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in the NEWS



O'LEARY, VOELLER IN 2-HOUR WHITE HOUSE TALK

by Neil Miller

WASHINGTON, DC—Jean O'Leary and Bruce Voeller, co-directors of the National Gay Task Force, met Feb. 8 for two hours with Margaret (Midge) Costanza, President Carter's staffperson in charge of Public Liaison. The meeting, which took place in Costanza's White House office, was the first time that gay movement representatives have ever met with White House officials in the White House.

Bruce Voeller called the meeting "a historic occasion" and praised the initial contacts with the Carter administration as "the single most exciting opportunity we have had as a movement." Voeller and O'Leary will return to the White House on March 26 to explore "in depth and detail" the issues which they discussed at last week's meeting. At that time, Voeller and O'Leary will bring with them eight other representatives from the gay community. Although the eight other people have yet to be selected, Voeller assured *Gay Community News* (Boston) that they would be comprised of four women and four men and come from different areas of the country.

Marilyn Haft, who previously worked for the American Civil Liberties Union's Sexual Privacy Project in Washington, will join Costanza at the upcoming March 26 meeting. Among the issues which the gay spokespeople will discuss at the meeting are 1) anti-discrimination legislation, 2) immigration and naturalization, 3) the Internal Revenue Service's attitudes towards homosexuals, 4) the Defense Department, 5) the Federal Prisons (focusing on the recent ban of gay publications from federal prisons), 6) the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, 7) the State Department's recent relaxation of rules on employment of gay people, and other issues may be suggested by gay people around the country.

Voeller urges people to write to the National Gay Task Force and list (and, if possible, document) their concerns in

writing, so that he and O'Leary can communicate these concerns to the White House.

In a letter confirming the March 26 meeting, Costanza wrote O'Leary and Voeller that she was "impressed with their presentation." Voeller is confident that, following the March 26 meeting with Costanza and Haft, a series of meetings will be set up with officials of different governmental departments.

Voeller is optimistic that a meeting with President Carter will be the eventual result of discussions with Costanza and meetings with different department officials. "She (Costanza) doesn't see such a meeting as unreasonable," he noted.

- Gay Community News (Boston)

EPISCOPALIANS NAME GAY MAN TO SEXUALITY COMMISSION

BOSTON—In the same month in which a Massachusetts parish quit the Episcopal Church because it was "too liberal," Mass. Diocese head Bishop John Coburn named an openly gay man as a member of the Diocesan Commission on Sexuality.

John Lawrence, a member of Integrity, Boston, will participate in the Commission which was mandated by the 1975 convention of the Mass. Diocese to make recommendations on sexual issues. Lawrence is the former Director of Education at the Homophile Community Health Service, co-moderator of WBUR's "Gay Way" radio show, and founder of the Gay Nurses Alliance.

Rev. Theodore W. Bowers, Secretary of the Diocese, told *Gay Community News* (GCN) that the purpose of the new commission is "to study all the issues of human sexuality—all the changing patterns, the whole gamut." "It's an ongoing educational process," Rev. Bowers emphasized. "We are interested in raising issues. The Bishop is interested in all points of view on the issues the Commission will be dealing with and that is why we wanted a responsible spokesman from the gay community." Rev. Bowers indicated that there would be ap-

proximately 15 people on the Commission.

The appointment of Lawrence was in marked contrast to the attitude of a Bridge-water parish which decided last week to quit the Episcopal Church and become a branch of the Syro-Chaldean Church of the East. The church congregation voted 185-13 to withdraw from the church.

Rev. Freedom Wentworth 3rd, pastor of the church, stated that homosexuality should not be accepted by the Episcopal Church but should be cured. He asserted that he has "cured" a number of his congregation.

"Over the years it was harder and harder for people in this church to admit they were Episcopalians," Wentworth told the *Globe*. "We've not known where we stand for an awfully long time."

- Gay Community News (Boston)



PRISONERS' PRESS "RIGHT TO READ" SUIT

EAST ST. LOUIS, IL—The censorship suit which the National Prisoners Association has filed in U.S. District Court against the U.S. Bureau of Prisons' ban on gay publications is now moving towards a court hearing. U.S. District Court Judge James Foreman has ordered the U.S. Bureau of Prisons to show cause why gay publications should be banned from the federal prison system. All homosexual publications, including *Gay Community News*, were prohibited from federal penitentiaries on the order of U.S. Bureau of Prisons director Norman Carlson on Dec. 10 of last year.

George E. Blue, an inmate at the U.S. Federal Penitentiary at Marion, Illinois, and a leader of the National Prisoner Association has urged gay people throughout the nation to support the prisoners' suit. "We aren't getting the support from the outside gay communities that we expected," Blue said. "The gays don't seem to understand that this is more than an attack on the prisoners. This is part of the overall attack on gay people all over America."

Blue emphasizes that because 32 states still have laws on the books punishing gay sexual practices, "at any time a gay person may become a prison gay."

Blue asks gay people to besiege Judge Foreman with cards and letters supporting the rights of prisoners to read the gay press. Letters and cards can be sent to The Hon. James Foreman, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Illinois, East St. Louis, IL 62202.

The case is presently being handled by jailhouse lawyers because the Prisoners' Association does not have the funds to hire a lawyer. Anyone who wishes to contribute to the prisoners' suit can write:

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- Gay Community News (Boston)

**GOODSTEIN FACES
 'UNKEMPT, UNEMPLOYABLE' CRITICS**

by Robert Chesley

NEW YORK—David B. Goodstein, publisher of the West Coast gay newspaper, The Advocate, who once called gay leaders "unkempt, unemployable and neurotic," spoke at a meeting held by New York's West Side Discussion Group on Feb. 22. Although at times there was heated argument, in general the meeting was orderly. Literature critical of Goodstein was passed out at the entry to the WSDG and inside before the meeting by members of the Gay Activists Alliance. The most "damning" of this literature was a compilation of Goodstein's own controversial and well publicized statements of his view of the gay movement and the Advocate's role in the scene.

Goodstein's speech was brief and forthright. He stated that he saw the New York City gay movement as being politically behind many areas of the nation when it should be at the fore, with the gay leaders by and large involved in "a race for the limelight...fighting with each other...and claiming the entire universe as each one's individual turf." He urged the audience to work within the system to get legislation favorable to gays, and stated that getting votes and money are the basic political things that matter and are more effective than demonstrations. Goodstein feels that "flamboyancy" hurts the movement as it drives closeted individuals away.

Goodstein then addressed himself to specific New York City issues: the coming mayoralty race, the importance of involving and coordinating the boroughs surrounding Manhattan, building a coalition with other minorities, and facing religious opposition from the Roman Catholic Church, the orthodox Jews, and the fundamentalists. Goodstein stated his view that New York City itself is "in big trouble," and that gays can help as a constructive group working for the good of the city. He concluded by urging the audience to get involved.

During the question period Mama Jean De-vente vigorously defended New York because it manages to get together the Christopher Street Liberation Day Parade, and Goodstein replied that more had to be done, that it



was important to "politically cement our rights." Mama Jean retorted that New York started the gay movement.

David Thorstad, president of GAA, attacked Goodstein's contention that the present state of grace enjoyed by the gay person in New York City is the result merely of the good will of the city administration and pointed out that this state of grace was won by demonstrations. Goodstein replied that he has a fundamental disagreement with Thorstad in that he believes in working within the system, in working in a friendly way with politicians, and in working to destroy myths about homosexuality.

The criticisms from the audience which Goodstein seemed to meet least well were the charges that The Advocate has avoided covering gay news. These charges were brought by Bishop Robert Clement of the Church of the Beloved Disciple, by John Lauritsen, and by others. The most serious of these contentions was the statement that Bella Abzug had lost the nomination as Democratic candidate for Senator because The Advocate had devoted no more than two paragraphs to gay involvement in her campaign, and had furthermore told Gays for Bella that if they wanted coverage they would have to take out an ad. Goodstein's answers to these charges were

that The Advocate gives the best coverage it can, given the poor state of the communication of gay news and the lack of reliable sources, and that he would have to talk to his editors.

The most heated part of the question period came when Goodstein answered John Paul Hudson's question of what Goodstein had against Morris Kight, long-time leader for gay rights in Los Angeles. Goodstein charged Kight with fiscal mismanagement of the funds raised by the National New Orleans Memorial Fund to help the victims of the 1974 fire at the Upstairs Lounge in New Orleans. Morty Manford, who had been on the seven-person board of trustees for the fund, rose immediately to his feet and called Goodstein a liar, stating that every disbursement from that fund had been decided upon by the board of trustees by vote. Manford's final call of "Advocate go home!" met with cheers and applause.

Goodstein did not win his audience; at least the boos and hisses at the end of the session overrode the scattered applause. One of the ironies of the evening—and perhaps the most hopeful thing—was the feeling expressed by several people that New York's fragmented movement of gay activists, the very people whom Goodstein wishes would stay out of the struggle for gay rights, banded together in unity to oppose Goodstein and The Advocate. As David Thorstad commented, Goodstein was a morale boost for the movement.

- Gay Community News (Boston)

**GAY ISSUE PLAYS ROLE
 IN WEATHER UNDERGROUND SPLIT**

BOSTON — Gay and women's issues have played a prominent role in a split that threatens to destroy the nation's most well-known revolutionary organization, the Weather Underground. Itself formed out of a split in Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), having eluded the FBI for seven years, and claiming responsibility for a variety of anti-war and anti-capitalist actions including the bombings of the Pentagon and the Capitol, the Weather Underground (WUO) is now divided into two factions. This division also extends to the organization's above-ground support group - the Prairie Fire Organizing Committee.

A faction calling itself the Revolutionary Committee has attacked the organization's Central Committee and accused it of a number of "crimes", including the abandonment of anti-imperialist, prison, and black liberation struggles for the more traditional "Old Left" strategy of work-place organizing. Assailing her former colleagues as "white supremacist and chauvinist," Central Committee member Bernardine Dorn has severed all links with the leadership and allied herself with the dissident group.

Dorn and her allies have also accused the leadership - composed of respected anti-war leaders Jeff Jones, Bill Ayers, Celia Sojern, and Joe Reed (the latter two names are pseudonyms)- of attempting "to dominate and destroy the women's movement" and of following "an explicitly anti-gay line." The dissidents have also condemned the Central Committee for refusing to actively support Susan Saxe, Terri Turgeon, and Ellen Grusse.

The decision to forsake armed struggle (the WUO has not participated in a bombing in the last fifteen months) and to de-emphasize Third World, women's and gay struggles culminated, according to the dissidents, in a proposal by the Central Committee members to "surface" and give themselves up to the FBI. Deals are supposedly being worked out with the Justice Department in preparation for such surfacing (denounced as "inversion" by the Revolutionary Committee). One report has WUO members promising to "blow the whistle" on Nixon administration holdovers in the Justice Department, revealing illegal activity on their part in exchange for favorable treatment. The recent film "Underground" - made by Emile D'Antonio

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and featuring interviews with the Central Committee - is now seen as part of the "surfacing" process.

In a tape that was transcribed and published in full in the January 19 issue of the radical Madison (Wisconsin) publication, "Takeover", the Revolutionary Committee asserted, "Their (the leadership's) stated line was that gayness was a matter of sexual preference, not politics, but their line in practice was to define gay relationships, politics, and organizations as inherently racist and irrelevant. Lesbianism was a separatist nightmare and threatened their politics and power."

Central Committee member Celia Sojurn was accused of "axing" lesbian poetry from the book of Weatherwomen poetry, "Sing a Battle Song", on "an explicitly anti-gay basis."

In a separate tape in which she strongly criticized her own activities as a member of the Central Committee, Bernardine Dorn concurred with these views. "Throughout this period, we consolidated an anti-gay line which blamed gay people for the bourgeois aspects of the gay liberation movement, characterized gay liberation as right-wing, and failed to struggle against anti-gay ideals and practice," wrote the former anti-war activist.

The Revolutionary Committee also accused the leadership of opposing support for Susan Saxe, Terri Turgeon, and Ellen Grusse - "gay women in struggle against the state." They also were critical of lack of support of black women fugitives, such as Assata Shakkur. "The organization refused to seek out of recruit revolutionary women fugitives," said Bernardine Dorn. "We characterized these women as anti-men, anti-communist, anti-Marxist Leninist. Actually the Central Committee feared their effect on women in the organization and was threatened by their criticism of Central Committee leadership for male supremacy."

"We attacked and defeated a tentative proposal for a women's underground to carry out anti-imperialist and revolutionary feminist armed struggle," Dorn asserted. She contrasted the leadership's refusal to support revolutionary lesbian and black women fugitives with the Central Committee's support for "opportunistic and bourgeois" male fugitives like Abby Hoffman.

"By the summer of 1975," said Dorn, "the attacks on the women's movement and feminist politics were naked and bitter." Dorn blamed herself for removing Weather Underground women from women's unions and placing them in work-place organizing situations. "We opposed the political struggle of women and glorified the purely economic struggle," she said. Dorn noted that the consequences of this shift in energy were the collapse of several women's organizations and "taking women out of anti-rape work and the defense of Third World women like Joann Little, Inez Garcia, and Yvonne Wanrow. It meant an end to women's health care projects, abortion and anti-sterilization work, and work with women's prisoners."

"Why did we do this?" asked Dorn. "I really don't know. We followed the classic path of white so-called revolutionaries

who sell out the revolution."

At this point it is not at all clear what will happen to the Weather Underground. The WUO Central Committee has yet to issue a statement responding to the accusations of Dorn and the Revolutionary Committee. It is not known whether Dorn and her allies will attempt to form a rival underground organization nor whether members of the traditional leadership will go forward with their plan to give themselves up to the FBI. But the split between "Old" Left ideology and tactics - emphasizing workplace organizing - and "New" Left ideas and practice - giving special emphasis to third World, women and gay struggles - is not expected to go away gently or quickly.

- Gay Community News



FIRST GAY DISCRIMINATION STUDY

The Tulsa, Oklahoma Community Relations Commission has published a "Sexual Preference Report" described in a recent article in the Commission's monthly newsletter, *Communique*:
MONTHS OF RESEARCH WORK DUE SOON ON SEXUAL PREFERENCE

"The end result of five months of intensive research will be published soon by CRC as the 107-page "Sexual Preference Report." Viki Myers and CRC staffers put the report together after members of the Tulsa Gay Community Caucus told the City Commission in April they are discriminated against in jobs and housing. The Board of Commissioners moved that the matter be referred to the Community Relations Commission for investigation and report.

After defining "sexual preference" came a two-month series of personal interviews with persons of homosexual orientation to outline grievances. Then questionnaires were sent and distributed to gather basic data. Of 516 completed, 68% of the respondents were male, 32% female. Questions related to employment, personnel agencies, labor organizations, housing and public accommodations, and police practices.

Viki Myers deserves special appreciation for her effort on this study. Copies of the report will be available at the CRC office. A small fee, undetermined at this time, will be charged to help cover printing costs.

This is the first study of its kind that has come to our attention, and we think it is a great idea! To order a copy of the Tulsa "Sexual Preference Report," write to Viki Myers at the Tulsa Community Relations Commission, 200 Civic Center, Tulsa, OK 74103, or call (918)-581-5227. Our impression is that the report (which we've not yet seen) does demonstrate that gay people in the Tulsa area experience discrimination. Such documentation is needed before the city council will consider passage of civil rights legislation protecting the rights of gay citizens in terms of employment, housing, etc.

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Oklahoma, by the local Human Rights Commission, through the urging of the Gay Activists Alliance at the University of Oklahoma there. The "Gay Discrimination Study" should be ready early this year. (For information, contact John Mehring, Nieman Apts. #C-10, Norman, OK 73026.)

- National Gay Task Force

STATE DEPARTMENT RELAXES GAY EMPLOYEES RULES

WASHINGTON, DC—The U.S. Department of State announced last week that it was relaxing its rules on the employment of gay people. The State Department had previously had an absolute policy requiring the automatic discharge of any employee known to be a homosexual. Now the department will decide such matters on an individual basis. The State Department had up till now been exempt from the 1975 Civil Service guidelines which prohibited the firing of an employee solely because of homosexuality. The new decision will apply to all Foreign Service employees as well as civil service personnel employed by the agency.

The State Department decision is the first development concerning gay people since the Carter administration assumed power. The department move led insiders to speculate that it came directly from



the new Secretary of State, Cyrus Vance. As head of the New York Bar Association, Vance had testified in favor of Intro. 554, the gay rights bill, before the New York City Council.

In a statement to the press, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in Charge of Security Viktor H. Dikeos said, "The policy of the Department of State, with regard to the appointment or retention of persons who have engaged in homosexual conduct, is that the circumstances of such conduct may be relevant to the determination of the individual's suitability in the Foreign Service and of fitness for security clearance."

"Such decisions," Dikeos indicated, "must include consideration of the nature of the position or service involved and all of the relevant circumstances of the relevant case."

"Homosexuality is not a unitary phenomenon, there can be no stereotypes," indicated the department official, "and as a rule, we must be guided by the individual's past behavior which can be presumed to reflect probable future conduct, and then consider the experience we have with similar cases."

The new State Department policy is a major departure from the previous official stand, enunciated by former Secretary of State Dean Rusk in August of 1965. At that point Rusk asserted, "The policy of the department is that we do not employ homosexuals knowingly, and that if we discover homosexuals in our department, we discharge them."

Rusk noted that the State Department has "to exact standards of conduct which

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OPINION!



Who is Anita Bryant? The culturally ignorant will have the vague idea that they've seen her run amuck in orange groves somewhere. The informed will know that she's a born-again Christian, jingle singer, and a has-been from the beauty queen circuit. The perceptive will know she sells oranges, banking services, and religion (in that order) and makes a damn good living.

Recently Ms. Bryant has added another role to her busy life. She has become an authority on variant human sexuality. She was spurred to take on this additional burden by the fact that the Miami Metro Commission had just passed a law guaranteeing its gay citizens protection in housing, employment and public accommodations. Bryant was there to offer her expert testimony, but the city councilors judiciously over-ruled her views. It has not yet been determined where she gained her expertise on the subject of homosexuality, except perhaps from her statement that, "I have worked with homosexual musicians all my life."

What are some of this authority's learned views? First, she has discovered that, "If people are exposed to homosexuality, they might as well be fed garbage." She believes that if gays were granted equal employment rights, that male homosexual teachers would want to wear dresses to school. She has also learned that leading backers of the ERA are lesbians. She has discovered a homosexual plot to have her blacklisted, because she was temporarily cancelled from a television pilot because of her controversial views. This cancellation would destroy her childhood dreams of having a talk show of her own. Ms. Bryant does not state how many dreams would be destroyed if her movement to block gay rights was successful. Finally, lest we be concerned, Ms. Bryant reassures that, "I know that I am not a bigot."

If this editorial has thus far been sarcastic it is because Anita Bryant is not the point of the editorial. To answer our first question—Who is Anita Bryant?—Anita Bryant is nobody. The point of this editorial is that this nobody's views received prime time network news coverage; that this mudslinger's views were printed on the front page of most of America's newspapers without any reference to real expert opinion on the subject. Such incidents show the media's lack of maturity and inability to differentiate between information and pop-star journalism.

Were the AP and UPI views out of order when the noted psychologists Dr. George R. Barb and Dr. Herbert Goldberge recently wrote that, "The gay population has too long been legally harassed, socially stigmatized and psychiatrically defined as 'sick'," and went on to congratulate the gay movement on their aggressive reclamation of their human rights? Were Barbara Walters and Harry Reasoner asleep when Dr. Virginia Satir, one of America's leading family therapists, included gay relationships in her list of alternative families, saying, "I think that in a more mature society, there would be an emphasis on having as many creative ways as possible for people to enjoy their lives and make them meaningful."

You have never heard these and other real experts' opinions on the television or read about them in the newspaper, and probably never will. The best that we can hope for may be that such ravings as those of Anita Bryant will draw attention to the real problem of gay people.

- J. W.

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Eat, drink and be merry was the message from Altland's Ranch when the GAY ERA and some three hundred other gay women and men celebrated the annual Altland's Mardi Gras on Saturday, February 26th. The evening's festivities included a generous buffet, disco music with a spacious dance floor, a costume contest offering cash prizes, and the best in gay hospitality for a four dollar cover charge.

A gay owned and operated establishment, Altland's Ranch is located 1 3/4 miles off Route 30, 4 miles east of Abbottstown and 13 miles west of York. Open every Sunday from 8 p.m. til 2 a.m., the Ranch offers special parties on the last Saturday of each month. They are also available for private functions. We found the atmosphere relaxing as well as one of the most inexpensive places to spend an evening (30-cent draft beers, sandwiches at reasonable prices, and lots of room to move around).

Bernie and Rodney, owners of the Ranch, met twenty years ago in the Rainbow Grill, one of York's first gay bars. They bought the Ranch in the late sixties and held 'straight' dances featuring live bands with top entertainment. When they decided to try having gay parties, it was BYOB. The first crowd of 26 people grew in ten years to a record point of seven hundred at last Fall's Halloween bash.

Altland's was also the location of one of Pennsylvania's first gay VD clinics. Health officials, knowing it was a gay bar, felt it the best place to provide tests since it was easy to reach many gays anonymously. When this was taking place, every one received a code number with their examination to insure confidentiality.

Bernie and Rodney live at the Ranch and have done all the remodeling with the help of friends. What was once only a rectangular cement block building, now has a large bar, kitchen, stage, disco, lighting, and a fireplace. Summer functions are held outside where patrons can enjoy a freshwater pool, picnic tables, and the woods surrounding the property. Future plans include adding two more bars, one more inside the present building, plus a small intimate bar for those quiet relaxing evenings of conversation. Cabins and tennis courts are also planned so that an entire weekend may be spent on the premises providing more than the camping facilities already available. "I feel the gay community should support each other," Bernie commented. "We've found it a pleasurable experience and love every minute of it." Rod used to be in the record business and

ALT LAND'S RANCH



BY STEPHEN B. MCCREARY

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Bernie is a former teacher. They get along fabulously with their neighbors and encourage the crowds to relax and enjoy the services provided. It was refreshing to hear that they have received positive comments from parents accompanying their gay offspring to parties. Both bar owners retain close relationships with their parents who visit them often.

Altland's Ranch offers both men a common ground for sharing interests and plenty of space to roam. It's a full-time job maintaining the grounds. They also have cats and goats which give them some added pleasure. Concerning their personal feelings on their life together, Bernie told us, "I'm a talker. Rod is quiet, but we love each other, are very compatible, and have a good time living and working together." "Naturally some time is spent apart, but," says Bernie, "we always give each other a buss on the cheek when reunited." Any role playing? "We don't play roles. Rod is Rod and I am me. I thought role playing went out with high-button shoes!"

As evidenced by the accompanying photographs, Rod, Bernie, and friends enjoy having fun and hope to experience the joys of Gay Sisterhood and Brotherhood.



the
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RING**



Walking into the Bull Ring at Hagerstown, Maryland on Friday, February 25, was like stepping into a new world rather than the usual Gay bar. The Bull Ring presents a show once a month on Friday and Saturday nights. What develops when Gays in the Maryland and southwestern Pennsylvania areas gather together every Sunday for four or five weeks, pool their ideas, rehearse, don costumes and make-up, is the Bull Ring's presentation of a fun-filled evening. The Hagerstown group is comprised of eighteen or twenty performers, operating under the name Dragonwyck Productions. They are a branch of Acadmey Awards of Washington, D.C., Inc. a group of performers noted for their quality entertainment and dedication.

Friday's show was titled "Strictly Comedy" and directed by Kenny Danfelt, who also choreographs. Sets are designed by Victor with costumes by Larry and Joel. Women's and men's roles are played interchangeably by both sexes, creating a unique and bizarre effect. All songs in "Strictly Comedy" were pantomimed, but sets, make-up, costumes, and dance numbers were produced and directed by the group itself. I'm told that original vocals are occasionally presented. "Comedy" was a review of several Broadway tunes, set to a circus theme. Songs from Bye Bye Birdie, Grease, Carnival, Cabaret, and Pippin emerged in chorus numbers or individual acts. Each time the lights came up for a new number, I grew increasingly impressed with the amount of time, talent, and pleasure emerging from this group of talented individuals.



Costumes, make-up and sets compared with productions of professional cabaret. Visiting the dressing rooms, seeing close to a thousand beautiful garments contributed by the Hagerstown Gay community, left me in awe. Talking with the cast as they prepared for showtime, I was captured by the pride these women and men had in themselves and their abilities. While holding full-time jobs, these folks donate their time every Sunday for a month to rehearse. Without receiving pay for their time, their only reward is their own personal enjoyment. Gay Activism takes many forms, even by providing entertainment, with class, for ourselves.

Nursey, an active cast member who was dressed as a mature woman in her late thirties while taking us on a tour backstage, was a friendly and humorous guide as well as an outstanding performer. We asked him if any cast members had been whisked away to Hollywood by talent scouts. It seems John Waters from Baltimore videotaped one of the shows and called him for a possible job. The only problem was that Waters produces porno films and as Nursey said, "I don't want to sit on dog houses and eat chicken." Divine isn't Nursey's style and she proved it by doing an excellent job with "You Are My Time" from Pippin. Another man impersonated Liza in Cabaret's "Money," let me forget she was really a he.

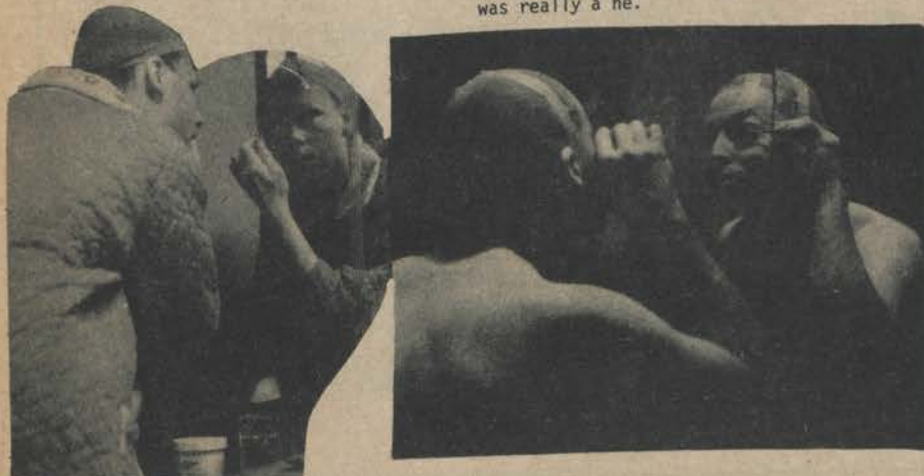
I happened on this pleasant evening through the courtesy of Michael Brown. Many of our readers will know Mike as the host at Altland's Ranch. After seeing the previous month's show, and raving about it as only Mike can, he insisted I review it for the GAY ERA. Certain from his enthusiasm and wanting to visit the Bull Ring anyway, I took him up on the opportunity. I'm glad I did!



The show that night was also attended by royalty in the form of the King and Queen of Hearts, Miss Gay Universe, and Miss Black-and White, who are all elected representatives of the Washington Academy. The Miss Gay Universe pageant is held annually and all "nobility" reigns for a year. In order for any organization to join the Academy, they must produce three shows a year. The Academy itself is known for its extreme quality performances.

In closing, I can only say that Dragonwyck and the Bull Ring speak for themselves and that everyone should visit Hagerstown to see the show. You're in for a truly pleasurable evening. When you go, give the cast the congratulation they deserve and tell them the GAY ERA wishes them luck.

—Bari



IN THE NEWS

are far higher than the conduct of the general society in which we operate. This has to do with the problems of blackmail and personal instability, and all sorts of things."

From 1967 to Nov. 24, 1976, a total of 134 State Department employees "left the service as a consequence of sexual perversion," said David H. McCabe, Chief Policy and Training staff for the agency.

At least two court cases are pending at the present time in which two former State Department employees are suing to get their jobs back.

- Gay Community News (Boston)



TASK FORCE ON THE STATUS OF LESBIAN AND GAY PSYCHOLOGISTS OF THE APA BOARD OF SOCIAL AND ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PSYCHOLOGY

The Task Force on the Status of Lesbian and Gay Psychologists is a fact-finding and advisory committee of the APA Board of Social and Ethical Responsibility for Psychology (BSERP), one of the many standing boards within the American Psychological Association (APA). Among its varied purposes are (1) documenting the present number and status of gay psychologists, as well as the attitudes of psychologists toward their gay colleagues; (2) providing information and support for gay psychologists; (3) making recommendations to APA about how to "take the lead in removing the stigma of mental illness that has long been associated with homosexual orientation," as required by the resolution passed by the APA Council of Representatives in January 1975; and (4) developing resource materials for educating psychologists about the realities of gay lifestyles.

To date, the Task Force has successfully pressed for the addition of a "sexual orientation" clause to the official nondiscrimination policy statement of APA. It has also presented to, and gotten passed by, APA Council a resolution to the effect that persons not be discriminated against on the basis of affectional or sexual preference either regarding the care and custody of their own children, or as foster or adoptive parents. Resolutions are also pending before BSERP from the Task Force regarding the care and custody of gay minors, and affirmative action for gays in psychology training programs.

In addition, the Task Force has designed, and is currently conducting a comprehensive study of the personal experiences of lesbian and gay male psychologists within their profession. Results of this study, along with a survey of attitudes toward homosexuality within APA's membership and a series of recommendations, will be published in a final report.

The Task Force was formed in June 1975, as a result of concerns expressed by a gay caucus within APA, which first met at the

Montreal APA convention in 1973, and through the continued lobbying efforts of the Association of Gay Psychologists. Over half of the members of the Task Force are psychologists who are openly gay. Current members of the Task Force are Drs. Barbara Sang, Dorothy Riddle, Elizabeth Stirling Cole, Hal Kooden, Marty Rogers, and Steve Morin. Dr. Fred Strassburger has served as APA staff liaison.

The Task Force invites interested persons to express their concerns and priorities regarding the status of lesbian and gay male psychologists by writing to the Task Force in care of BSERP, American Psychological Association, 1200 Seventeenth Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

COURT BARS NAVY PLAN FOR DEPORTATION IN SEX CASE

SAN FRANCISCO—Navy officials have been enjoined from carrying out plans to deport a Philippine national who was convicted—erroneously, he claims—of a homosexual charge in Florida.

Ramon Tesoro, 20, had been serving as a mess mate in the Navy as a means of acquiring U.S. naturalization. While stationed in Mayport, FL, he was arrested for an off-base, off-duty incident involving alleged sexual activity with another man.

Tesoro reportedly entered a guilty plea to the misdemeanor offense on the understanding that he could pay a penalty fine and the matter would not be referred to naval authorities.

That was on Aug. 30. In November, Tesoro was summoned before a discharge board which recommended dishonorable release from the service and deportation back to the Philippines. Tesoro was in custody on Treasure Island, a San Francisco Bay military installation, when his plight came to the attention of attorney John Vaisey.

Vaisey, who is active in the Coalition to Defend Gays in the Military, a Pride Foundation service, won a preliminary injunction New Year's Eve to prohibit the deportation.

The temporary restraining order was issued by Federal District Judge William Ingram on Vaisey's argument that Tesoro would suffer "irreparable harm" if the military were allowed to carry out its intentions.

If discharged and deported, Tesoro would lose his opportunity for naturalization, but more serious in the short run, he would be

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effectively removed from any opportunity to appeal the actions.

A hearing on a permanent injunction was scheduled for Feb. 3. Vaisey said the court would then hear arguments on the merits of the case.

Tesorio's supervisors are on record as wanting the man retained in service. Vaisey said, based on his superior performance prior to the Florida action. Vaisey said he is also prepared to produce testimony by U.S. Navy psychiatrists indicating that sexual orientation or behavior has no significant relationship to performance of duty.

- NewsWest

NEWS COMMENTARY

The news to be commented upon: "APPROXIMATELY 50 PEOPLE STAGED A DEMONSTRATION ON MONDAY, MARCH 14, IN PENNSYLVANIA'S STATE CAPITOL IN RESPONSE TO SENATE BILL 83 WHICH WOULD PROHIBIT THE HIRING OF HOMOSEXUALS FOR CERTAIN STATE EMPLOYMENT."

This news was in all probability presented to you by either the "six o'clock news," the local radio station, or the local newspaper. If you didn't hear about it through the three mentioned medias, you probably heard about it from someone who did.

Approximately 50 gays and non-gays gathered in Harrisburg to voice their opposition to Senate Bill 83. The bill was introduced by Sen. Thomas Nolan and four other senators on January 4. The Senate's State Government Committee, to which the bill had been referred, recently voted 8-3 to report it favorably to the Senate floor. That committee's chairperson, Sen. Joseph Smith, is also a sponsor of the bill.

Even though the bill is expected to be referred to the Appropriations Committee to be studied since money will be needed to enforce it (Any individual in state government who hires a homosexual "shall be dismissed from their position and be guilty of a summary offense and subject to a fine of \$300 and imprisonment of 90 days"), the Senate could vote on the bill anytime after it reconvened March 14.

This brief description of the situation explains the hasty manner in which the demonstration was organized. Almost half of those who appeared for the demonstration were notified at the last Pennsylvania Rural Gay Caucus meeting in Lancaster on March 5. Sam Deetz, chairperson of that group's legislative committee, announced that there would be a demonstration in Harrisburg March 14 and that afterwards, demonstrators would lobby senators voicing



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their opposition to the bill. Though Sam could not satisfactorily answer questions like "Who is organizing the demonstration?" or "Will we be assigned senators to lobby as was done at the last Gay Lobby Day?", Sam did assure Caucus members that information would be available when they assembled behind the Capitol Building at 11:30 a.m.

Chanting "Gay Power" and "Gay Rights Now" the group moved around the block which encompasses the Main Capitol Building and stood on the building's front steps still chanting their purpose. With their voices echoing off the building, cameras and microphones everywhere, and every window in the building filled with peering state employees faces, the group quieted while selected speakers prepared themselves.

Rev. Borbe from Metropolitan Community Church-Philadelphia spoke of the evils of SB 83 calling its brand of discrimination an "abomination." Larry Gross from the gay synagogue in Philadelphia read the form letter he received from Sen Nolan after writing to him in opposition to the bill. Barry Kohn from the state's Justice Department and head of the Community Advocate Unit, also in Philadelphia, publicly announced, "I'm bisexual and proud of my gayness."



BARRY KOHN SPEAKING IN HARRISBURG, "I'M BISEXUAL AND PROUD OF MY GAYNESS."

A majority of the demonstrators were new faces in the state's gay rights movement providing a good representation from the rural areas of Pennsylvania. Those faces that can usually be seen at any important demonstration were missing. No need for alarm; we can re-assure ourselves by assuming they were working that Monday afternoon.

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Efforts to unionize servicemen and women in the nation's military will include helping women to fight "sexism" and seeking to insure "freedom of sexual preference," according to a pamphlet put out by the American Federation of Government Employees.

The 300,000 member federation, affiliated with the AFL-CIO, is the first major union to seek enrollment of active duty soldiers, and has provoked several Pentagon-inspired bills in Congress to prohibit such organizing.

"We're ready to go," said Bill Harper of AFGE local 1778 in New Jersey, where recruitment efforts have begun among servicemen and women at McGuire Air Force Base and at Fort Dix.

Harper points to the AFGE pamphlet, soon to be circulated nationally, as challenging long-standing military bigotry. It includes a list of "fronts" the union will open on behalf of non-officers in the military, such as helping enlisted women to fight "exploitation by sexist supervisors" as well as fighting for "freedom of sexual preference" for homosexuals in the armed services.

- The Scene

LIBERTARIAN GAYS

LOS ANGELES—The Libertarian Party—the fledgling political group that did the best of the small political parties in last November's elections—continues to make an effort to attract gay voters. John Vernon, president of Libertarians for Gay Rights, spoke at the party's California convention Feb. 18-21. Others who spoke at two gay rights seminars were Rev. Robert Sirico, former director of the Gay Community Services Center in Los Angeles, and Professor Ralph Raico, who wrote "The Libertarian Approach to Gay Rights."

For more information about the convention and the Libertarian Party in general, readers can write Libertarians for Gay Rights, Box 2617, San Francisco, CA 94126.

- Gay Community News (Boston)

LOS ANGELES, CA—The LA Police Department (who else??) released a report on Sexual Abuse of Children in Los Angeles recently that has gay leaders across the country up in arms.

Making national headlines, the report said, among other things, that 15,000 adult males sexually molest 25,000 boys annually.

Gays have condemned the report and branded it "pure fiction."

- NewsWest

NBC PAYS \$2 MILLION

NEW YORK—The National Broadcasting Company has agreed to pay out \$2 million to settle a sex-discrimination suit brought against the network by women employees. The network has agreed to pay \$1.6 million in back pay to former and present employees. The rest of the money will go for legal fees and payment to a staff to monitor compliance with the settlement. NBC has agreed to move women into 15% of its high-level jobs by 1981 as well.

The NBC decision is the latest in a series of payoffs in sex and minority discrimination suits. The American Telephone and Telegraph Company recently paid out a whopping \$75 million, mostly to women. Similar proceedings have cost Merrill Lynch \$1.9 million and Bank of America more than \$3 million. Northwest Airlines is also fighting a court decision which ordered the company to compensate some 3,000 stewardesses.

- Gay Community News (Boston)

WASHINGTON, DC—Jack Anderson has revealed that the Justice Department carefully monitored and may have illegally assigned some of its personnel to infiltrate gay groups during the Republican National Convention. According to the syndicated columnist, eleven persons were yanked from Justice's Community Relations Service, which was established to resolve civil rights disputes, and assigned to spy on "gays, yuppies and other protesters," during the convention.

- San Francisco Sentinel

NEW YORK—Did you know you have disease number 302.0? Seems that the World Health Organization lists homosexuality as a disease under that number.

Isn't it fun to be sick sometimes?

- Philadelphia Gay News

NEW YORK—Gay themes played a leading role at this year's Modern Language Association annual convention, reports the liberal Catholic periodical *Commonweal*. The MLA is this country's most important scholarly organization for modern languages and literature.

"If this year's meeting had a theme... it was Gay/Lesbian life and literature," wrote *Commonweal* in its Feb. 4 issue.

"There were meetings to discuss professional security for gay teachers and many sessions—24 in all—to deal with a bibliography, lesbian and gay literature, same-sex friendships in children's literature, language in the gay community, etc. The ones I attended were marked by much heat, and occasional light. Most of the gains in that area were not scholarly but social: the gay academic community is serious and open about itself now, and moving towards a serious look at literature...."

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A classified ad which has been running in the Press may be an attempt to defraud area gays. The ad, for a "resort" called "Lavender Ltd.," promises an "adventure in fantasy." We were intrigued by the name, and when we called the number in the ad, we were told by a woman who answered that "Lavender Ltd. is a social club for 'happy' people, both male and female." An exorbitant "membership fee" of \$40 is charged for each visit to the facility which is located in Delmont, Pa.

When specifically asked if Lavender Ltd. was a gay club, the woman replied, "No, not really," but when our reporter identified himself as "a gay guy looking for a good time," he was told, "Well, this used to be gay and we still have gay members, so why don't you come out and see us?"

In late 1974, the same location was advertised as a gay resort/club, then called "Burgundy U." For a membership fee of \$25, gays had the use of a straight family's living room and a barn which housed a few pinball machines and a pool table. Many other features promised in advertising never materialized, and in early 1975 the owner turned the home into "Cleopatra's Hideaway," a straight massage parlor. To our knowledge, none of the gays who had paid membership fees ever received refunds.

- Gay Life



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(including Miami and the surrounding area).

The Tucson bill, which was passed unanimously by the newly-elected seven-member city council, is also one of the most comprehensive such bills in the nation. It forbids both public and private discrimination on the basis of "sexual or affectional preference or marital status" in the areas of employment, housing, public accommodations, credit, lending and insurance. It also bars personal discriminatory practices and aiding and abetting such practices and, unlike most other cities with gay-rights legislation, empowers the city attorney to prosecute rather than requiring those discriminated against to appeal to the local Human Rights Commission.

Spearheading the fight for the bill was the Tucson Gay Coalition including Kathy Hensler, a former member of the city's Human Relations Commission; Michael Cebulski and Rick Wilson.

According to members of the coalition, a factor which spurred the gay community to action on behalf of the bill, and influenced members of the council to support gay rights was the recent brutal murder of a gay man by a gang of teenagers and the controversial sentencing of the culprits to probation and what amounted to a reprimand from the judge.

- National Gay Task Force

WASHINGTON, DC—Don Allen Kimberling, a graphic artist employed by a private industry in Washington was granted a security clearance by the Industrial Review Office of the Defense Department. Kimberling's clearance again renews hope that the government will continue to liberalize its policies in this area.

"The clearance was issued essentially on our terms and without compromise," stated Kimberling's attorney, Frank Kameny. "The issuance of this clearance confirms the fact that while the Department of Defense is still somewhat capricious and unpredictable in its handling of these cases...there has, in fact, been a reversal of the long-established policy of total denial of clearances of gays per se."

Kimberling was issued an interrogatory prior to being granted his clearance. While he refused to answer several questions put to him in the 16-question paper, he did answer others quite explicitly. One such answer, which left nothing to doubt, stated it was Kimberling's intention "to continue to engage in homosexual sexual activities, with increasing vigor, enthusiasm, frequency, and at (his) sole discretion—whenever, wherever, however, and with whomever (he) may choose...."

- Philadelphia Gay News

On February 7, 1977, Tucson, Arizona, became the 39th community in the United States to pass a gay civil-rights bill. It was the second community to pass such legislation this year, following Dade County, Florida

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LESBIAN ORDINATION BRINGS NY \$ PROTEST

NEW YORK—At least three parishes in the Episcopal Diocese of New York have voted to withhold their diocesan assessment in reaction to the ordination of an open lesbian Ellen Marie Barrett, as a priest. Barrett was ordained by Bishop Paul Moore, Jr. of the Episcopal Diocese of New York early last month. During her ordination Bishop Moore praised Barrett as "highly qualified intellectually and spiritually to be a priest." Barrett's ordination made her the first open lesbian to be ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Earnest W. Johns, rector of Christ Church of Ramapo in Suffern, NY, told the New York Times that as a result of Bishop Moore's action, "we can no longer look to him as our spiritual father in God." Rev. Johns said that the vestry of his church was scheduled to meet late this week and would probably vote to withhold its \$8,000 assessment.

The vestry of the Church of the Holy Communion in Mahepac, NY, voted to withhold all assessments until Barrett was either defrocked or agreed to "publicly repent and rectify her profession of homosexuality as a viable and healthy alternative lifestyle." The church's yearly assessment is \$2,000.

In Yonkers, the vestry of St. Mark's church also voted to refuse to pay its assessment of \$2,300.

Bishop Moore stated that "he had never had so much flak." He emphasized that the withheld money "is not spent for ordinations. Much of it goes for the mission work of the church."

The Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Bishop John Maury Allin, emphasized, "The church has not gone down the drain. It really hasn't. Pass the word along."

- Gay Community News (Boston)

SACRAMENTO, CA—Following a suggestion of the American Civil Liberties Union, Governor Jerry Brown has promised to screen all candidates for state boards and commissions in order to weed out those with prejudice against gays.

He has asked a team of sociologists, psychiatrists, and psychologists, headed by Dr. Wayne Placek to devise a questionnaire to detect "latent homophobia."

- NewsWest

RAPE IN MARRIAGE BANNED IN AUSTRALIA

The Australian state of South Australia has passed a law prohibiting rape within marriage, the first such legislation in the world.

The law provides that the victim need not appear at the hearing unless the judge decides there are special circumstances. The bill also prohibits questioning of the victim about her previous sex experience or morality. For the first time in history, women's rights of consent to sexual intercourse in marriage has been recognized by the law.

- Hera



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A NEW TREND AMONG THE "RIGHT-TO-LIFERS"

PHILADELPHIA—The anti-abortionists have a new tactic: listing themselves in phone books under a feminist-sounding name to mislead feminists: "S.O.U.L." (Save Our Unborn Lives), at 217 Greendale Road, Philadelphia, Pa., phone 824-0161, is listing itself under the name of "Women's Advocacy Group," at the same address and phone.

Why? Obviously to mislead women who may be looking under the heading of "Women" for a pro-abortion group, as I was, and, if they are in need of an abortion, they may be fooled into believing that it is a pro-choice organization.

Therefore, they may call the number, and by this time, the anti-abortionists will already have them on the line, prepared to feed the unsuspecting woman their anti-abortion propaganda.

They also have a tape which is played when you call, containing such horror gems as: "Your baby's head will be crushed during an abortion, his eyes will be ripped out, and his legs and arms will be torn from his body."

- reported by Sarah Ravinsky, Hera

GAZZETTE GOES MONTHLY

PHILADELPHIA—The Philadelphia weekly newspaper, *The Gayzette*, will be changing its name and publishing monthly as of April 1977. The new publication—a monthly journal in a magazine format—will be called *New Gay Life*. "The monthly schedule will afford us a chance to get a better product," said editor Joe DeMarco. "It was difficult to coordinate the weekly effort."

The new publication will be a journal of thoughts and feelings, interviews, reviews, and news analyses. Anyone interested in writing for *New Gay Life* should send articles in a self-addressed stamped envelope to Box 13420, Philadelphia, PA 19101. Subscriptions will be \$7 a year.

- Gay Community News (Boston)

Willard Eugene Allen was 29 years old when police accused him of having sex with another man. Today he is 55. Allen has spent his entire life since that accusation committed in a prison-like mental hospital—even though he has never had a trial to determine whether the accusations were true.

These were typical of the reactions of the Kafkaesque story of Willard Allen—a

mentally retarded man who was locked away over a quarter of a century ago after being charged with having gay sex.

Allen's bizarre story starts in April 1950, when he was arrested for having a "homosexual act"—a crime that carried a maximum 20-year sentence. Because the court-appointed doctors ruled Allen mentally retarded, the judge ruled the man incompetent to stand trial. He subsequently was committed to the prison-like state mental hospital at Chattahoochee, Florida.

Allen then was promptly forgotten, though the state prosecutor's office "absenteeed" the case so they could later try Allen if (he were) ever found competent to stand trial. That was 26 years ago. The law under which he has been charged was ruled unconstitutional in 1971. But Allen stayed in the hospital.

Doctors at the hospital three years ago recommended that the charges be dropped and Allen permitted to move to a home for the mentally retarded. The state attorney's office, however, claims it never heard of the recommendation.

It was not until December 1976 that the Florida state government began taking ac-

tions to have Allen—then 55—moved to a center for the retarded.

- Advocate

PORTLAND, OR—Portland Town Council, Oregon's coordinating organization dedicated to achieving full civil rights for gay citizens, announces the publication of *A Legislative Guide to Gay Rights*. This 80 page paperback contains information on the status of gays in regards to psychology, psychiatry, religion, education, and families; presents arguments for the necessity of gay rights; and reprints the resolutions of 33 professional organizations, unions, churches, and businesses. Included is the text of the proposed gay rights legislation which will be introduced in this session of the Oregon legislature.

Although written primarily for legislators, the guide can also be used as a documented study with information applying to the needs of gay people everywhere. Activists in other states will find it a valuable asset in their struggle for civil rights. The venture represents an investment of a tremendous amount of time in research and

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writing by many dedicated volunteers from more than a dozen different professions. For example, the text of the religion chapter was written by a former Trapist monk. No personal credits were named except where quoted in the text because, as stated in the Acknowledgement of Dedication, "We only wish we could thank (contributors to the book) by name. But then if we could, without fear of threatening their personal and professional security, A Legislative Guide to Gay Rights wouldn't have to be written."

Copies of the guide may be ordered through The Portland Town Council, 320 S.W. Stark Street, #303, Portland, OR 97204 for \$5.00, postage paid. Dealer inquiries are invited. All proceeds from sales are applied toward Portland Town Council's legislative effort.

A California group called the Homosexual Information Center operates on the philosophy that homosexuality is merely a sexual act, that homosexual describes the sexual activity of an individual rather than the entire person.

The group collects material on gays in a library that contains "over 4,000 books, periodicals and pamphlets—many of them otherwise unobtainable—which give access to important data on all aspects of homosexuality." They advocate sexual freedom but say, "It is one thing to work for sexual freedom, but quite another to try to make a cult of way-of-life out of homosexuality in the process."

The Center began as a library in 1952. ONE, Inc., acquired and expanded it. The Tangent Group took it over in 1965, and incorporated it as the Homosexual Information Center three years later. Resources at the Center appear to be complete, with several books and publications for sale. Persons who have written papers or reports on the topic of homosexuality are requested to send them to the Homosexual Information Center, 6715 Hollywood Blvd., #210, Hollywood, CA 90028. Information on available publications can also be obtained at the same address.

- ZAP

ROME, ITALY—The 1200 Italian athletes were asked about their sexual habits by a research team.

One in sixteen said they take part in homosexual sex, often during training sessions.

6% of the men and 6.4% of the women surveyed said they took part in homosexual sex.

The survey showed that the more successful competitors were usually very active sexually. 60% of the men and 40% of the women said they had sex on the day before competition.

- Gay News (London)

SEATTLE, WA—Professional tennis player Patricia Bostrom has advocated the creation of three categories for tennis pros: men, women, and "others." Ms. Bostrom is worried over the possibilities that the circuit will be flooded with people following the example of Dr. Renee Richards, the now famous transsexual.

CHICAGO, IL—Ebony, the best selling black orientated magazine, has an article in the November issue written by Winston E. Moore, Executive Director of the Cook County Illinois Dept. of Corrections, that has raised the ire of gays everywhere.

Some of the things Mr. Moore has to say: "People wonder what becomes of rapists, arsonists, armed robbers, etc., once they go to prison. It's simple. Most of them become homosexuals. As a result, the majority (some 60%) of prisoners in the nation's penal institutions are latent or overt homosexuals. I am speaking here of the hard core criminals. It may come as a surprise to many to learn that the number one cause of murder in prison is not gambling, as one often reads, but homosexual involvement. This is because practicing homosexuals are basically promiscuous... frequently leading to love triangles and jealousies that end in violence and murder." Moore goes on to say that many people involved in corrections work are homosexual "with sadistic and otherwise perverted inclination." Only by keeping "them" off the staff can "we" begin to end the "Sodoms and Gomorahs of our prisons..."

- Gay Community News

CHICAGO, IL—A Chicago Tribune reader wrote to Stan Delaplaine asking "Are gays (male) frowned on in Tahiti?" Responding in his Around the World column, Stan says, "No. Though local girls giggle about it. There are native homosexuals in all the Polynesian islands. It's not a product of cities and modern civilization. Early explorers and trappers in the United States reported that the Plains Indians had - and accepted - homosexuals. Same among the Aztecs of Mexico."

CHICAGO, IL—The National Council of Teachers of English passed a resolution on discrimination against gay men and lesbians at its annual business meeting in November.

The resolution barely passed, 102 to 96, and had to be submitted from the floor by Louis Crew after members of the Resolution's Committee were split two for, two against and one abstaining on the question of submitting the resolution to the membership.

- High Gear



Elizabeth Rider Montgomery, who wrote the "Dick and Jane" books that helped 20 million children learn to read, says she would do the books differently if she were writing today. "If I were writing them

now," she says, "I'd have father washing dishes or mother mowing the lawn. Better yet, both mother and father doing things together—like fixing the car."

CALENDAR

EVERY WEEK

Sundays

7:30 pm, worship service, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), State College, Eisenhower Chapel.
8:00 pm, worship service, MCC, 1001 N. Spring Street, Middletown.

Wednesdays

7:30 pm, communion service, MCC, State College, Eisenhower Chapel. Social following.
7:30 pm, prayer meeting, MCC, Middletown.
8:00 pm, consciousness raising, MCC, Middletown.
8-10:00 pm, gay alcoholics group for both sexes meets at Friends Meeting House, 6th & Herr Sts, Harrisburg.
8:30 pm, Lesbian Collective: Women's Resource Center, Beaver & Allen Sts., State College.

Thursdays

7:00 pm, Christian Awareness Group meets. Eisenhower Chapel, Room 108, State College. More info call Gayline.

Fridays

12:00-1:00 pm, Luncheons for Lesbians, State College. More info call Gayline.

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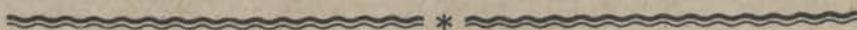
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