leave her competitors balls strewn about the table. So upset was he that he later went out to the parking lot and slashed one tire on each and every car in the area. Where are the cops when you need them?

I CAN TELL YOU where they are when you don't need them: on the Gay Freedom Train to the March on Washington. When the train entered Nevada it stopped to let a Federal Marshall and a state trooper on board. It seems their assignment was to uphold Nevada state law by preventing sexual contact between same sex partners. Not to worry, Nevada. The train conductors were already keeping a vigil against crime by marching periodically through the isles flashing their lights on men's crotches to make certain their zippers were intact.

OUR THANKS TO SISTERS OF LESBOS Against Radiation (SOLAR) for their hard work in the anti-nuke effort. Their dinner at MoonRise was terrific, complete with radiation prevention dishes of Tox quiche, etc. Women interested in joining SOLAR should contact Vicki at 528-7919.

THE LESBIAN AND GAY COMMUNITY MOURNS the loss of our friend and co-worker Orin Sapp. Orin lost his battle with cancer last month in a local hospital. I will remember Orin for many things: the many hours he spent organizing teachers to join the SCRAP 6 effort, his willingness to work on internal problems in a group of women and men, his unselfishness in putting in long hours collecting for the campaign in bars, his fine coaching of Claudia Norby for the debate against, but mostly I'll remember Orin for his infectious enjoyment of dressing the SCRAP 6 steering committee in his student's choir robes and leading us in celebration songs - even in the beginning of the campaign when there was little to celebrate.

RIISING WOMAN BOOKS has been sold again and this time it looks pretty solid. Two women from Los Angeles have purchased the book store from the two women who owned it for a month after purchasing it form the original collective. The new owners have already stocked new books, records, and T-shirts. They are also interested in hearing from women artists and jewelers who might want to sell through them. A sale is going on now so you can begin Christmas shopping early - and you have all seven days to make your selections.

OTHER BUSINESS NEWS is not so happy. MoonRise is on its November shaky ground again and needs help. The collective is trying to find new ways to hold on to the cafe for another year - so if you have any ideas or money, contact them.

THE SONOMA COUNTY LESBIAN ALLIANCE is in the beginning stages of planning a traveling workshop on Lesbian lifestyles. The plan is to encourage human services agencies and industry to invite them to sensitize their staffs to the special problems, needs and joys of their Lesbian clients/employees. The group needs ideas for this project and others and will be meeting at MoonRise on December 10th at 6 p.m.

A RESPONSE TO PETER'S PALS: I did check my facts with members of the SCRAP 6 Fundraising Committee. All they could remember were countless futile attempts at trying to involve Pender in the local "No On Six" effort during the campaign when the money was so badly needed. They were not aware (and apologize to Peter, as do I) of his contribution so close to the election. I do have a question, though. If "charity is such a private affair with Pender, how did 20 of his friends get a copy of his cancelled check?

HETEROSEXUAL (I HOPE) Gaye LeBaron can rest her wince-weary body - for the emigration issue need not pass the lips of Georgia Prescott again. A recent directive from Surgeon General Richmond barring quarantine inspectors from issuing hold orders on aliens who are suspected of being Gay but will hopefully put tax dollars) going to homosexual groups...I refuse to let your tax dollars be used as a British subject.

GAY SKATE will move from Rohnert Park to Star Skate on Occidental Road in Santa Rosa in January. Meanwhile, Cal Skate (Rohnert Park) November Gay Skate dates are November 12 and 16, from 9 to 11 p.m.

Straight le Dyke is written by Georgia Prescott. She is not a member of the newspaper collective and the opinions expressed in her column do not reflect the views held by the newspaper staff.

Rape Victim Freed After Killing of Attacker

KISSIMMEE, FL - Laura McIntyre 15, has been sentenced to probation after being convicted of manslaughter for shooting her stepfather to death after he raped her. David Lee McIntyre was alleged to have fondled the young woman since she was 13 years old, and she testified that he raped her on five occasions. Last March 21, she closed her eyes and shot her step-

father when he attempted to rape her a sixth time.

Osceola County Judge Russell Thacker said of Laura, "She hasn't shown much remorse and I don't know why." When the judge announced his decision to place her on probation until she is 19 years old, he told her, "I think you did wrong and I don't mind telling you so, Laura."

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Radio Station Drops 'Ugly' Wife Contest

WPRO, a Providence, Rhode Island radio station has issued an apology to its listeners concerning a contest it broadcast that included the question: "How many times have you looked at your wife and yearned for a younger model, one with less miles and a little more style?" Winners were to receive gifts for their wives - lingerie, a face lift, and a visit to a figure salon. In response to complaints to the Federal Communications Commission, the advertising campaign was removed from the air.

Male Rape Case Settled

DETROIT, MI - Federal Judge Philip Pratt, describing officials at Southern Michigan Prison as "terribly negligent," has upheld an award in the amount of \$130,000 made by a jury to a male prison inmate who was assaulted and raped in the prison five years ago.

Pratt said that prison officials should have protected inmate Ervin Redmond from the threat of rape. At the time of the rape, Redmond was serving a two-year sentence in the youthful offender section for attempted rape.

Gay Community News

Local Lesbians and Gays Travel to Washington

by Dann Noonan

To fully explain the experiences and feelings of the group who rode The Freedom Train to the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights would be an impossible task. It was an adventure not likely to be experienced again. I am certain we all returned with new friendships, insights and personal thoughts.

The Amtrak Zephyr left Oakland October 10 with 70 jubilant, yet anxious Gay men and Lesbians on its eight-day journey. The members of the "train gang" came from various racial, economic, spiritual and political backgrounds; from small West Coast towns and cities alike.

Women were outnumbered by men eight to one, but by the time we reached D.C., comradeship won out over separatism. Offering their talents on the journey were Lesbian comic Robin Tyler and Metropolitan Community Church founder Troy Perry.

It took only a short time for the common goal of the group to bring us together and form a tight-knit family - The Amtrash Family. As we traveled, making whistle stops across the country, the esprit de corps heightened. At 2:30 a.m. in Lincoln, Nebraska, 28 Lesbians and Gay men met the train to cheer us on to our destination. In Omaha, two Gays stood on the platform at 4:30 a.m.

to express their support. There was never a dull moment. In Chicago a small rally was held in a downtown plaza; while in Ogden, Utah, a minister sat on the tracks in protest of our sinful ways.

The reception given to us by the Amtrak crew, was in most situations, warm and supportive. In one case, when a man refused to sit at a table in the dining car with Gays, he was simply strongly asked by the steward to leave the car. On our return trip from Chicago members of the crew "camped" along with us. In Cheyenne however, the engineer carried a sign on his suitcase supporting the beliefs of Anita Bryant.

Of course, there were a few inconveniences that we were forced to deal with, such as no showers for three days. The coach cars were usually either too cold or too hot to sleep soundly, but who could sleep comfortably in those coach seats anyway? The inconveniences tended to bring us closer together in many ways.

As we traveled together the positive energy of the group was a continual rise. Happy Gays Are Here Again became our theme song, which we later sang at the Saturday concert in Washington, D.C. During the evening the bar car and lounge was filled with music from the piano and the Amtrash Chorale.

During the day we spent most of our time discussing numerous topics and just getting to know each other. Interacting with other passengers, both young and old, gave us the opportunity to ascertain their point of view of the Gay movement in a comfortable atmosphere; and for us to offer our opinions.

On one occasion, when a woman tore down a sign promoting the March, her efforts were spontaneously met by a drink thrown in her face with a reply: "I am tired of being put down for being Gay!"

Initially the other passengers attempted to ignore our presence; however, in such a closed environment, that proved almost impossible.

The party atmosphere of our coach began almost immediately after leaving the platform in Oakland as the champagne flowed. One concern I personally had during the journey, was the large amount of alcohol consumed by the group. Spirits remained high during the entire trip, mainly due to the natural energy emerging from our Freedom Train experience.

One of the most positive aspects of the Freedom Train was the warm interaction between the women and men. How wonderful it felt to joke around and not feel uptight with each other. One Lesbian member of our family, from Sonoma by the way, changed the

sign on the door of the women's lounge to read "The Dyke's Lounge." Both the Dyke and men's lounge were fairly active and eventually became multi-sexual.

A Mr. & Ms. Amtrash contest was held on our last night. A flashlight served as our spot and we managed to put together a microphone for the celebration. The voting was close. Blue, from Sacramento, won Ms. Amtrash and was given a replica of the Washington Monument. Eugene, from San Francisco, had the honor of being selected Mr. Amtrash.

The last day on the Freedom Train was met with mixed feelings; joy of having shared a wonderful experience and sadness with having to part. A few members of the group made last minute arrangements to spend more time with another they connected with on the journey. Rick, from Denver, ended up in California.

A reunion of the Amtrash Family has been planned as have Amtrash tee shirts with everyone's name on it who was a member of the group. In San Francisco's Gay Day Parade next year, you may see an Amtrash float.

We all departed from the Freedom Train with a tremendous sense of love, warmth and family which we hope to share with our Lesbian and Gay sisters and brothers. We are family!

Census Changes With Times

The 1980 Census Questionnaire, which will be mailed to every household in the country next spring, will reflect new life styles with us since the '60s. Among the changes:

•Questions will no longer refer to "head of household," but rather to the person who owns or rents the

dwelling unit.

•The categories "partner" and "roommate" have been added to reflect the growing number of unmarrieds living together.

•The pronoun "he" has been eliminated and replaced by "person."

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Gayness and Ethnicity Research

PHILADELPHIA, PA - Gay authors and researchers are seeking materials for a forthcoming book dealing with ethnicity and gayness. Being sought are essays and interviews pertaining to how gays relate to their particular ethnic culture; both women's and men's experiences are to be included. The authors hope to show both the similarities and the differ-

ences between ethnic cultures in their treatment of homosexuals.

Any person interested in submitting an essay is requested to write for guidelines; persons willing to be interviewed for the book are asked to send name, address, and phone number to J.R. DeMarco, P.O. Box 15784, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

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ing Lesbians and Gay men."

Bob Russell stated that "Many years of education will be required to change the oppressive socio-cultural attitudes of the heterosexual majority, but a comprehensive Gay rights law now will prevent anti-Gay prejudices fostering continued oppression of Lesbians and Gay men."

H.R. 2074 would amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by adding the words 'sexual orientation or affectional preference' to the lists of prohibited grounds for discrimination in the areas of employment, housing, public accommodation, and federal assistance. Most directly affected are the ten percent of the population whose sexual activity is predominantly with people of the same sex. Secondly, the one-third of the American public who at one time or another have an adult same-sex experience. Public revelation of even a single experience can result in a person's being considered homosexual and thus subject to legal and social sanctions.

"This is a civil rights bill which deals with the rights of American women and men to hold jobs and homes. Those who dislike homosexuals will remain free to do so, but will not be allowed to deprive Lesbians and Gay men of jobs and housing simply because of personal prejudices."

"Our lives and livelihoods, constantly threatened by elements of this society, need the protections provided by H.R. 2074."

Vickie Beard stated that "Each year, the military discharges between six hundred and one thousand proven or alleged homosexuals. In 1976, I was one of these statistics."

"After spending over ten thousand dollars on my training as an air traffic controller, after several written evaluations by my superiors attesting to my professionalism and reliability, after awarding me the Naval Good Conduct Award, the Navy discharged me as being unfit, based on my homosexuality."

"During my five and a half years in the military, I witnessed numerous purges where highly capable individuals were harassed, humiliated, and eventually discharged."

"At one duty station, I was ordered to open an enlisted woman's room and stand by her as her belongings were searched for evidence of her homosexuality. Amazingly, at the same station, during the same year, three out of four of the individuals chosen to represent the station as Sailor of the Quarter were homosexual."

"This irrationality and wastefulness in terms of human emotion and tax dollars is obvious to all of us here and all those we represent. It's time senseless discrimination based on sexual orientation or affectional preference is banned in the military as well as the Federal Government, housing, and Federally-contracted, private employment."

Rusty Wood noted that "If one of the parents in a divorce case is a Lesbian or a Gay man, it is a virtual certainty that 'unfitness' will be alleged. The knowledge of this

situation is, in itself, sufficient to deter most Lesbian/Gay parents from pursuing custody rights. Thus the other parent gains custody by default, regardless of his or her potential for parenting."

"Though veiled in a thin cloak of reason," she said, "the assertion of 'unfitness' based solely on affectional preference derives its power from two myths which have been repeatedly shown to be false. The first myth is that a Lesbian/Gay parent or their friends will molest same-sex children. In fact, studies have shown that approximately 90% of parent-child incest is heterosexual. As for the Lesbian/Gay parent's friends, 95% to 98% of child molestation is heterosexual."

The second myth is that Lesbian/Gay parents will not provide appropriate living arrangements and role models for their growing children. Studies have shown that women raising children alone, be they Lesbians or heterosexual, rely heavily on mothers, sisters, and female friends for child care and in times of crisis. Gay women provide more adult companions for their children than straight women do. This is usually attributed to a deliberate effort on part of Gay women and a natural tendency to cultivate men as friends rather than dates.

"Gay men are often accused of exposing their children to social ridicule, even when it is shown that custody trials force these parents to become public figures in the pursuit of custody and/or visitation rights and the proving of their 'fitness.'"

"I am a Lesbian mother. The same mother-blood flows through my body as any mother who has ever given birth to a child, no matter what that mother's sexual partner preference may be."

"We are all here today to ask that you help us change these archaic laws to that we may truly be free in a country that screams throughout the world that it is based upon freedom for all."

Lamb Gower pointed out that "Being denied the right to choose their homes, to choose their form of education, to choose to work and support themselves, to even express their sexuality, let alone choose their form of sexual expression, all are bad enough for a heterosexual child to face, but add to that the fact that a Gay child is deprived of any access to information about his or

her own sexuality in the schools and libraries, denied the right to organize with any of her or his peers at school for the purpose of mutual support, and usually restrained by parents and/or authorities from being integrated into Gay society makes the lot of the young Gay an intolerable oppression."

"As a parent of four children, I am distraught over documented reports of Gay youth who have been committed to mental institutions by their own misguided parents for the purpose of straightening them out. The unforgivable treatment, such as shock therapy administered to youngsters for simply being Gay must never happen again in this country."

"Present Federal laws are not specific enough to safeguard our children's basic constitutional right to freedom from oppression and separation of church and state."

"The Sexual Minority Youth Service Coalition Housing Committee has issued a Report on Attitudes and Availability of Placement for Sexual Minority Adolescents. The results of the survey showed that only 29% of the agencies polled claimed any experience at all with sexual minority youth. The report states: 'It appears clearly demonstrated that there is an unwillingness on the part of the agencies to admit that sexual minority youth exist within their own placements and agencies or that youth may determine their sexual orientation prior to adult age.'"

Sandy Lowe said, "In conclusion I would like to remind Congressman Clausen that we here today are all Sonoma County residents, taxpayers

and voters. This ad hoc Committee represents more than 25,000 Gay people in Sonoma County and more than 50,000 in the Second Congressional District. And our community is growing."

"We have come here to stand in solidarity with our friends who have traveled to Washington to demonstrate in behalf of Lesbian and Gay rights."

"We also represent the countless thousands more who could not travel so far, but who feel just as passionately deep concerns for the rights, dignity and safety of Gay people."

"We have come to our elected representative in Congress to petition for the redress of grievances and the removal of severe violations of our civil, constitutional and human rights."

"We recognize that the general public does not know very much about the lives of Gay people. Therefore, we wish to remind you that you have a large and articulate Gay constituency in the Second Congressional District and if we can be of any service in clarifying these issues or answering any questions you may have regarding the lives and struggles of Lesbians and Gay men, we will be happy to help."

V.D. Cure?

A University of Pittsburgh researcher says he has successfully vaccinated 135 volunteers against gonorrhea, the country's most widespread venereal disease.

Dr. Charles Brinton claims his vaccine gave "nearly complete" protection against urethral gonorrhea infections. *Advocate*

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Rights Advocates Benefit With Gay Judge

On Friday evening, November 30th at 5:30, the California Human Rights Advocates will introduce the honorable Stephen M. Lachs, judge of the Superior Court of Los Angeles and the first openly Gay judge in the country.

A cocktail party will be held at The Lobby Restaurant at 1117 11th St., Sacramento, as a fundraiser to benefit CHRA. Hours for the party are 5:30-8:00, tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door or in advance by mailing a self-addressed

envelope to CHRA, 1107 Ninth St., Suite 1019, Sacramento, CA 95814.

On September 15, 1979, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. appointed Stephen M. Lachs, an openly Gay person to a judgeship. This appears to be the first time that an openly Gay person has been appointed to a judgeship anywhere in the country. CHRA is the only organization in the state who's single focus is on legislation effecting Lesbians and Gay men and is extremely proud to be introducing the Honorable Stephen M. Lachs.

Liberal Lobby Supports New Gay Rights Legislation

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In a recent letter to U.S. Senators, Patsy T. Mink, president of Americans for Democratic Action (ADA), one of the nation's largest liberal political/lobby groups, urged support for legislation which Sen. Paul Tsongas (D-MA) plans to introduce. That legislation will seek to prohibit discrimination in employment based on sexual orientation.

Mink's letter stated, in part, "The

principle that employment should not be based on irrelevant criteria such as race, creed, color, etc., but rather on ability to do the job, is well-established. The inclusion of 'sexual orientation' is a logical extension of this principal. ADA strongly supports Senator Tsongas' efforts in this area and urges your co-sponsorship of the proposed fair employment legislation." *Gay Community News*

Gay Housing Inquiry

The California Division of Fair Employment Practices had agreed to investigate and remedy cases of housing discrimination against homosexuals, according to division chief Joanne A. Lewis.

The administrative decision came about after negotiations between Gov. Jerry Brown's office and members of the National Committee for Sexual Civil Liberties, including Paul Hard-

man of San Francisco, and Thomas Coleman of Los Angeles. Previously, the division had refused to take on cases of anti-Gay discrimination.

"This is another example of the firm commitment of the Brown administration to equality under the law for all regardless of sexual orientation," said Coleman. "The intervention and assistance from the governor's office probably saved us three years of litigation." *Advocate*

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Lesbians Against Nukes Begin Education Program

by Marsha Taylor-Ward

Sisters of Lesbos Against Radiation (S.O.L.A.R.) is a group of Sonoma County Lesbians who have joined together to educate themselves and as many more people as possible of danger and horror of nuclear power weapons.

SOLAR organized a dinner/slide show presentation for the women's community at MoonRise cafe last month. Slides which used clear and simple terms to explain some very complicated technical processes. From the functions of a nuclear plant, to the making of a bomb, to the affects of radiation on the human cells, Caldicott, a feminist pediatrician, and author of

Nuclear Madness, said the process of fission of uranium rods to create steam for electricity is like "cutting butter with an electric saw." And definitely much more expensive. Calcott, a mother of three, felt that watching the death of an eleven-year-old from leukemia would influence change.

The mobilization of change is education and from an information fact sheet put together and distributed by SOLAR we read, "It is a medical fact that radiation causes many kinds of cancer, as well as mutations. Radiation is released at all phases of the nuclear fuel cycle. It is the same radiation an atom bomb discharges...and...there is no 'safe level' of radiation. It takes as little as one radioactive particle hitting gene in one cell to start the process of cancer or genetic mutation. The cancer may not appear for 10 to 20 years and mutations may be carried on through infinite generations, if there are generations."

Lesbian and Gay Jews Meet Despite Protests

TELAVIV—Orthodox Rabbis in the United States and Israel failed in their attempts to block the Fourth International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews.

About 100 delegates from Israel and abroad attended the conference, and a July 20 demonstration, supported by Israeli feminists, received national media coverage.

Ne'imim V'Ne'amot, a new Gay and Lesbian group, emerged from the conference, and spokesperson Ilana Weinstock commented that, "This International Conference, together with the anger generated by the actions of the rabbinate, have acted as a catalyst to weld together men and women, to join us to our sisters and brothers all over the world, and to open the eyes and minds of the feminist movement in Israel."

Frightening, and what Caldicott calls "psychically numbing," the information must be dispersed because the power companies with all their money and advertising are not selling us the truth. We must join together - for no matter if we are Gay, Feminist or Socialist or all of the above, it is not our lifestyles, but our lives and our children's lives that are at stake with this issue.

There is action we can take today. We must write letters to public officials, utility companies and newspapers letting them know the public wants honest information and safety from nukes. We can join a local anti-nuke group - contact Abalone Alliance, 944 Market St., Room 307, San Francisco, 94102 or SoNoMore-Atomics, 707/526-7220. We must spread information, ask questions, seek answers and begin discussions with family, friends and co-workers.

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Mormons Admit Entrapment of BYU Gays

PROVO, UT - An official of the Mormon-owned Brigham Young University admitted recently that the school's security police conducted stakeouts of Gay bars in Salt Lake City in order to investigate "homosexual activity" at the university. Paul Richards, the university's public relations director, confirmed allegations made by the American Civil Liberties Union, but claimed that the stakeouts had ceased when the operations came to the attention of the university administrators.

Gays Help Cops Stop Tearoom Cruising

BATON ROUGE, LA - Students for Gay Awareness (SfGA), the gay organization at Louisiana State University, has voted to help the police curb "tearooming" on the campus. Numerous complaints have been received from Gays as well as non-Gays about "propositioning and public sex" in the men's lavatory in Allen Hall on the University campus.

Police had been using cameras and plainclothes officers in an effort to halt the activity, resulting in what SfGA spokespersons termed "over-zealous surveillance [resulting] in harassment and arrests."

The chief of campus police agreed to a proposal made by SfGA that student members of the Gay group should patrol the "tearooms" instead of the police, and that they should advise men "come out of the closet and to suggest the use of other, more isolated, cruising areas."

As a result of its proposal, the SfGA said, the group "has removed at least legal threat to Gay people on campus and has developed better communication with the police and university administration."

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Air Force Nurses Sue: Claim Unfair Labor Practices

A class-action suit charging the U.S. Air Force with sex discrimination and unfair labor practices against flight reserve nurses was filed in U.S. District Court in San Francisco October 26.

Five California nurses, represented by attorney Carol Ruth Silver, cited two major grievances in the action

•Loss of flight pay since 1974 when Air Force Reserve nurses were excluded from eligibility for the extra pay given to flight surgeons and medical technicians. The amount sought could exceed \$10 million.

•Refusal by the Air Force to provide flight nurses with flame-retardant uniforms that are provided free to others on the crew. Flight nurses must pay up to \$150 for the non-flammable gear.

"The situation is completely unfair and unsafe," said Major Sarah Gray of Moraga, an Air Force nurse for 11 years.

"For the past five years, we worked through channels to resolve these issues. We know we were generally getting the runaround... Now, hopefully, the Air Force will do something about these unfair practices."

A local Air Force spokesman said he had not seen a copy of the complaint and could not comment on the suit.

Soviet Sex Manual Claims Everything O.K. Except Gayness

MOSCOW A leading Soviet sexologist has just published an instant best seller dealing with young love and sexual taboos not usually mentioned in the Soviet Union except in medical journals.

Dr. Naum Khodakov's message "everything done in bed is acceptable" would not cause much surprise in the West, but comes as a considerable shock to Soviet society, which combines a high level of sexual promiscuity with a moral climate of Victorian puritanism.

"Go ahead, so long as it makes you both happy" is the Soviet sexologist's advice. But then he goes on specifically to rule out two "abnormalities," homosexuality and sadism, which he says require treatment by a doctor.

Homosexuality, says the book, means that "some glands are not functioning correctly." It does not add, however, that it is a criminal offense in the Soviet Union, punishable by imprisonment.

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