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ENTRAPMENT-A PLOT?

David Brill of HUB informed GCN this week that "there is a plot by statehouse politicians to discredit the gay movement by means of deployment of state police decoys in public rest areas," and clarified the matter even further by adding, "They are using gorgeous numbers in plain clothes coupled with uniformed officers who work in teams in an effort to 'entrap' gays who are cruising the bushes."

This problem, however, is nothing new to the gay community. It must be noted that these gay victims are charged with "lewd and gross public conduct" and with "committing unnatural acts" which is punishable by a \$400 fine and not less than two years in prison. Mr. Brill quoted a California publication which refers to the "tearoom" and "bush" scene as the "soft underbelly of the gay movement" and further stated, "we are most vulnerable in this instance as regards the law."

Gay Community News has been asked to issue the following warning to the gay community:

1) The Jordan Marsh Co. has house detectives who have been employing this "entrapment" plan and have arrested several gays in recent weeks. This is especially true of the third floor men's rest room of the Jordan Marsh Dept. Store.

2) State police are being stationed at public areas (rest areas and parks) along the highway and are dressed in plain clothes and are acting as decoys to "entrap" gays.

3) If you must cruise these public places, do not do "anything" in public. He advises you to "make some sort of alternative arrangements."

4) He is non-committal in terms of such public displays of sexuality, but feels that it is not worth the grief of being caught in the act, and urges everyone to be very cautious while engaging in such activities.

IMPORTANT: These arrests are used as an indictment against the gay rights movement and will greatly retard our cause in the legislature. Three such cases have been reported to HUB during the past week.

GAY COMMUNITY NEWS CORDIALLY INVITES THE IMMEDIATE WORLD TO JOIN WITH THEM IN CELEBRATION OF THE OPENING OF THEIR GRAND NEW OFFICE AT 22 BROMFIELD ST., SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 1974 FROM 3 to 8 p.m. COME HELP US WARM OUR OFFICE, EAT, DRINK AND BE GAY!!!

H.C.H.S. BOOKSTORE

Last week, the Homophile Community Health Service opened its library-bookstore with offices and space at 419 Boylston Street on the 4th floor. There is very little funding for this project, and the community will have to bear with them as they slowly expand. Right now, they are in particular need of books and other gay periodicals and literature for the library. If you have something to donate, please bring it in, and don't throw away your periodical subscriptions to various publications... donate them to the library.

The bookstore will carry good gay books, and would appreciate your suggestions as to what you would like to see stocked. They have plans to carry overground books on gay liberation, and a lot of books from small presses (particularly women's presses) which are largely not available in other bookstores. The store will also be selling gay buttons and certain journals and periodicals. Plans to begin stocking gay greeting

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ANN LANDERS

Ann Landers, the "world's most widely circulated columnist," was in Boston last Saturday, to speak to the illustrious members of the Harvard University Community. She also spoke to members of the Gay Community, although they were hardly there by invitation.

While gays outside the Harvard Club picketed and protested (Ann Slanders Homosexuals), Ann blithely told her audience inside that she is a champion of gay rights ("And I really can't understand why these people don't realize this."). "Because I went before the Illinois State Legislature, the laws discriminating against homosexuals were wiped off the books." "The homosexual has the same right to a job, housing, and privacy as we do." "Some of my good friends are lesbians, some lovely young women that you would never believe were..."

But Annie stuck to her guns when the question of Gay Pride came up. "Homosexuality is a sickness, as anyone will tell you." "No one should be proud of a sickness." "My advice to these people is to get off their soapbox, forget the militancy, and seek the counsel of a psychiatrist... they can be helped if they will accept help."

GCN interviewed Ms. Landers, and some of her most cherished beliefs and fervent slogans will be published in GCN within the next few weeks.

HOLY WEEK AT M.C.C.

Holy Week at Metropolitan Community Church, Boston, will be a busy one for members and friends of the church.

Palm Sunday, April 7, will be celebrated jointly with members of the Old West Church congregation at 10:15 a.m., with coffee and snacks being served prior to the procession and services.

Thursday, April 11 at 8 p.m. is the time and date for Maundy Thursday service, an agape meal.

Friday, April 12 at 7 p.m. will be the Good Friday service, "The Way of the Cross."

Easter services will culminate the Holy Week schedule. Sunrise worship will take place at 6:00 a.m. on the steps of Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston, and the Easter High Service will be at the church at 6:30 p.m.

All are welcome to all services. Pastors Lawrence Bernier and Nancy Wilson will officiate.

Please note that there will be no evening services on Palm Sunday, but that the regular 7 p.m. services will continue on Easter Sunday, preceded by a hymn sing at 6:30 p.m.

A meeting of the Council on Ministries, vestry, and deacons of the church is scheduled for this Saturday, April 6, at 1 p.m. at the church. Coffee and tea will be provided for those attending.

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BAY VILLAGE BARS

The years-long campaign of the Bay Village Civic Association to rid that neighborhood of Jacques' and The Other Side, two more or less gay bars, has entered a new phase recently as the association has dropped from its approach its former anti-gay and anti-transvestite overtones; now the association just talks about knifings and other violence they attribute to the presence of the two bars. Some gay people, for example from the Homophile Union of Boston, have agreed to support the association against the bar owners, arguing that the owners have served their clientele poorly, both straight and gay; other gay people, for example Charley Shively, intend to testify for The Other Side. Hearings on the issue of possible license revocation are taking place on Mondays at the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission offices at the Saltonstall State Office Building at Government Center; at the first such gathering on March 25 more than 100 people were present to hear testimony from the police about violence in the area and to hear lawyers object and object to each other's objections. GCN will be covering the case as it develops.

MAINE GAY SYMPOSIUM

MAINE — The locally controversial gay conference will be held here this month on the University of Maine campus at Orono. The Maine Gay Symposium begins Friday evening, April 19, with registration and Vito Russo's by now famous lecture, "The History of Homosexuality in Film."

All day Saturday participants will have their choice of workshops to attend as well as talks by Nathalie Rockhill, women's coordinator of the National Gay Task Force and Morty Manford, president of the Gay Activists Alliance in New York City. There will be a dance on Saturday night and weather permitting, a mountain climbing expedition on Sunday.

The registration fee is \$5 which covers all costs of the conference including transportation for out of state speakers. Child care and limited housing accommodations are being provided for those attending.

Those planning to attend the conference are encouraged to pre-register. Efforts will be made to provide housing if needed. Name and address and specific needs should accompany a registration fee of \$5 per person sent to The Wilde-Stein Club, Memorial Union, University of Maine, Orono, Maine 04473.

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BOOKSTORE... CONT.

cards, notepaper and posters are in the near future. Please come in and support the bookstore . . . you are welcome to visit and browse and to make suggestions.

The bookstore will be open from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday evenings. If the door to the building is locked, please ring the bell four times and someone will let you in. The proceeds from the sale of books and other stock will be used to expand the amount and variety of stock, to buy books for the library, and to support the general education work of the health service. "We feel such a bookstore is very much needed in Boston, and we hope the community will support it and help us to make it a success. You will know at least that your money is being returned to service for the gay community."

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ELAINE NOBLE AT THE MOVIES

The Committee to Elect Elaine Noble ushered in spring (and the dawn) at an all-night movie extravaganza on March 29 and 30. Kenmore Cinema was the place, and most of the Boston area gay groups were well represented. Considering the late hour and the snowy weather, the turnout was rather good.

Four movies were shown: D. H. Lawrence's "Women In Love," a masterpiece on all levels; "Fortune and Men's Eyes," which deals with the macho relationships existing in male prisons. Michael Greer, a fine actor who plays Queenie in this movie, was present. "Pink Narcissus," a very elegant porno, and "Our Miss Fred" were also shown.

Elaine was there, cheerful and warm as ever. Spokespeople for her campaign commented, "Elaine's campaign needs the support of all the gay community. This is our big chance to have one of our own people representing us in the Massachusetts legislature. Please help."

LESBIANS PLANNING CONFERENCE

The first planning meeting for an East Coast and/or nationwide Lesbian Conference will be held at 10 a.m. this Saturday, April 6, at the Old West Church (MCC) at 131 Cambridge St. in Boston (phone 227-5088 or 227-8020). All women interested in helping to plan an autumn Lesbian Conference, or who have suggestions to contribute, are urged to attend.

Meeting participants are expected to begin organizing for a conference for lesbians to take place next October. Planning for workshops, speakers, publicity, fund-raising, food, housing, designating contact people, and other conference-related needs will be launched at the Saturday meeting. In addition, another planning meeting has been scheduled for the Salem State College Woman's Fair on April 27 at Salem State, in an effort to locate the planning sessions in different regions.

The decision to have a Lesbian Conference grew out of the recent New England Gay Conference, held March 9-10 at Emerson College. Women at the conference met for lunch, and concluded that they were interested in organizing a Lesbian Conference for next fall. Possible workshops and activities were discussed, and finally a second meeting — this Saturday's — was arranged. Meanwhile, it was recommended that a national conference be considered, and letters have been sent to gay women's groups throughout the country to gauge interest in the idea. Lesbian Conference planners — a group of women in the Boston area — can be contacted at Box 2000, GCN, 22 Bromfield St., Boston 02108. Minutes of Saturday's meeting will be sent to those requesting them.

N.E.C. GAY ALLIANCE

A new student gay group is forming in the wake of the great UNH controversy. A group of gay women and men from New England College in Henniker, N.H., have recently laid the groundwork for the NEC Gay Alliance.

The functions and purposes of the group have not as yet been officially determined but the feelings of the participants of the first meeting ranged from counselling of homosexuals to special devotion to the education of the surrounding straight population.

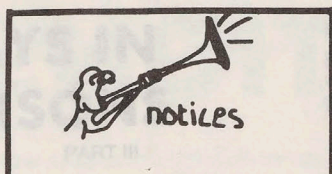
The great difficulties caused the neighboring Gay Students Organization at UNH were partially dismissed by participating NEC students because NEC is a private college and state funds are not used to support the college. The UNH group had few problems functioning until Gov. Thomson and the Manchester *Union Leader* began loudly complaining about state funds being used to promote "sexual perversion."

DARK CLOUD OVER GAY BILLS

Bills to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual preference in housing, employment, credit, insurance and public accommodations, H.2524 and H.2525, were reported out favorably by the Committee on Commerce and Labor this week by a vote of 16-3 with two abstentions, but sponsor Barney Frank (Dem.-Back Bay) cautions that the margin of approval does not imply probable acceptance of the legislation by either house. A vote in the Senate may be expected within several weeks.

Accordint to a survey of Boston

and Cambridge legislators for the WCAS radio program, "Closet Space," only Senator Michael LoPresti, Representatives Frank, DiLorenzo of East Boston, Charles Flaherty of Cambridge and the members of the black legislative caucus are considered reasonably sure votes in favor of the anti-discrimination bills, with Representatives Mahoney of Cambridge and Weinberg of Brighton considered probable. It is clear that the gay community still has a lot of persuading to do.



The celebration of Holy Union between Linda Lachman and Claire Shanahan has been postponed until May 4, 1974 at MCC/Boston. The ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. in Old West Church.

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Good Gay Buttons & Books! We've opened! The Homophile Community Health Service Bookstore is open Monday through Thursday, 6 to 9 p.m., at 419 Boylston St., 4th floor. Ring the night bell 4 times. Why don't you come up and see us sometime!

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Dignity will hold their regular meeting at St. Clements Church (1105 Boylston St.). This will be a special concelebrated Palm Sunday service with blessing and distribution of the Palms. The regular meeting will follow. The celebration will be Sunday, April 7 at 1:30 p.m.

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There will be a public hearing on April 5 at 9:30 a.m. at the Police Commission Hearing Room at Police Headquarters, 154 Berkeley St., on the petition of the City of Boston Taxi Association for fare increases. Testimony will be given on discrimination of gay people within the taxi industry as part of the Cab Drivers Assn. attempt to prevent the increase until adequate consideration is given by the companies to cab drivers' demands concerning benefits, cab safety, etc.

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The UConn Gay Alliance is going through a critical stage at this time. A new office is in the process of being opened in the Student Union, Room 302, cubic 6. Help is needed to carry this out. Also, the group is trying to hold dances every other week, alternating with special events during our meetings on Thursdays at the Inner College trailer on R-lot. For more information, write to the UConn Gay Alliance, Inner College, at the New Vocations Center, 4 Gilbert Rd., Storrs, Conn.

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The first Gay Pride Planning meeting will be held at the Charles Street Meetinghouse on April 9 at 7:30 p.m. Anyone who wishes to contribute ideas, opinions, or other help should attend this meeting.

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On April 7 at 11 p.m., Dan Fee, an Episcopalian seminary student who is also gay, will express his thoughts on the problems of the gay minority and the religious implications of being gay. Dan will speak at the Universalist Unitarian Church in Ashby, Mass. The church and Dan Fee extend an invitation to the gay community to attend the service which will be based on the film, "The Invisible Minority." The Church is located off Route 119 on the Ashby Common.

by Linda Thurston

Last month I went to a "consultation" on racism and sexism sponsored by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. It was the first of a series of five conferences designed to bring together people fighting racism and sexism to discuss conflicts and explore possibilities for coalition-building and cross-group understanding. About sixty people attended from northeastern states — roughly 1/3 white women, 1/3 black women, 1/3 other minority women (predominantly Latinas, followed by Asians, and one Native American), and three men (one white, two black). Unknown to the conference planners, I came representing another minority group — homosexuals.

The subject of gay rights came up almost immediately. The woman to my right at dinner was explaining how her group, the Women's Equity Action League (WEAL), wouldn't touch a gay discrimination case — they didn't want to be "discredited." "Discredited in whose eyes?" I asked, though my query was never answered.

After dinner we broke into workshops to plan skits ("role-plays") of conflict situations that would then be a basis for further discussion. We went around our group of twelve women introducing ourselves, telling where we were from, and what had led us to an interest in the issues of racism and sexism together. I mentioned my experience at the Cambridge YWCA last Spring where rampant anti-lesbian prejudices were used to drive feminists out. The Y's Imperative for the Elimination of Racism was used, primarily by white heterosexuals, as a justification for driving out lesbians because "black women" would supposedly be scared

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The monthly Active Gays brunch will be held Saturday, April 6 at 11 a.m. at Charles Street Meetinghouse. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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The Gay Community News "Catch-44" television program will be rebroadcast at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 6 on Channel 2.

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The Rutgers University Homophile League will present the fourth annual Conference on Gay Unity on the weekend of April 19 to 21. Speakers will include Barbara Gittings, Del Martin, Stirling Vappe and Elaine Noble. For more information, write: Rutgers University Homophile League, R.P.O. 2901, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903.

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Anyone who has received a reply from their Senator or Representative regarding Gay Rights Legislation is asked to pass it on to the Homophile Union of Boston, 419 Boylston St.

U. S. CIVIL RIGHTS CONFERENCE— HETEROSEXUALS ONLY

"Looks like nobody wants their queers, not the whites, not the blacks.
I bet even the Chinese don't want their queers."

—Calvin in Rubyfruit Jungle
by Rita Mae Brown

Indeed I did find other lesbians at the conference, all of them racial minority women and all in the closet. We spoke with each other on the sly. The basic message: "More power to you, but don't involve me."

Later that day we met for reports from the caucuses. After reports from the white, black, Asian, Puerto Rican, all-Latina, and men's caucuses, the chairman moved to open discussion although I had obviously come to the front of the room and was standing beside her.

"I want to report from the Lesbian Caucus."

"Was there one?" sneered a voice in the audience.

"We haven't heard from the Native American woman yet!" cried a woman in full African dress from the back of the room. "She shouldn't speak before the Native American woman. She doesn't represent a People!"

The Native American woman came to the front of the room and gave a short talk while I was shunted aside. After she spoke, I stood up again only to be confronted by the chairwoman (a black, middle-aged, NAACP'er) as to whether I had anything to say that was "relevant to the issues of racism and sexism."

I objected to her question. I objected to the whole premise of a conference on racism and sexism that could discuss each separate race oppressed by racism with such care yet limit the discussion of sexism to only one of the groups oppressed by sexism — women, but not gays. I objected to the woman who had said I didn't represent a people and asserted that I did indeed represent a great many sorely oppressed people.

I talked for fifteen or twenty minutes in a halting, tear-filled voice. For every issue mentioned by the racial minority caucuses as special to them, I showed how it was an issue for gays, too, including immigration. For every issue I was unfortunately able to relate a personal example of someone I know who had been abused. There was my friend whose own parents had signed le-

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Gay Liberation for All

by Sheri

First of all I don't have to tell anyone that there is no women's culture. Oh, it's there all right but how are we going to find it in the ashes of the ages? It would be almost impossible to reconstruct our culture. As I said to an obnoxious moderator on a TV show one night, "Do you think for one moment if Beethoven had been a woman that we would be listening to *her* nine symphonies?" If Shakespeare had been a woman her works would have been considered pure drivel. If her works had survived I'm sure the male experts would claim that they had to be written by some great man.

There is a screaming need for women to find their identity in music, poetry, prose and all the arts, not to mention such male-dominated fields as law, medicine, architecture ad infinitum.

There is a need for some women to go off by themselves and find alternatives for themselves just as there is a need for all women to sometimes work on Women Only issues. I don't have to tell you that in our leisure moments you will find us with our Sisters. But as Sidney Abbott said, in the grand scheme of gay liberation we must all unite together to make our voices heard. Men alone will not be heard and, Sisters, you know they ain't going to listen to us alone. Men have scoffed at us for centuries and they are laughing still at the women's movement.

I'm happiest when I'm working side by side with my sisters and brothers in the cause of gay liberation. It is side by side that we must march to the state house and with one strong voice make ourselves heard. I was going to say, "A house divided against itself cannot stand," but some man already said that.

I guess I'm tired of hearing about oppression, it sure as hell is there in all forms but for growth I think we must look beyond what happened yesterday. It's not my oppression, it's not your oppression but rather *our* oppression. No one of us has a corner on oppression.

It's not as simplistic as, "If you can't beat them join them," but rather the only way to beat sexism is to get into men's heads to turn them around. Stick around and point out to them every time they are oppressive and sexist.

The only way to combat societal oppression and ignorance is if we all get into their heads to turn them around. We must also infiltrate the ranks of "The Establishment," women and men, until we become a force that they cannot ignore.



Can Women Oppress Men?

by Gary Roth

It depends in what respect you mean.

Can individual women oppress individual men? To this the answer is yes. Women can be abusive and inconsiderate, manipulative and selfish, they can be caloused, do things unthinkingly and at the expense of others, they can encourage and insist upon role playing, they can be brutal and violent; in short, women are capable of all the same actions as men. To think otherwise, to believe that women are above, below, or to the side of these things (be it by social conditioning or biology — it makes no difference), is to do one of two things. Either women become idealized, or they are grossly debased; and neither is very different from the myths passed down from antiquity. This is not to say, however, that women and men enter social situations as equals. Sexual stereotypes, self-images, class backgrounds, religious orientations, assumed roles, and so on, can and do influence situations very heavily.

But women as a social group, as a class of people, do not oppress men. They do not control the necessary means to do so. There are essentially two ways in which a modern society is controlled and dominated. The first, economics, predominates in capitalist society, the other, political, in socialist societies. In the capitalist countries, the owners and managers of industrial production are men. Likewise in socialist countries where men both determine and supervise the economic planning. In all places, women are excluded from exercising economic power. The same holds true with political power. In the United States and the Soviet Union, countries representative of the two prominent forms of economic and political structure, women are practically non-existent at the top levels of the political hierarchies. While it is true in these countries, and perhaps even more so than in most others, that women participate very actively on the local and community levels, somewhere in the intervening layers they are filtered out. These two realms, the economic and political, determine, almost exclusively, both the shape and future of a society. Cultural forms, for the most part, merely reflect the currents and trends in other sectors rather than playing an independent role. While women may influence societal directions from the base up, they have no direct or effective control over those directions. And influence, in and of itself, can not oppress; only direct control can do this. Oppression is the systematic safeguarding and use of power and privileges by segments of the population at the expense of other parts. On the basis of this powerlessness, I conclude, that given the present state of affairs, both domestic and international, women, as a class, anywhere in the world, are incapable of oppressing men. They do not possess the necessary means and leverage to do so. Only by first wresting that power from men could this become possible.

UPCOMING FORUMS:

April 20 issue (deadline April 13): Gay vs. Straight. What differences are there between gay and straight relationships?

April 27 issue (deadline April 20): Male Gay Social Structure. What is the gay male social structure?

May 4 issue (deadline April 27): Female Gay Social Structure. What is the female gay social structure?

If you are interested in writing on any of these topics, please contact: Nancy Burnett, features editor, GCN, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass. 02108.

GAYS IN PRISONS

PART III

by satya

This is the third and final article in a series on gay people in prison. Discussed will be the way women and men are treated in their respective prisons. The facts presented are based on actual accounts as related to me by gay ex-prisoners.

Generally, most gay people are arrested on charges other than those concerning their sexuality. But once it's discovered that you are gay, that's where the real trouble begins. Harassment from prison authorities and fellow prisoners makes the gay person's prison experience unbearable. Gay people are often put into separate quarters. Privileges such as library time, recreation facilities, and exercise periods are taken away. Visitors are refused. Other prisoners can receive their families, but a gay "lover" is not considered family. And, of course, the mail is prevented from getting both into and out of the prison.

Ironic as it may seem, much of this injustice is caused by closet gays who are high up in the hierarchy of prison officials, but who are too oppressed and/or afraid to make any changes. In fact, these closet gays are often among the most conservative in the system.

WOMEN'S PRISONS

Reports from female ex-prisoners indicate that the women's prisons are in some ways less oppressive and in some ways more oppressive than the men's prisons. On the bad side, the women's institutions rarely provide decent medical or dental care. For adequate treatment, the women have to be taken to the men's section. "Liberal" reforms, such as allowing men to visit the inmates, certainly does our gay sisters no good.

While the men are at least given some college programs, the women are provided with courses only in cosmetology, kitchen routines, and the canning of food.

If you are discovered in a sexual act with another woman, the designation D.G. goes on your record. This stands for "degenerate."

On the "good" side, atrocities committed against gays by other prisoners are much less common in the women's prisons than in the men's. The women set up a society which, true, is based on roles, but is more flexible and less violent than the society formed in a men's prison.

The women form "families." Roles are based on age, skin color, sexual preference, and needs. Even very liberated women admit that this role playing is necessary (at least at this stage) to make the prison experience tolerable. A family dynamics is set up. Some women are "mothers"; others are "daughters" or lovers.

One strong ("butch") woman had five other women working for her in prison, each providing the stronger woman with something such as laundry, meat, or drugs.

As long as you don't show too much affection (especially when outsiders are checking up on conditions in the prison), the authorities generally allow relationships between women to continue. If you are too open with a lover, however, they'll separate you.



MEN'S PRISONS

Gay men are arrested on sex charges much more often than gay women are. The usual charge is A.&S. (accosting and soliciting). Entrapment by police is the usual means of arrest. The vice squad goes to known gay spots such as the Esplanade, public rest rooms, and streets where male hustlers hang out. The gays are entrapped, arrested, and taken off to jail.

The sodomy laws, dating to the 1600s, are rarely used, but must be removed from the books because they are sometimes viciously used and because it is psychologically bad for a gay person to know he can be arrested for making love. The sodomy laws led to the recent murder of gay brother Eddie Rastellini. Rastellini was arrested in 1968 and held for two years without bail or trial. He was finally sentenced to from 5 to 15 years for the "abominable and detestable crime against nature" (making love with another man). Eddie was finally murdered by other prisoners who, due to prison propaganda, felt that Eddie was a child molester. (By the way, statistics have proven that 85% of child molesters are heterosexual men.)

Much is heard about homosexual rape in the men's prisons. What everyone does not know is that it is the heterosexual who commits the crime of rape. The homosexual, as usual, is the victim and not the rapist.

In many prisons, a man will be incarcerated until the authorities are assured that he is "cured" of his homosexuality. This is common on the West Coast. In Massachusetts, "sexually dangerous" persons are sent to Bridgewater. Three state psychiatrists examine you. These men have the final say as to whether you are dangerous or not. You are under their control until they say you are "cured."

We cannot deny that gays commit crimes. But sexual expression should not be a crime. Also the un-

usual and cruel punishments must be eliminated. Speedy trials and bail should be provided. Sentences should be commensurate with the crime.

There are many ways we on the outside can help to stop the atrocities in the prisons. Write your State and U.S. Senators and Congresspeople. Write prisoners to give them your support. Take part in Law Reform and the State House hearings. Let your voices be heard and your Gay Power be felt.

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gal papers to take away her daughter and she had to escape with her child across the state line. There was my friend who was fired from her job for looking "too dykey." There were my friends who were beaten up coming out of a gay bar. I spoke of our problems with housing, of incarceration and experimentation upon us in mental institutions and prisons, of the stereotyping in the media and schools enforcing a negative self-image upon us, of drugs and alcohol, of denial of public accommodations and being ghettoized in syndicate-owned bars. And on top of it all the invisibility which is for many of us our only protection as individuals, but which makes our oppression a non-issue for most people and fragments our own solidarity.

Then I spoke of two kinds of situations where racism and anti-gay sexism go together. I used the troubles at the Y to illustrate how we can be pitted against each other. To show how we can both be oppressed in the same situation, I used the example of a recent gory murder that had made the national press. The press built the story into a racial issue, though the victim had said on her deathbed that it wasn't a race murder and to please not make it into that, while at the same time suppressing the information that the victim was a lesbian, once again avoiding the issue of violence against gays.

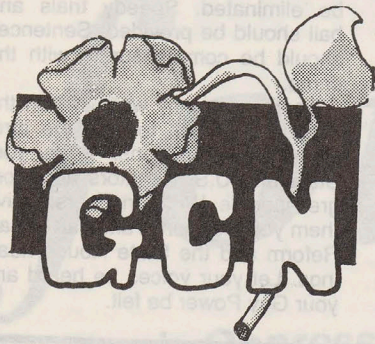
At this point I was overcome with the enormity of the crimes against us and with the death of that lesbian sister. I had to sit down, but I had made my point, at least to those who could hear. I received a long ovation and several women came to put their arms around me and give me kleenex. In the discussion that followed people said things like, "I marched to Washington all the way from Georgia for civil rights only to be reminded today that we still don't have civil rights in this country." One usually articulate woman spoke up almost two hours later saying she had been unable to speak until then because she had been so moved by what the sister had said. Many supportive people spoke with me later and some even requested a workshop on lesbianism (which wasn't held because I was late and they couldn't have it without me). Not everyone responded positively. Some still obviously avoided me or even looking at me. But they were at least forced to

keep their prejudice to themselves and I heard no more nasty slurs that weekend.

How much of the positive response was liberal knee-jerking to be forgotten the next day? I have no way of knowing, but I am sure that much of it was genuine. The white feminists were familiar with lesbians by now, but for many of the black and Latina women I spoke with, it was the first time they had been confronted with the issue. Their response was that of one who has been deeply aware of her own oppression suddenly made aware of those she helps oppress. It seemed to put us on a more equal ground, their straight privilege matching my white privilege in the who's-more-oppressed game. My impression was that many of the racial minority women, despite straight prejudice, were more willing to trust a lesbian than a straight white woman. "You can always go home again," they charged the white feminists who denied it saying that it was that very "home" they were rebelling against. While some were still denying the oppression of women as such (a few to the point of talking about "standing behind our men") none could deny the oppression of lesbians. And on the basis of the understanding that we were truly oppressed there seemed to be the beginnings of a breakthrough in trust and the possibility that we could one day unite to overthrow all oppression.

A woman from the Commission later explained to me that they couldn't deal with gay issues at the conference or in any of their work because they were only legally empowered to fight for women and racial minorities. I responded that if they, as individuals, were sincere about civil rights and support for gay people that they could raise the issue everytime they spoke everywhere they went. They could make an effort to invite lesbians to their four upcoming conferences. If they genuinely wanted to discuss racism and sexism and how we can work together, it is necessary, especially since lesbianism has been used to scare racial minority women from the (white) women's movement.

Anyone withing to protest the Commission's lack of concern with gay rights can address letters to Carol Kummerfeld, Women's Rights Program Unit, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Washington, D.C. 20425.



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REACTIONS:

The Friday night dances at the Charles Street Meetinghouse were cancelled for lack of interest on the part of the Gay Community and because the opening of The Cabaret seemed to provide the needed outlet for Friday night entertainment. I, for one, would like to see these dances started up again, if not every Friday, then at least every other week. I do not attend the dancing bars, and find that I really miss the dances. Several other people have expressed a similar opinion. If you would like the dances reinstated, please write Randy Gibson, C.S.M.H., 70 Charles St., Boston, Mass. 02114. Satya

To all concerned:

As hundreds of New England Gays congregated at the N. E. Gay Conference, Mr. William Loeb of the Manchester *Union Leader* in New Hampshire was doing a job on the UNII gays.

Everyone, of course, knows of this man's twisted, perverse attitude toward gays, but up until now, his campaign against gays has consisted of strong verbal attacks via the *Leader*. This time he has gone one better by publishing a photo of the GSO dance at UNII. The caption was one that may very well be his undoing.

I was prompted to write this letter when the ("questionable") picture made the front page of the aforementioned newspaper.

We (my spouse, our 4 year old daughter, and a close gay male friend) live in Nashua. Nearly all of our neighbors are straight (and, I surmise, know we are gay), and subscribe to or buy this "biased" rag. We have a good relationship with our straight neighbors and would hate to have their opinion of us changed because of Mr. Loeb's hang-ups and obsessions about anything resembling Gay.

As the saying goes, "Sticks and stones . . ." but names? Well, repetition has a way of getting through, and unless this man is stopped we will never break the *high straight* barrier in New Hampshire.

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DID YOU SEE?

by Ginny Haviland

WIN magazine, March 28: "The War Resisters League honored Dan Berrigan with its fourteenth annual Peace Award at a full-house pot-luck dinner in New York City, Friday night, March 15. Allen Ginsberg read a poem [which follows] on the Middle East and presented Dan with a scroll." Also in this issue is "Jahew and Allah Battle" and "All Honor to the wrong people," by Allen Ginsberg and Dan Berrigan, respectively.

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CONNECTICUT DAILY CAMPUS, Feb. 22: The article "Homosexuals: UConn's closet culture" by Joseph Bazsika describes a dance recently sponsored by the UConn Gay Alliance. The Gay Alliance has been at Storrs since October 1971, but under a different name - Gay Liberation at Storrs.

The group might have been around long before 1971, but the Connecticut sodomy laws, making homosexuality illegal, weren't repealed until Oct. 1, 1971. Gay Liberation at Storrs reorganized on April 26, 1973, as the UConn Gay Alliance.

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BOSTON GLOBE:
CAUCUS:

"Some of Mayor White's staff people are quite angry with State Rep. Barney Frank's avid campaign against City Councilor Lawrence S. DiCara, who lost the recent Caucus endorsement for secretary of state to State Rep. Paul Guzzi. Apparently, Frank still has "in for DiCara, reportedly because of DiCara's decision to support Park Plaza after it was noted on record that he would oppose it. DiCara consistently denies that he firmly opposed the project."

STATE HOUSE:

Rachelle Patterson (*Globe* staffer) writes that "at times, statesmen are needed in the Massachusetts Legislature to deal with those issues of basic importance and overriding public concern. At times, they are there. More often than not, they are conspicuously absent. Such is the case so far this year as the Legislature's Committee on Commerce and Labor

again deliberates the fate of several bills that would simply codify in the Massachusetts law the basic civil rights guarantees to homosexuals in the matter of equal employment opportunity, access to public accommodation, credit, insurance, mortgages, and labor unions. These guarantees are the same given to all citizens of Massachusetts. Members of the committee, in a recent open executive session, seemed more interested in how the electorate would view their stand on these sensitive matters than on dealing with the merits of the issue. They are more concerned with getting re-elected than alleviating an injustice—not statesmen, but cold and practical politicians." Among other other excellent points about the hearing, Miss Patterson states that, "Atty. Gen. Robert Quinn said he was opposed to one measure 'because I am more concerned with protecting the family and the young man than I am with endorsing a license for deviant sexual conduct'."

TRANSSEXUALISM:

The Boston *Globe* reports that Christine Jorgensen is "Happy 20 years after sex change..."

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NEW HAVEN: Mory's, the fabled 100-year-old tavern popularized by the Whiffenpoof Song, has given up its lengthy battle to prohibit women. The liquor license was revoked three weeks ago by the state Liquor Control Commission - after a three-year challenge by a group protesting the male only membership rule. Mory's first opened in 1861.

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BOSTON LEDGER, March 29: "ABCC opens hearings on Bay Village bars, by Jane Weldon Shultz. The hearing was called after about 30 Bay Village residents sent petitions to the ABCC citing six incidents of violence they claimed were a direct result of the existence of the bars. The hearing continues Monday." William E. Alberts, Contributing Editor, gives a report on the most recent Gay bill hearings. Chairman Cornelius F. Kiernan told Bob Dow (Pres. HUB) "I would hesitate to hire you to be in charge of a boy's camp."

The Tag in the fifth row

by Jonathan Cross

A Commentary on Area Entertainment of Gay Interest

LIVE WIRES

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As each meditation proceeds, these powerful, condemning abstractions are recited on the circle's edge, while the company mimes the worship of chains, or the meaningless inhuman burden of wage-earning—one destructive power-relationship

after another, from male-dominated sexual patterns to American obsessions with property and people-as-things. All of this is done to the constant humming; with a dreamy, druidical precision, the violence implicit in the abstractions is ritualized, made over into an inverse and terrible sacramental rite.

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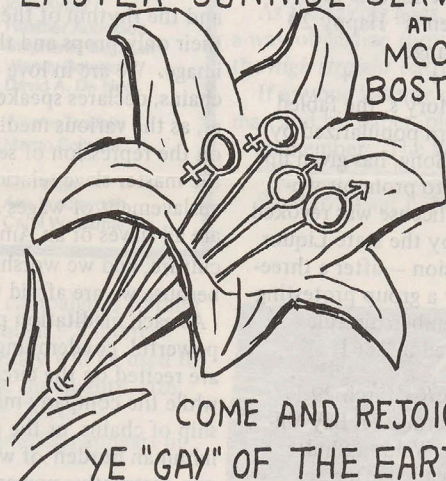
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1:00 p.m. Sunday prior to the issue date.

4 10:00 am—Gay News, WCAS, 740 AM
7:30 pm—MCC choir rehearsal, Old West Church, Boston
8:00 pm—Lesbian Liberation mtg., Women's Ctr., Cambridge
8:00 pm—DOB Older Women's Rap, 419 Boyls., rm. 323
9:00 pm—Gay Way Radio, WBUR, 90.0 FM **thurs**

5 5:30-6:30 pm—Hvd-Rdcl. GSN, Brks.Hse; info 498-3096
7:00 pm—Wilde-Stein Club, U. of Maine, Memorial Union
8:00 pm—Jewish Gay Congregation, Old West Church **fri**

6 10:00 am—1st planning meeting of Lesbian Conf., Old West Church
11:00 am—Active Gays Brunch, CSMH
1:00 pm—Boston Gay Youth, referrals & info, 536-6197
2:00 pm—Bstn Gay Youth, open rap & mtg., 419 Boyls, rm 509
5:30 pm—GCN on "Catch-44," Channel 2
9:00 pm—Gay Dance, 73 Church St., Burlington, Vt., \$1.50 **sat**

7 10:30 am—"Closet Space," WCAS, 740 AM; dial 492-6450
11:00 am—Palm Sunday services, MCC/Boston, Old West Ch.
Meet at 10:15 for coffee. NO SERVICES in evening.
2-5 pm—Open House, 73 Church St., Burlington, Vt.
3:00 pm—MCC Hartford service, 50 Bloomfield Ave.
4:00 pm—MIT SLH mtg., rm. 1-132
5:30 pm—Exodus Mass, St. Clements Ch, 1105 Boyls., Boston
7:00 pm—MCC Prov. Services, 410 Waterman Ave., E. Providence
8:00 pm—Worc. Gay Union, 82 Franklin St., Wor., rm. 31 **sunday**

8 7:30 pm—HUB Rap, 419 Boylston, rm. 509
7-10 pm—Bisexual Phone Line, 266-5347 **mo**

9 6:30-9:30 pm—Bos Gay Youth, phone ref. & info, 536-6197
7:00 pm—Lesbian Therapy Research Proj., Womens Ctr, Camb.
7:30 pm—DOB Women's Rap, 419 Boylston, rm. 323
7:30 pm—Prov. MCC prayer group, 410 Waterman, E. Providence
7:30 pm—Gay Pride planning meeting, CSMH **tues**

10 11:00 am—Lesbian Rap Group, Womens Ctr, 46 Pleasant St., Camb.
1:00 pm—Gay-Straight Rap, SMU Gay Alliance, N. Dartmouth
7:00 pm—Gay Support & Action, Unit.Par.Hse., Bangor, Maine
7:30 pm—SMU Gay Alliance, N. Dartmouth
7:30 pm—DOB Lesbian MothersRap, 419 Boyls., rm. 323
8:00 pm—Bisexual Rap, 419 Boylston, rm. 415
8:00 pm—BU Homophile League, Sherman Union
8:30 pm—Men's Rap, SMU, N. Dartmouth
Evening—Gay Rights Org. (GRO), Portland, Maine **wednesday**

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7:00 pm—Wilde-Stein Club, U. of Maine, Memorial Union
8:00 pm—Jewish Gay Congregation, Old West Church **fri**

13 1:00 pm—Boston Gay Youth, referrals & info, 536-6197
2:00 pm—Boston Gay Youth, open rap & mtg, 419 Boyls, rm. 509
3-8 pm—GCN "Office-Warming," 22 Bromfield St., Boston. **sat**

14 6:00 am—Gay Community Sunrise Service, MCC/Boston, Old West Ch.
10:30 am—"Closet Space," WCAS, 740 AM; dial 492-6450
2-4 pm—Women's basketball, Camb. YWCA, Central Sq.
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7-10 pm—Bisexual Phone Line, 266-5347 **mo**

16 6:30-9:30 pm—Boston Gay Youth, phone ref. & info, 536-6197
7:00 pm—Lesbian Therapy Research Proj., Womens Ctr, Camb.
7:30 pm—DOB Women's Rap, 419 Boylston, rm. 323
7:30 pm—Prov. MCC prayer group, 410 Waterman, E. Providence **tues**

17 11:00 am—Lesbian Rap Group, Womens Ctr, 46 Pleas., Cambridge
1:00 pm—Gay-Straight Rap, SMU Gay Alliance, SMU, N. Dartmouth
7:00 pm—Gay Support & Action, Unit.Par.Hse., Bangor, Maine
7:30 pm—SMU Gay Alliance, SMU, N. Dartmouth
7:30 pm—DOB Lesbian Mother's Rap, 419 Boylston, rm. 323
8:00 pm—Bisexual Rap, 419 Boylston, rm. 415
8:00 pm—Gaybreak Radio, WMUA, 91.1 FM, Amherst
8:00 pm—BU Homophile League, Sherman Union
8:30 pm—Men's Rap, SMU, N. Dartmouth
Evening—Gay Rights Org., GRO, Portland, Maine **wednesday**

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Bisexual Rap Counseling Group 864-8181
Boston Gay Youth 536-6197
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Charles Street Meetinghouse 523-0368
Closet Space (WCAS 740 AM) 492-6450
Daughters of Bilitis 262-1592
Dignity/Boston, c/o 1105 Boylston St., Boston 02215
Emerson Homophile Society for the Arts
Room 34, 96 Beacon St., Boston 02108
Fag Rag 536-9826
Gay Alert 523-0368, 267-0764, 536-3285
Gay Community News 523-8729
Gay Craftworks 738-0426
Gay Media Action 868-5729
Gay Nurses' Alliance 266-5473
Gay Peoples' Group of UMass/Boston 287-1900X3236
Gay Speakers Bureau 547-1451
Gay Way Radio (WBUR 90.9 FM) 353-2790
Good Gay Poets 536-9826
Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Students Assn. 498-3096
Homophile Community Health Service 266-5477
Homophile Union of Boston 536-6197
Jewish Gay Group 261-8526
Lavender Hour (WBCN 104.1 FM) 354-8807
Lesbian Liberation (c/o Women's Ctr.) 354-8807
Lesbian Mothers 354-8807
Lesbian Therapy Research Project 354-8807
Metropolitan Community Church/Boston 523-7664
MIT Student Homophile League 494-8227
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Box 509, Building 4, North Dartmouth 02747
Wellesley Mytilene Society 235-0136
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Sta., Worcester 01601
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Gaybreak Radio, WMUA 91.9 FM 546-5176
Hampshire College Gay Friends (Amherst) 452-4600X4882
Southwest Women's Center (Amherst) 545-0626
UMass-Amherst Student Homophile League 545-0154
Valley Women's Center (Northampton) 586-2011
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199 Garden St., Pawtucket 02860
Homophile Community Health Service (Prov) 274-4737
Metropolitan Community Church/Providence 831-3773
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- VERMONT** (area code 802)
Gay in Vermont (Burlington) 863-2496
Vermont Gay Women 425-2782
- CONNECTICUT** (area code 203)
George W. Henry Foundation, Hartford
Kalos Society, P.O. Box 403, Hartford 06101
Metropolitan Community Church/Hartford 525-3523
- NEW HAMPSHIRE** (area code 603)
Univ. N.H. Gay Student Organization
c/o Memorial Union, Durham 03824
Occupant, P.O. Box 137, Northwood 03261
(Gay Women's group, do NOT use "gay" on any mail to them)
- MAINE** (area code 207)
Bangor Unitarian Gay Caucus, P.O. Box 1046, Bangor
Brunswick Women's Group, 136 Maine St., Brunswick
Gay Liberation Front, Gen. Del., Chapter 14, Calais 04619
Gay Rights Organization (GRO), P.O. Box 4542, Portland
Gay Support and Action, 183 Main St., Bangor 04401
Hancock County Gays, P.O. Box 275, Ellsworth 04605
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