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Gays Can't Organize At State Facility

Inmates of the California State Medical Facility at Vacaville, which houses a large portion of the state's Gay male prisoners, have been denied the right to form a discussion-and-education organization for Gays and transsexuals. CMF houses several advancement associations and rap groups including the Jaycees, EMPLEO for Unidad for Chicanos, and a Black Culture Association. The proposed new group, Third Generation Organization, states that

its goals include helping Gays to find employment and housing on their release from prison, and promoting better understanding between Gays and straights in prison and outside. Joe Silva, president pro tem, says public support is needed before officialization can occur; interested people should write to J.J. Enomoto, Director of Corrections, State Building No. 8, 714 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. —*Advocate*

Rights Group Seeks Director

Gay Rights Advocates, a San Francisco-based, non-profit public interest law firm is seeking a new Executive Director.

Though only 2 years old, GRA has developed a national reputation by winning precedent-setting cases in their fight for the legal rights of Gay people.

The organization seeks someone with an administrative background who can supervise a full-time staff of attorneys and non-attorneys; and who has a strong commitment to attaining equal rights for Lesbians and Gay men in our society.

The starting salary is \$12,000/year plus benefits. Resumes should be mailed to Search Committee, Gay Rights Advocates, 540 Castro Street, San Francisco, CA 94114. Resume deadline is February 1, 1980.

GRA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

'Poofter Terrorism' Pink Bricks Attack

Anti-Gay British Pubs

MANCHESTER, ENGLAND — Police are investigating an outbreak of "poofter terrorism" aimed at pubs that discriminate against Gays.

Pink-painted bricks wrapped in protest leaflets and carrying "Gay anger" messages have been hurled through the windows of two pubs.

Although the Gay Activist Alliance picketed the pubs when they instituted a Sunday lunchtime ban on Gays, the GAA disassociated itself both from the "irresponsible action"

Fewer Convictions Feared

Longer Sentences For Rapists Passed

Governor Brown has signed a bill, SB13, sponsored by Sen. H.L. Richardson, that will double the sentences for rapists.

The bill threatened a political crisis early in September in the Assembly, where the members forced the Criminal Justice Committee to send it to the floor for a vote. It

also divided feminist organizations.

The National Organization for Women joined prosecutors in supporting the measure. Five other women's groups urged Brown to veto it on the grounds that the severity of the penalties would deter juries from convicting rapists.

The penalties will mean that some persons convicted of rape will serve longer prison terms than some convicted of first-degree murder.

The bill changes the method by which terms are calculated for violent and repeat offenses.

Mom, Guess what

Sacramento Rights March January 12

A march on Sacramento, California for Gay rights is planned for the weekend starting Jan. 12. Launched by the California Human Rights Advocates to fill a need for a state-level event like the march on Washington, D.C., the Sacramento gathering will coincide with a CHRA lobbying week. Local ad hoc committees are needed to design a program of activities; committees already exist in Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco and Chico. In December, representative members will meet in Sacramento to discuss overall strategies. Contact Alan Robertson or Jan Rudolf at California Human Rights Advocates, 1107 Ninth St., Suite 1019, Sacramento, CA 95814; 916/448-6666.

ERA Rescinding Under Question

The ERA, which would outlaw discrimination based on sex, must be ratified by 38 states by June 30, 1982, to become part of the U.S. Constitution. The original deadline was March 22, 1979, but was extended by act of Congress.

The ERA has been approved by 35 states, but five have since rescinded approval. The validity of that move still is in question, and the Justice Department has said it is up to Congress to decide. *S.F. Examiner*

Iranians Must Denounce Khomeini At Brothel

RENO, NEV. — Iranian students are no longer welcome at brothel-owner Joe Conforte's Mustang Ranch.

Conforte put up a sign Wednesday excluding Iranian students from his legal house of pleasure because of the American hostage situation in Tehran.

Conforte says he is fed up with the hypocrisy of Iranian students who support the Ayatollah Khomeini's policies yet patronize the brothel.

From now on, he says, any Iranian student who wants service after the hostages are released at Mustang will not only have to denounce Khomeini, but also the Iranian government's policy of shooting prostitutes.

—UPI



Gay History Lecture December 7

Lesbian Masquerade, a slide/lecture show about women who passed as men in the Bay Area and old San Francisco, will be presented in Sonoma County on Friday, December 7, 1979, at 8 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge of the Santa Rosa Junior College.

The show has grown out of the research of Allan Berube, a member of the San Francisco Lesbian and Gay History Project, into the social history of Lesbians and Gay men in the Bay Area from the days of the Gold Rush to the present. The presentation dazzled audiences in San Francisco this past summer, and has recently returned from a tour of several eastern states.

The show will be presented by members of the San Francisco History Project as a benefit for the *Sonoma County Lesbian and Gay NEWS*. The event will be hosted by the Gay Student Union of the Santa Rosa Junior College.

All are welcome.

There will be free child care and the event is wheelchair accessible.

A \$2 donation is asked.



FORUM

This issue marks the end of another year and the end of another decade. It has been a decade that has seen an increased awareness of the ongoing struggle for the civil rights of all people.

It has been a decade when we as Lesbians and Gay men have begun to make connections with the ways we are treated in our society and the ways our lives are connected with the struggles of people everywhere to be free from oppression and tyranny.

It has been a decade when the United States has often been in the role of the oppressor rather than the champion of the oppressed.

It is a time when fascist and white supremacist groups are marching and organizing and getting followers in suburbs across the country and the world.

This publication has been in existence for almost two years because you wanted it there, and in that time has reflected the progress and change in Sonoma County, Northern California and the world. We have struggled to educate ourselves and others (Proposition 6 comes to mind) about the real and genuine threats to all peoples' liberties and freedoms.

The **SCLGA NEWS** WAS STARTED IN February 1978 by three men and two women to provide a sense of community for Lesbians and Gay men in rural and far-flung Northern California and to keep us all aware of the daily events which would forever change the way we viewed ourselves and our world. Now, we have outgrown our name. For quite some time we have been distributed in San Francisco, Oakland, Napa, Vallejo, Chico and Arcata. We were even taken to the March On Washington.

For months, too, we have been published by the Northern California Gay Media Project Inc., the corporate name of our collective efforts. These efforts have been financed by advertising sales, benefits and subscriptions. All these now are inadequate to meet the demands on the paper to expand in size and circulation. Therefore we are asking our readers to donate what they can to see the paper continue. When our next issue comes out in February we will marking the start of our third year of publication.

From our start in an apartment in Rohnert Park in 1977 as the Sonoma County Gay Alliance following the defeat in Dade County, through cultural programs (the North Bay premieres of *Gay USA* and *Word is Out*), conferences, speakers (Josette Mondanaro) and most recently the acclaimed *Lesbian Masquerade*, the **NEWS** has striven to make us visible and celebrate our special contributions and achievements in a world that would rather deny them.

We hope you can contribute. While the **NEWS** records our new history monthly, we like to think were making some as well.

Thanks for all your support.
See you in February!

—Melvin Muller

Quarantine Homosexuals: Stop Sickness Among The Healthy

YUBA CITY, CA — Marion W. ("Bill") Steele, a Democratic candidate from the First Congressional District, has urged that homosexuals be quarantined "so that they cannot spread their sickness among the morally healthy." Steele, expressing his belief that homosexuals should be banned from the armed forces and government intelligence work, claims that the elected representatives of the people should "quit worrying about phoney 'rights' for perverts."

"It's time [homosexuals] returned

to their closets and stayed there." Steele was quoted as saying in Yuba City's *Appeal-Democrat*. "But if some of them insist on coming out and staying out of their closets, then the rest of us have the right—and the duty to our children—to label them as morally diseased, and to treat them as we would treat the carriers of dangerous diseases."

He went on to state that no legislation was necessary to quarantine "these moral Typhoid Marys." Man-kind has been doing the job pretty effectively for centuries."

—Gay Community News

Letter

We are disturbed by the efforts to undermine progress achieved for ratification of SALT II.

Holland Roberts Center
American-Russian Institute
San Francisco

Report Claims Chief Gain Failed

A report prepared by SRI International on the San Francisco riots which followed the Dan White manslaughter verdict says that Police Chief Gain mishandled the evening's events. The report claimed that there was a lack of police department planning to prevent violence, that there was insufficient manpower, and that available forces were ineffectively used. However, the report vindicated Gain and his deputy chief Kevin Mullen in their controversial decision to withdraw police from the Castro area. The move was unpopular among the police rank-and-file, but SRI says it may have prevented an all-night riot.

—Advocate

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Court Refuses Sodomy Appeal

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Supreme Court has refused to hear the appeal of three men convicted of sodomy on the basis of police evidence gathered through peep-holes. The men were arrested at stops along Interstate 66 in Prince William County, Virginia.

—Advocate

Church Allows Gay Ministers

At its recent St Louis General Assembly, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) voted to allow regional bodies of the national congregation the right to ordain openly homosexual ministers. Carol Blakely, one of the church's general board of directors, said such an ordination might take place in one of the 35 regions soon.

—Advocate

Oklahoma Educators Sue Over Prop. 6-like Law

Seven educators have filed a federal class-action suit in Oklahoma City which challenges the constitutionality of an Oklahoma law allowing public school administrators to fire teachers because of their homosexuality. Known as the Helm Bill, the law effectively endangers the jobs of any teachers whose activities might allow students to learn of their gayness. Plaintiffs—who have filed the action under pseudonyms for obvious reasons—claim the bill violates four amendments.

Advocate

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Contributions of articles are welcomed. To assure return of articles, enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Dorothy Arzner

Pioneer Hollywood Director Dies

NEW YORK — Dorothy Arzner, 82, Hollywood's only women director in the 1930s and '40s, died October 1 in La Quinta (Riverside County), where she lived in retirement.

After nine years in Hollywood as a script girl, film editor and scriptwriter, Arzner made her debut as a director in 1927, with the silent *Fashions for Women*, starring Esther Ralston, and went on to show that she was as skillful in talkies as she had been in silent movies.

She gave Rosalind Russell one of her outstanding roles, in the 1936 motion-picture version of George Kelly's Pulitzer Prize-winning play *Craig's Wife*. Earlier, she directed Clara Bow, an outstanding personality of the silent era in *Get your Man*, in 1927, and did what she could to shepherd the actress through her debut in the talkies with *The Wild Party* in 1929.

The director, who was born in

California, had not started out with a Hollywood career in mind. In fact she had hoped to be a doctor, and attended the University of Southern California. But World War I intervened, and she signed up with an ambulance corps, though she never left the country. Schooling seemed tame afterward and, after a visit to a Hollywood studio, she decided that directing was her true calling.

She got an interview with Cecil B. De Mille, and offered to start at the bottom, which she did, typing scripts. Paramount gave her her first directorial chance in 1927.

She retired after her 1943 film, *First Comes Courage*. It was said that she quit because she was weary of the studio system. After years of obscurity, her name surfaced in 1972, when the First International Festival of Women's Films opened in New York. She was honored by showings of *The Wild Party*.

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LOS ANGELES Warner Communications Inc. has agreed not to produce any record album covers depicting violence against women, an agreement hailed by women activists as a "major victory" in the war against lurid LP artwork.

Warner President David Horowitz said Thursday the "record group

in the recording industry," she said. "The thought of my young son going into the record store and learning how women are to be treated from these album covers is a terrifying thought," said Cathy Barber of the Southern California Rape Alliance.

WAVAW started in 1976 as an ad hoc coalition protesting a Sunset Strip billboard the Rolling Stones used to promote their album "Black and Blue." It showed a woman battered and bruised — and smiling.

"This policy expresses the WCI record group's opposition to the exploitation of violence, sexual or otherwise, in any form," he said.

Warner Communications distributes recordings under the Warner, Atlantic and Electra-Asylum labels.

The policy change was hailed as "a major victory" by the Women Against Violence Against Women (WAVAW), which has waged a 2½-year campaign against violence on record album covers. At one time the group called Warner Communications a "major offender."

opposes the depiction of violence, against women or men, on album covers and in related promotional material."

The campaign focused specifically on Warner Communications because "it has been a major offender

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Book Review

Kittatiny: New Stories, Our Stories For Kids

by Marsha Taylor-Ward

This year when the television and radio and department stores try to convince us one more time that Santa Claus lives in the North Pole, and we know he's really some rich-man spending the winter in his Puerto Rican villa with servants and a yacht, what to we tell our children? How do we let them know our view of life is different than what they learn at school? Not everyone wants to grow up, get married, go to work for money and watch TV all night, let alone get a new one for Christmas. How can we save them from the years of looking for Cinderella or Prince Charming and trying to get someone else's glass slipper to fit?

One way to do it is to offer them new stories form the collection of

stopped listing the names of birds Kit and B.B. had encountered because, as the footnote said, she couldn't find her bird book. It's the most unusual form I've ever seen a children's book in, but delightful.

Russ writes of Kit as a real person who needs to eat and drink and "go to the bathroom," which Kit never remembers reading about in any fairy tale and which B.B. gets hysterical over, crying "go to the bathroom, go to the bathroom." Kit explores a natural world where even sex is treated simply and honestly. In describing the Nymphs and Satyrs mating in comparison to other animals Russ notes, "(maybe you've seen cats and dogs mating)." Along with this we have old and new myths spun for us. There is Wo-

How Can We Save Them From Cinderella And Prince Charming?

feminist books for children that offer alternative ideas with a variety of roles and relationships between people and animals and the earth.

Kittatiny: A Tale of Magic is one of the most recent put out by Daughters Publishing. Written by Joanna Russ, a feminist science fiction writer, author of *The Female Man*, and others, and illustrated with fine line drawings by Loretta Li. It's a wild and fantastic tale of a young girl's run-away adventures. Russ brings to this, her first story for young people, a flashing imagination that challenges both young and old.

In the long parade of legendary characters the story introduces us to, Kittatiny—Kit, for short—meets a faun. She calls him B.B. for baby brother and constantly bickers with him just like real siblings. He plays the part of her guide taking her through the climate extremes of the continents, and being her companion as she suffers and wallows in the joys of meeting a mermaid, rock monsters and a good she-dragon, that takes them under her wing. B.B. serves as Kit's alternate ego, acting out when she wouldn't. He doesn't have manners is how the narrator puts it. And Russ, as the narrator, puts her two cents worth in everywhere with parentheses and explanations and references. For example, at one point she

man Warrior, a contemporary mythical character from Maxine Hong Kingston's novel of the same name and there is good ol' Sleeping Beauty, but this time re-created as a lonely nine-year-old vampire.

Through the somewhat choppy and scattered thoughts of the narrator we travel back to Kit's home where she meets up with a girl from her past who has grown up into a beautiful woman and falls in love with her, wondering if she feels the same because she knew "you weren't supposed to feel that way about another woman." The story ends with a final visit from B.B. where he exposes us all when he said to Kit, "Is it my fault you've got stupid ideas and a limited imagination? Is it my fault you think only boys lose their tempers and have adventures... and girls can only grow up to wear floating wisps of stuff and be nymphs?"

And is it our faults we've bought and sold Cinderella and Santa Claus all these years? No, but now we have a chance and a choice to tell our children new stories, our stories.



"I'm Gay And A Man"

Naval Officer Proves Manhood Through Espionage

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Lee Eugene Madsen, 24, a U.S. Navy petty officer, has been sentenced to eight years in prison for espionage. Madsen was arrested after allegedly smuggling classified documents out of the Pentagon and passing them to an undercover agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Madsen said he made off with the documents "to prove... I could be a man and still be Gay." It was Madsen's intention, according to his attorney, to sell the documents to the undercover agent in the hopes of entrapping the purchaser and become famous.

U.S. District Judge Albert V. Bryan Jr. rejected a request by Madsen's attorney that his client be placed in a prison designed for youths in which he could receive psychological counseling. The judge explained that he thought a sailor should not be sentenced to such a facility and ordered Madsen to begin serving his sentence at a federal penitentiary at Lewisburg, KY.

—Gay Community News

Oral Sex O.K. In Dark Says Court

HONOLULU, HI — Oral sex is not a crime if it is committed in the dark, the Hawaii Supreme Court has ruled. The court unanimously reversed a 1976 conviction against John Broad for a petty misdemeanor count of having sex with another man in a car, stating that sex in a public place cannot constitute "open lewdness" if no one is likely to see the act.

The court noted that the arresting officers admitted they could not see the men from outside the car and had to shine a light inside to find out what was "going on." The hour of the incident — 3:30 a.m. on Sunday — was called "hardly an hour when people would be traversing the streets."

—Gay Community News

Ask Ayatollah

Purify Society: Cut It Off

"If your finger suffers from gangrene, what do you do? Do you let the whole hand, and then the body, become filled with gangrene, or do you cut the finger off? What brings corruption to an entire country and its people must be pulled up like the weeds that infest a field of wheat. I know there are societies where women are permitted to give themselves to satisfy the desire of men who are not their husbands, and were men are permitted to give themselves to satisfy

other men's desires. But the society that we want to build does not permit such things. In Islam, we want to implement policy to purify society, and in order to achieve this aim we must punish those who bring evil to our youth. Don't you do the same?"

—The Ayatolla Ruhollah Khomeini of Iran, responding to a question from Italian journalist Oriana Fallaci. Fallaci's interview with the Ayatollah was published in the New York Times magazine on Oct. 7, 1979.

Significant Decision In Gay Teachers Case

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK — A federal district court judge has refused motions by the Oklahoma Attorney General's office to dismiss a suit challenging the Helm Act, an anti-Gay teacher law almost identical to California's Briggs Initiative. It threatens Lesbian and Gay teachers and those persons who advocate Lesbian and Gay civil rights with the loss of their jobs.

The suit was filed in August by Gay Rights-Advocates (GRA), a San Francisco-based public interest law firm, and Oklahoma City co-counsel Michael Gassaway. It was filed on behalf of seven present and prospective teachers who charge that the Helm Act inhibits their Constitutional rights of speech and association. All used fictitious names out of fear of job loss and from danger of physical harassment.

The Oklahoma Attorney General sought the disclosure of the names of the plaintiffs, or to have the case returned to state court, or, alternatively, to dismiss the action. The federal judge's decision included denial of all three proposals.

GRA attorney Jerel McCrary said, "The decision is significant because it indicates the Court takes this matter very seriously. The judge could have avoided taking on a controversial issue by remanding the case to a state court. His decision also indicates a growing sensitivity on the part of the judiciary. Judge Eubanks did not force the plaintiffs to choose between their privacy, as anonymous plaintiffs, and possible loss of their jobs."

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—Gay Community News

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Rubyfruit Jungle Film Seeks Production Funds

BOSTON MA — If you're one of those people who wonders why "they" never made a movie out of the book, *Rubyfruit Jungle*, or if you heard that "they" were making a movie but didn't know what ever happened to it, then read on. There have been myriad myths circulating about this film and the possibility of it.

According to Jane Myers, one of the producers, half the people in Hollywood think they've already seen the film.

Contrary to popular belief, the rights to make the movie were bought from Rita Mae Brown, the author, more than three years ago by a three-person partnership called Iris Production Co. Since then, however, Iris has not been able to raise sufficient funds to get the film into production.

A lot of work has been accomplished. The script, written by Rita Mae Brown and Arnie Reisman, a member of Iris and the author of *Hollywood on Trial*, is in its fourth revision. It has remained "faithful to the spirit" of the book, says Myers. Casting and shooting are still undone. The script has been left with the agents of many actresses and actors, but Molly Bolt, the story's protagonist, has not yet been selected. While the commitment of a "big name" might help to raise money, the film's producers are very concerned that the audience like Molly and so are hoping not to have to compromise.

In order for the film to stay at Iris and be completed there, investments are desperately needed. The producers originally set their sights on Hollywood as the place to seek co-producers with cash, but the nature of the subject

matter, which industry people claimed would not be a money-maker, has held things up considerably. The producers, therefore, have changed their strategy and have begun to solicit investments from feminists and Gays.

What is needed in dollars and cents is a total of \$875,000, which is a relatively low budget for a motion picture. If Iris could find a maximum of thirty-five investors to commit \$25,000 each, *Rubyfruit* the movie would soon become a reality.

The more control Iris retains over the film, the more likely it is that it will not only remain true to the book but will be a more positive expression of the Lesbian experience. If private money is raised through the feminist and Gay communities, then Iris may select,

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National Lesbian Workers Unite

AMHERST, MA — The National Lesbian Workforce Exchange Project is a working/volunteer collective attempting to create a nationwide network which will connect and build a Lesbian workforce. According to spokespersons, "It is our purpose to secure futures for ourselves, create supportive and productive work environments and opportunities for Lesbians, and gain strength and unity throughout the nation."

for example, the director of its choice, which in all likelihood will be a woman.

The producers hope to convince would-be investors to change the type of investments they make by turning in the ITT stock portfolio for a piece of the film. Myers explained that the final product would be "very professional and quite able to stand up to other projects of an equal budget," such as films like *Outrageous*, *Girlfriends*, and *American Graffiti*. She stresses that the time is right to make a film like *Rubyfruit Jungle*, with its positive Lesbian content, and she considers the project "a good political move."

If enough money is not raised from Gays, and feminists, Iris will have to protect its investment and sell the reproduction rights to outside buyers who may or may not have "a feeling for the book."

If you would like to get in touch with Iris Production Company about the prospect of an investment, you can reach the producers through Cindy Stein, c/o Gay Community News, 22 Bromfield Street, Boston, MA 02108. —Gay Community News

A questionnaire is being distributed throughout the country in an attempt to gather information concerning Lesbian tradeswomen, craftswomen, artists, apprenticeship programs, businesses, land shares, collectives, and cooperatives. For questionnaires, more information, volunteer assignments, and donations, please contact Workforce, P.O. Box 447, Amherst, MA 01002. —Gay Community News

Lung Cancer Women's Death Statistics Grow

NEW YORK — Lung cancer, catching up with female smokers, for the first time has become the No. 2 killer of American women, the American Cancer Society reported November 6.

The society predicted that next year 26,500 women will die from lung cancer and 32,000 will be diagnosed as having it.

The female age-adjusted lung cancer death rate moved ahead of that for colorectal cancer—in the No. 2 position for years—the society said in its annual publication, "Cancer Facts and Figures."

The lung cancer rate in 1977, the year on which the report is based, was 14.9 deaths per 100,000 females; the colorectal, 14.3. Comparable figures on lung cancer for males, age-adjusted rate per 100,000, 1977, is 54.7; the colorectal 19.0.

As recently as 1961, when women were smoking less, lung cancer ranked eighth as a cause of female cancer death.

The society also reported that a woman's chance of developing breast cancer—the No. 1 cancer killer of women—has increased. A newborn baby girl in the United States now faces one chance in 11 of developing breast cancer in her lifetime—compared with the previously accepted figure of 1 in 13.

Next year, 108,000 women will learn they have breast cancer, and 35,500 will die of the malignancy.

Also in 1980, the society estimated, 785,000 Americans will learn they have cancer and there will be 405,000 cancer deaths—54 percent among males. Included will be 117,000 new cases of lung cancer and 101,300 lung cancer deaths. —United Press

Bryant Pie Thrower Disarmed

CHARLOTTE, NC — During a recent protest by some 60 Gay and human rights demonstrators at an appearance by Anita Bryant, one man tried to rush the stage and was quickly hustled outside by the police. He later returned, having convinced the officers that he was not one of the protesters, and said that Bryant's

anti-Gay crusade had converted him to heterosexuality.

The crowd, estimated at about 4,000, cheered the man when he embraced Bryant on stage. Another man, however, was seized by police as he too attempted to get close to the stage and Bryant. He was discovered to be carrying a concealed cream pie. *Gay Community News*

National Rights Plank Goal

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Gay Rights National Lobby has organized the National Convention Project, "the first nationwide attempt to build an effective Gay voice in grassroots American poli-

tics." The goal: a national plank committing the Democratic and Republican parties to Gay rights via publicity, lobbying, and the establishment of a Gay presence at the conventions. —Advocate

The Pope: It's Morally Wrong

Pope John Paul II, in an American visit that proved a spectacular media event, told crowds in Chicago that the Catholic Church was right in regarding homosexual actions as sinful.

In reference to the traditional position held by bishops, the pope said, "You rightly stated: 'Homosexual ac-

tivity as distinguished from homosexual orientation is morally wrong.'" During his American tour the pope also came down hard on artificial contraception, abortion, divorce, euthanasia and pre- and extra-marital sex. *Advocate*

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Finn Gov't Charged With Discrimination

HELSINKI—A submission charging the Finnish government with discrimination against its Gay minority and subsequent violation of the United Nation's Human Rights Charter has been delivered to the UN Human Rights Committee in Geneva.

Submitted by SETA, the Finnish Organization for Sexual Equality, the report argues that the law curtails the freedom of speech of Finnish Gays in the same way that the South African apartheid laws make it illegal for black to affirm their equality with whites. The UN committee has already condemned such laws in South Africa.

Although homosexual acts are no longer a criminal offense in Finland, Law RL 20:9:2 makes it illegal to discuss homosexuality in public except in a negative manner.

The Finnish Broadcasting Company was recently prosecuted and censored for allowing a psychiatrist to report that the American Psychiatric Association had removed homosexuality from its classification of mental disorders. The law even makes illegal the publication of scientific research on homosexuality which does not give a negative picture of Gays. *Body Politic*

Intimidation

New York City transportation worker Jimmy Flowers claims he merely asked his boss to quit calling him "queenie" and "cocksucker" on the job when he was slapped with a charge of insubordination. Feeling his Comprehensive Employment Training Act employee status threatened, Flowers asked for a hearing, which was denied by New York City Department of Transportation

Lesbian 'Tendencies' In Married Women

DUBLIN, IRELAND — A recent statement by a leading Irish political economist, Prof. Louis Smith of University College, Dublin, has provoked the ire of Lesbians and feminists. Smith said that married women who take on jobs outside the home could develop "Lesbian tendencies" and at the same time risk neglecting their children and risk becoming anti-male.

Smith's views of married working women made the front page of the *Irish Independent*, prompting women's rights campaigner Nuala Fennell to term Smith "a very ignorant Irishman."

"I think he wants women to be not only subservient to men — but also to be barefooted, poverty-stricken, and possibly hungry."

Joni Sheerin of Liberation for Irish Lesbians told London's *Gay News* her initial reaction was one of outright laughter. "If the man wants to be so stupid, who am I to argue with him? And if he's right, maybe we ought to put the fear of God into him and encourage lots more women to go out to work." —Gay Community News

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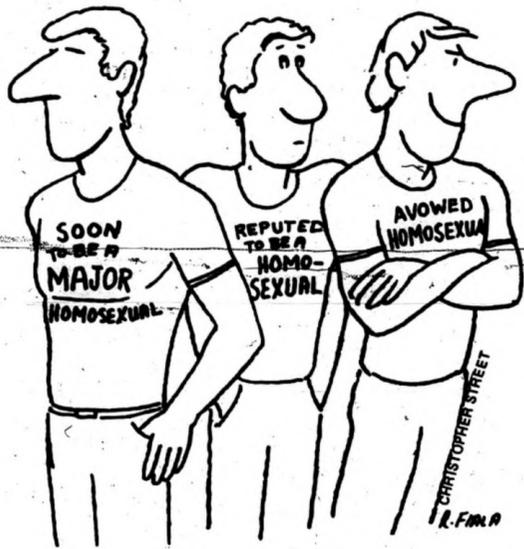
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What is the "Castro clone" look all about? I think it's sort of a camp-butth look. It's a way of being masculine, while still retaining the Gayness. The statement is that we're men and

we're Gay, or that we're Gay and we're men. It's trying to assert something that the straight world has denied for a long time: that you can be a real man and be Gay. The clone look gives a ruggedness, and at the same time keeps a sexualization and a softness.

Almost everyone on Castro Street seems to be in their 20s or 30s. It tends to very ageist.

That's true. Many men in their 40s, 50s and 60s do go to Castro, but the cultural definition of it is that it's not serving older Gays. Many men in those age groups stay away from Castro, and some of those who go there feel badly about themselves.

By the very nature of the clone look—the tightness of the clothing and the emphasis on the body-builder physique—Castro is going to appeal to men whose bodies are still buildable. If you're a very well-built man of 40 you can still do it. If you're an average man of 40 you can't.

I don't think that's particularly Gay. Most fashions—certainly most fashions oriented toward sexuality—are geared toward people in their 20s. We don't yet have a sense of what looks sexy at 40, or at 60.

Dr. Alan Sable, Sociologist and therapist from an interview in the September 6 issue of the *Advocate*.

Sissy: Intimidation and Behavior

The word "sissy" is the one word used early on in a young male child's life to intimidate him toward behavior patterns which society—parents, school, peers, etc.—say are "appropriate" for a man and away from those patterns "appropriate" for a woman. Any time a boy shows emotions of tenderness or delicacy, he is vulnerable to the accusation of "Sissy."

We are all born with the ability to develop a healthy range of emotions, nurturance, and cooperation. Reclaiming one's Sissiness, as 'twere,

one given most attention. And it is the least important in some ways. Consciousness of oneself as a Sissie has very little to do with physical appearance. All the color and flow would mean nothing if it isn't done with a political awareness of sexism in our culture. In identifying with but not imitating women, we experience firsthand the fear and intimidation of straight men's rapist energy.

Another reason Sissiness is relevant to Women and the feminist revolution is because we need to visibly present alternative role models to

We need to present alternate role models to children.

is to rebel against the social conditioning that says men should be competitive, individualistic, and emotionally immature.

Reclaiming Sissiness has nothing to do with sexual preference or orientation. The scare tactics in the word Sissy are used long before any development of conscious sexuality. All males have been (mis)shaped by this same socializing tactic. All males have lost a part of our Selves in order to survive. Some of us have lost more than others. We have all lost.

Reclaiming ourselves as full human beings has meant for some Sissies the wearing of colorful clothes, jewelry, nail polish, makeup. Outward appearance is the most obvious sign of a Sissie coming-out, and often the

children. Boy children especially need to be offered choices to the current role models: soldier, football player, business executive, etc.

Gay people, by our very existence, are sexual terrorists. We challenge all "norms" of behavior. Men are supposed to compete with each other for power. Women are supposed to compete with each other to achieve power through men. But instead of competing, we love one another. There is no guerrilla theater more shocking to the heterosexual tourist in the French Quarter of New Orleans than two leather Sissies in full regalia walking down Royal Street holding hands or kissing in a crowded restaurant. They look like men, but they don't behave like men.

Drag comes in many different forms. As Tede says in *Word Is Out*: "We are born naked. Everyone is in drag." There is little difference between dripping in rhinestones and chiffon or metal-studded leather. This is meant as no insult to queens or those into the leather scene. But just that the majority of Gay men could learn to be themselves—mentally, emotionally—and not dress in fads.

Certain males adopt the sexual models of women early in life because we know that although we are biological males, we are also emotionally "same" motivated. Since females are the only role model available of loving human beings, we recognize in ourselves the "other." In realizing our otherness, we retreat into opposite-dressing as an outlet for repressed sexuality. It is one of the earliest stages in the coming-out of nearly every Sissie—identification with the traditional trappings of Women.

Drag queens have always borne the brunt of Gay men's oppression. And yet it was drag queens, Dykes, and Third World Sissies who fought back at Stonewall and today are those of us who are the most cop-hassled, arrested, beaten up, robbed, and murdered.

Transvestism has a long history. Male devotees of the Goddess donned Women's clothes during the Great Mother festivals. Male temple attendants wore female dress all the time, as did the Gay male shamans of the Sioux and Mandan peoples.

For many Gay men, drag is the only way we can get in touch with our Sissiness. For too many of us, that means getting in touch with the Woman-hatred programmed into every child. The image projected—exaggerated breasts and hips, elaborate hairstyles, grotesque makeup—is one of self-hatred, fear of that part of us which society condemns: being "womanish," a Sissie. It is a way of hiding from ourselves the secret knowledge that we can always "take it off" and go back to "looking like a man." It is that aspect of drag that Women find so offensive. And rightly so.

Sissie drag is an attempt to rid ourselves of visual male privilege. When we walk down the street we try

I AM NOT A RAPIST

to visually project two messages: *I am not a heterosexual* and *I AM NOT A RAPIST*. As males in our struggle against sexism, we have committed ourselves to an examination of the oppression of our sisters and our responsibility in it.

Males have privilege inherent in being male. Women, traditionally defined as "property" by men, do not have access to the privileges of maleness. Many Women today are openly living their lives independent of male support. These Women, as all Women, live, in constant terror of rape, of a male forcibly "taking possession."

Gay men need to develop an analysis of the commonality of our oppression and the oppression of Women. Issues of rape and power-over relationships; issues of transvestism, transsexualism, and drag;

"Everyone Is In Drag"

and the issue of Gay male oppression of Women must be directly explored.

What is our common oppression? All of us, Women and Gay men, are victims of imposed control over our own bodies and decisions of reproduction, of imposed sex-role identities, of imposed sexual harassment, violence, and death. This is not because of a conscious desire on our part for abuse, but because we are neither heterosexual, in the case of Gay men and Lesbians, nor are we men (in defined and accepted terms), in the case of Gay men and all Women. We are seen as "other"/property, to satisfy any heterosexual man.

By dressing and living as ourselves we weaken the power the Man holds over us all. We reclaim the power of our own identities. We threaten the foundations of both the economic system and the social order. We represent sexual anarchy—the power over decisions of reproduction and pleasure.

The sexual terrorism of Gay people is to make the unconscious condaxious. That's what Sissies and Dykes—men with long hair who wear skirts and Women with short hair who wear pants—have always done. It is where History and Herstory become Ours. *Louisiana Sissies In Struggle*



Out And About with Melvin

The Center for Well Being's Crafts Fair, December 8 & 9 at the Sebastopol Vets, looks like it will be the big one of the season. They are even offering low cost brunches and dinners both days. Love those sterling silver bangle bracelets! Wear mine everyday...Please, please fill every seat at the Sonoma Film Institute (Darwin 108, Sonoma State U campus, Cotati) in the next couple of months. This month they're showing everything from Orson Welles' "The Lady From Shanghai" ("...mirror, mirror, on the wall...") with the redoubtable "Citizen Kane,"

Keaton with ten color Max (Betty Boop) Fleisher cartoons of the '30s (these 'toons give evidence to how Popeye—Fleisher and his brother did the early Popeye cartoons—got the idea he could lift buildings) to two classic 3-strip Technicolor Wondors from 1940s England, one of which is "The Thief of Bagdad," a truly marvelous movie that made me cry with joy and wonder (but I'm a soft touch anyway!) when I saw it last year at the Lumiere in the City. The Film Institute is trying out a new policy of showing first-run foreign films along with their very high quality retrospective series. (They even seem to respond to requests, but have as yet to take me seriously when I say I want to see Alice Faye And Carmen Miranda in "Week-End in Havana" and "That Night in Rio." Now, that's 3-strip Technicolor! Back to the subject, they're going to be showing Fellini's new one, "Orchestra Rehearsal," December 19 through January 10 and the French *menage a trois* comedy "Why Not?" January 11-31. Kind of a bi-sexual "Jules and Jim" with a happy ending as I understand it. And why not?...On the retail front, our long time advertisers, *Sweet Potato*, warned me the other day (after I was going to hit them up for a part-time job!) that they might close early (like December 18) because business

is so crazed down there that people have actually been seen standing in line to get in to spend their money and the inventory might sell out! I dropped \$70 there a few weeks ago. After the initial shock, I realized that I had the money and well, why not? A lot of that went to a multitude [sic] of Christmas cards which I am wont to send out on December 2nd. They're called "The Coolside of the Yuletide" and, and...oh, am I rambling? Other retail realities: Diane at *My Daughter the Framer* also has the problem of too much success and warns to get your frames (now-now!) in early as it gets real crazy down there on towards my favorite former pagan ritual...The paper is taking a month off (we didn't publish last January either; so don't get excited; but we will return in all our new mast-headed glory in February) with our second Anniversary Issue...Meanwhile, the great hords will be spilling out onto the breezeway December 7 at the SRJC Faculty Lounge to hear and see *Lesbian Masquerade*, a lecture and slide show which has just returned from a tour of the East. In fact, we got them right off the plane to find out if they could do this date as a benefit for the *NEWS*. They've wanted to come from S.F. for quite a while. We also regret the small space the show will be presented in, get there early!, but at this time of year it is difficult to find good space. *Everyone* is welcome and the show will be back in the spring... Part of the wonder of this long strange trip is that we are always, all of us, able to connect with the past in real and important ways, as *The Gay History Book* so well attests; and so many other book as well. We've had a copy of a review of the book *Lavender Culture*, Gay Community News-ette John Kyper sent us, but we have lacked the space these last few months! (It's always money!) Which reminds me, *Rising Woman Books* is expanding their Gay men's section and invite suggestions of books by and for Gay men. I'll sign off now (aren't you glad?). Ah, the year's end. Only four more years 'til 1984! And your thought it would never get here!

Gay Skate Changes In January

December 10th will be the last date for Gay Skate at the Cal Skate, Rohnert Park, location. Hours are 9 to 11 p.m. and admission and skate rental is \$1.50.

In January, Gay Skate will move to Star Skate, 2075 Occidental Rd. (near Hwy. 116), Santa Rosa. Gay Skate nights are January 7th and 21st.



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Correspondence Reveals A Different Roosevelt

NEW YORK Eleanor Roosevelt conducted a 30-year correspondence with a woman author and reporter who at one time covered her activities, and the letters reportedly reveal a deep love between the two women.

The New York Times said October 21 that the correspondence of Roosevelt and Lorena Hickok started in October 1932, just before FDR's election, and continued until Mrs. Roosevelt's death in 1962. The women wrote each other almost daily and in some cases twice a day.

"Hich, my dearest," began one letter from Mrs. Roosevelt dated March 5, 1933, a few days after moving into the White House. "I cannot to to bed tonight without a word to you...You have grown so much to be a part of my life that it is empty without you even though I'm busy every minute."

And the next day: "Hich, darling. Ah how good it was to hear your voice. It was so inadequate to try to tell you what it meant."

And the following day: "Hick, darling...Oh, I want to put my arms around you. I ache to hold you close. Your ring is a great comfort. I look at it and think she does love me, or I wouldn't be wearing it."

On another occasion, Hickok wrote the first lady, "Most clearly I remember your eyes, with a kind of reassuring smile in them, and the feeling of that soft spot just northeast of the corner of your mouth against my lips. I wonder what we'll do when we meet - what we'll say. Well, I'm rather proud of us, aren't you? I think we've done rather well."

At the time of this exchange, in 1933, when the Times said the correspondence was the most intense,



Roosevelt was 48 and Hickok, 40.

The two women came to know each other in 1928 through Hickok's political reporting, which dovetailed with Roosevelt's campaigning for her husband.

For the Associated Press, Hickok reported on Mrs. Roosevelt from October 1932 until the inauguration in March 1933, and resigned in June of that year.

She gave the letters to the Franklin Roosevelt Library in Hyde Park, N.Y., in 1958 with the proviso they be closed until 10 years after her death. She died in 1968. Last year the letters became accessible but attracted little attention.

Now they are to be published by William Morrow & Company in a book called "The Live of Lorena Hickok" by Doris Faber.

Franklin Roosevelt Jr., literary executor of his mother's estate, said his mother wrote incessantly and with great ardor to both men and women, and called her style "very effusive, very loving."

United Press

Solar Housing Information Center

by Dan Noonan

A highly beneficial community service program has been growing in Sonoma County.

The Community Network For Appropriate Technologies is open to assist individuals and organizations in the community desiring to move towards a society based on renewable, locally available resources. The Community Network serves as an information broker, linking people to information and tools necessary to enable them to become skilled at meeting basic energy, housing and health needs.

The Network offers many programs and services. Energy workshops are covering topics such as solar greenhouses, hot water system and heating construction techniques.

There is a library open to the public specializing in alternative energy, conservation, housing construction, food-production, preventive health care, small scale community development and issues of the right to livelihood.

Sponsored by the Network is a free ongoing Thursday night lecture and slide presentation as well as a series of workshops offering technical advice and demonstrations on various aspects of house repair and construction. The workshops cover

topics as roofing, foundation construction, plumbing and architectural drawing and drafting. Speakers include engineers, contractors, and architects, some of whom work with the Farallones Institute in Bodega Bay.

The Network News Service keeps people informed on issues related to appropriate technology and network development. Radio station KVRE hosts the Community Network Sunday morning program at 10 AM.

The Gazette-Advertiser sponsors a page weekly for local and national issues for appropriate technologies.

There is also a skills exchange program which serves as a mechanism for teaching, learning and sharing with others, various aspects of construction and technology. This is similar to the barn raisings of yesteryear.

The Community Network is holding a benefit dance with the Silverado Band and "Good Question," an ecological theatre troupe, on October 12 at 8 PM. It will take place at the Sebastopol Grange on HWY 12, East of Sebastopol. Beer and wine will be available.

For further information and the fall schedule of lecture series and workshops call 528-6543.

The office is located in the Lincoln Arts Center building, 709 Davis Street, Santa Rosa.

Actors March For More Minority Roles

LOS ANGELES — Ed Asner, Dennis Weaver and other actors denounced the film industry's portrayal of women and minorities Oct. 10 in a demonstration staged by the Screen Actors Guild.

Spokeswoman Kim Fellner said the SAG filed unfair labor charges Oct. 10 against the Academy of Motion Picture and Television Producers with the National Labor Relations Board here.

"Those charges basically accuse the alliance of not living up to their contract obligations and preventing SAG from fulfilling their obligations to affirm-

mative action."

The protesters marched in front of the academy's offices, carrying signs bearing such slogans as "Women and minorities not seen on the American scene" and "We want our share of the fantasy."

Police estimated about 500 people participated in the demonstration. Similar demonstration was held in New York. —Associated Press

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Activist Lesbian Held In Arson Case

ST. LOUIS — A well-known Gay rights activist, held by police as an arson suspect after a bar she managed was fire-bombed, says the allegations are a frame-up.

St. Louis papers had reported that Lesbian activist Mac McCann was to be booked for arson, and that she had "mysteriously" moved out of her apartment above the bar only a day before the building burned.

In an our-long report to a support meeting attended by more than 200 people, McCann clarified that she had in fact moved out of the apartment three weeks before the incident because of bomb threats and repeated harassment by gangs of men shouting obscenities. The back windows of the bar had been broken, a brick had been thrown through the front door, and someone had fired bullets through the front win-

dows. "I became frightened and just didn't want to stay in the apartment," she said.

Bonnie Stephens, a part owner of the bar, described the police attempt to pin the blame on McCann. Stephens said she was taken to police headquarters and asked to press charges against her. "When I refused, they said I would be considered a suspect-unless I cooperated."

A defense fund has been started by the local National Organization of Women, and efforts are underway to initiate an investigation of police handling of the case.

—The Body Politic

Anglicans May Lift Gay Clergy Ban

LONDON — A Church of England Commission has called for the lifting of a ban on homosexual clergymen.

The report, published October 19, is a result of five years of study by British theologians. It takes issue with the traditional Christian view that considers Gay sex a sin, and refutes so-called Biblical arguments condemning homosexuality.

If the report is accepted, clergymen who are practicing homosexuals would be required to offer their resignations to the bishop, but the report recommends that the bishop should be able to refuse the resign-

ation. Candidates for ordination would be able to declare a homosexual orientation without being automatically ruled unfit for the priesthood.

The British paper *Gay News* reported that the Right Reverend Robert Runcie, who will take over as the Archbishop of Canterbury next year, has knowingly ordained practicing homosexuals. Runcie reportedly advised the men to keep their sexuality a secret.

Runcie is expected to make a public statement on his position during the debate on the report.

—The Body Politic

Scientists Meeting To Address Homophobia In Workplace

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — A meeting has been scheduled at the Annual Meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science which is to address the issue of "problems arising from homophobia in the scientific workplace." The meeting has been called for Jan. 8, 1980, from 9 a.m.-12 noon; the Balboa Room of the San Francisco Hilton.

According to the Organizer of the meeting, who wishes to remain anonymous, "This is the first time, to my knowledge, that a meeting is being held by a professional organization of physical and natural sci-

entists to explore this topic."

Speakers include Stephen Morin, a psychologist, who will address the meaning, expression, and possible effects on scientists of homophobia; Sharon Raphael, a sociologist, who will relate her experiences as an "out" Lesbian professor and discuss Gay issues in curricula; and Laud Humphreys, a Pitzer college sociologist who will speak on the effects of homophobia on homosexual researchers and research on homosexuals. The other speakers are Bruce Kiernan, Larry White, and Alan Malyon.

—Gay Community News

In Ohio Court Says Gay Sex Is Okay-Just Don't Ask

CINCINNATI, OH — As in several other states, sodomy here is legal, but asking someone to engage in it with you can get you arrested.

The Buckeye State decriminalized same-sex acts between consenting adults over the age of 15 in 1974, but its "importuning" law stayed on the books. It prohibits one from soliciting a person of the same sex for sexual activity when the offender knows such solicitation is offensive, or is "reckless in that regard."

The First District Court of Appeals here in Hamilton County ruled the law unconstitutional in early 1978 as an "overbroad restriction of speech." (Only days later, Cincinnati police started a crackdown in two city parks which resulted in nearly 70 arrests for public indecency in eight days.) The City of Cincinnati appealed the ruling, and in June 1979, the state Supreme Court overturned it, saying same-sex solicitations are "fighting words" unprotected by the U.S. Supreme Court. It ordered the case back to the Hamilton County Municipal Court

for a decision on whether the solicitation inflicted injury or was likely to provoke a breach of peace.

John W. Quigley, professor of law at Ohio State University and a "friend of the court" as a member of the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) in the case, told a regional NLG meeting here on Nov. 4 that the importuning statute is one of the "most overt form of discrimination in Ohio. Similar statutes exist in most states."

Quigley said NLG and the National Committee on Sexual Civil Liberties (NCSSL) would appeal the latest ruling again in the Ohio Supreme Court, but that NCSSL is looking for a "worse" case in another state, and perhaps a better time, to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. The high court has declined to consider any case involving homosexuality.

"This case," said Quigley, "is reflective of the kind of oppression gay people face. We argued that it is illogical to consider [such solicitation] 'fighting words' since, inasmuch as one is asking the other

Incest Awareness Project Started In Los Angeles

In response to astronomically rising reports of incest, Los Angeles mayor Thomas Bradley named November "Children's Defense Month." The announcement tied in with information seminars sponsored by the year-long Incest Awareness Project now underway.

An estimated 25,000,000 women in America are or have been sexually abused by males in their families. Contrary to the romanti-

cized images of incest in the current media, relationships are usually highly disturbing to the children, and only rarely take place between older females and younger males.

Those interested in the Incest Awareness Project should contact Leslie Labowitz of Ariadne at the Women's Building, 1727 N. Spring St., Los Angeles, CA 90012; 213/399-2494 or 221-6161.

Brown Will Sign If Elected

LOS ANGELES, CA — California Gov. Jerry Brown has pledged to the National Gay Task force that, if he is elected President, he will sign an executive order reinforcing equal rights for Lesbians and Gay men. The disclosure came after Brown delivered what the Los Angeles *Harold Examiner* termed "his strongest pro-Gay rights speech ever" to some 850 persons assembled for a benefit event for Los Angeles' Gay Community Services Center at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel last week.

David Mixner, a political adviser in Brown's campaign, said that \$30-40,000 has been contributed to the campaign by Gay persons in the past few weeks. In his remarks to the assembly at the benefit event, Brown said, "I'm convinced that [my attitude toward Gay persons] is more widespread than conventional wisdom would have you believe."

—Gay Community News

Airline Chief Doesn't Need Queers

When Edward J. Daley, maverick president of the brazenly cutrate World Airways of Oakland, California, fired off a letter of dismissal to some of his union-hyped workers, he wrote that his company "doesn't need hoodlums, racketeers, queers or persons such as [Teamsters president Frank] Fitzsimmons." Fitzsimmons has supported Gay rights recently in the press. Having glossed over a few minor differences, Daley makes clear the distinction between labor and management. Calling Leviticus lily-livered for prescribing a mere eye for an eye, he says that if there's any more union intimidation, "It will not be one for one—it will be two for one, in favor of World Airways and Daley." *Advocate*

Tchaikowsky Murdered To Hide Gayness

Tchaikowsky may not have died of cholera; but of arsenic taken after a group of former colleagues concluded that it was the only way to prevent a homosexual scandal which would have sent the composer to Siberia and disgraced them all. The strange account, purportedly relayed through secrecy-sworn witnesses and presented now by Russian musicologist Alexandra Orlova, has it that a Duke Fernor wrote to the Tsar in 1893 in outrage over Tchaikowsky's relationship with his young nephew. The letter was forwarded through the School of Jurisprudence in St. Petersburg where Tchaikowsky had studied, where it created intense panic and precipitated the death conference. The wife of one of the group stayed outside the door sewing, and later reported that after five hours' discussion, Tchaikowsky rushed from the study in agitation, and that her husband afterwards confided to her that Tchaikowsky had agreed to poison himself in order to prevent the letter's being sent on to the Tsar. A few days later the St. Petersburg press announced the artist's death by cholera in the epidemic that was sweeping the city at the time. —Advocate

Amnesty International Supports Advocates Only

LEUVEN, BELGIUM — After a year of debate and study, Amnesty International has agreed to support people imprisoned for advocating Gay rights, but not those jailed simply as homosexuals.

The resolution falls short of the demands of the Dutch section of the organization which called for Amnesty to recognize as prisoners of conscience "persons imprisoned merely because of their sexual orientation or behaviour."

The move came shortly after Danish members of Amnesty published a report on the plight of homosexual prisoners around the world. The study brought the following laws to light:

- In Sri Lanka, an "unnatural offense" is punishable with a fine, ten years' imprisonment, and the whip.
- In Ireland, males who commit sodomy may be imprisoned for life; no antilebian laws exist.
- In Pakistan, Gays may be sentenced to 10-25 years in a labor camp.

● In Russia, the penalty is often internment in a Siberian labor camp, as in the case of poet Gennady Trifonov.

The authors state that "the right to ... a homosexual disposition and behavior is human right that therefore ought to be included as a natural part of the organization's field

of activity."

"We thought that Amnesty was prepared to take up Gay prisoners. This is a bitter disappointment," said Roy Burns of the British Gay group CHE. "We shall continue to work through the International Gay Association to convince Amnesty of the importance of this problem."

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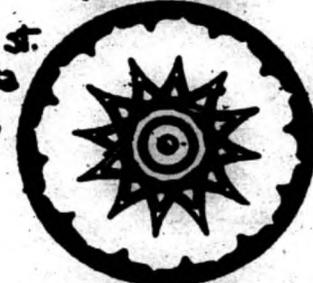
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