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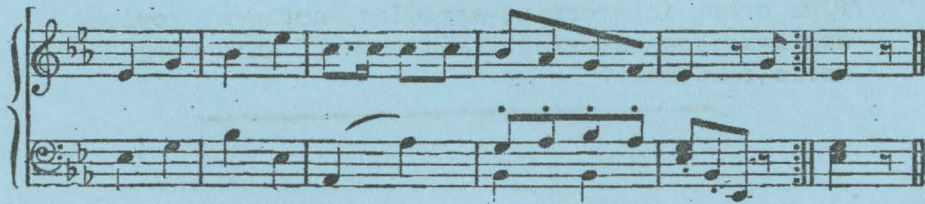
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Note To Readers

As Notes to Readers go, this month's Note will probably be nothing to write home about. You see, the author of what you're reading is neither an editor nor a full-time staffer.

While the real editor was outside catching a Now (now there's feminist consciousness in smoking!), I happened by the typewriter and noticed that it needed some attention.

Well, we're all wondering why this ish (see cover) is a wee bit tardy. According to a high yet horizontally-placed source in Mainely Gay infrastructure (not a contradiction in terms for this wacky outfit): "We are a little late this month because we got hassled by the CIA, Interpol and a unit of Nixon's plumbers who got stranded in downtown Provo and didn't realize that Watergate [is] over. That is the operative statement."

Now that we're straight, so to speak, on the lateness issue, there's one more item I should mention here.

I've also had a peek at the copy for this month's mag and, to put it mildly, there's something in the following pages to offend almost everyone (that is, we hope, almost everyone deserving of offense). If you feel you've been slighted, and that's your right, there are numerous avenues of redress--many involving very little legal expertise at all! OK?

Finally, I am assured that a July/August issue of Mainely Gay will appear in late August (probably on the heels of this ish). Any questions?

-- Peter Prizer



Cumberland County Curmudgeon

By Susan W. Henderson

(The following is an EDITORIAL)

WHAT PRICE COWARDICE?

"Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased
with the price of chains and slavery?"

-- Patrick Henry

During the height of the preparations for the Word of Life counter-demonstration (see news article above), two flyers were put out by local Gay-oriented businesses. Although poorly written and perhaps not worthy of notice, they nonetheless expressed a very disturbing attitude.

The Ten Union Street (One-Way) flyer advertised a flea market, with table rentals to go to a children's charity, and then intoned: "The above type of community service...is how we believe the gay community should relate to the community in general. Not by attending marches against Ms. Bryant.... In this particular situation, there is no issue involved, agenda or bill. Ms. Bryant organization's visit, is strickly [sic] a financially structured one."

Now, raising money for a children's charity is commendable to be sure (although, in our opinion, charity begins at home), but it is hardly a substitute for action in our own defense. *Gay Community News* reported that Jack Wyrzten of Word of Life is an adviser to Anita Bryant and was in Portland to test the waters for her. Furthermore, the Word of Life rally required a response precisely because it was an attempt to raise money by appealing to sexism and homophobia. This method of raising money, friends, is commonly known as demagoguery; and if demagoguery directed against Gay people is not an issue, we don't know what is!

7 The Ten Union Street leaflet went on to a little demagoguery of its

own: "In attending such a rally [the protest picket], stop and think who really will be there from Portland....City Hall officials...no! Police Dept. officials...no! [Portland's Finest were in fact on hand - and they were very fine indeed.] State Dept. officials [Cyrus Vance, maybe?]...no! Religious officials...no! Teenagers and troublemakers... yes!" Now, I say nothing about the title of "troublemaker," because some of us are proud to be troublemakers in a good cause; but Ten Union Street owes teenagers an apology for such an insufferable insult (not to mention its bad logic and worse grammar). The majority of young people are thoughtful and generous individuals who would scorn to sell their freedom for a veneer of respectability as Ten Union Street (among others) would have us do. Let us remember that Gay people can never buy respectability, however hard they try. As John Paul Hudson has aptly said, however respectable we try to be, the public still sees "cock-sucker" or "muffdiver" branded across our foreheads. The way to combat oppression is not to try to pass for straight, but to glory in our identity.

The most shocking pusillanimity of all, however, was reserved for that bastion of *machismo*, Wayne's Country. Their flyer deplored the quest for an injunction to stop Word of Life from using City Hall, on the grounds that the legal action would alienate city officials and "rock the boat that is giving us a smooth ride." Now, aside from the fact that the ride is hardly smooth (ask anyone who's been threatened by thugs outside Roland's or The Phoenix lately), this is an utterly contemptible piece of cowardice! For the benefit of those who may not understand what democracy is all about, it is *illegal* for officials of any government body to harass citizens who sue the government, much less harass citizens who belong to the same ethnic group as someone who's suing the government. If the City of Portland began harassing Wayne's Country or One Way because of the word of life suit, they would be *ipso facto* a tyranny and every citizen would be under a *moral obligation* to resist them (check your Declaration of Independence). We do not believe that the City of Portland would stoop so low; but if they did, the proper response of a self-respecting people is not to cringe to them and beg them to let us make a little more money - the proper response is to throw their tyranny back in their teeth!

Wayne's Country begs for "an educational program to reach more straights as to what gay is all about." What could be more educational

than a proud people demanding their freedom? The average heterosexual is not going to pick up a book or pamphlet on Gay people unless Gayness has been made an issue in that person's mind. White people learned about Black oppression when Blacks made an issue of it. Blacks were "nice" and accommodating for centuries and it got them precisely nowhere. When they began marching in the streets, white people listened. Heterosexuals will realize that Gay people are oppressed when we make an issue of it, and not before. And Gay people who won't stand up for their rights, don't deserve to have them.

WHAT IS A NICE DYKE
LIKE YOU?...

Huge billboards have sprung up in downtown Portland asking, "Why isn't a nice girl like you drinking in a place like the Bramhall Pub?"

Not only is the sentiment amazingly sexist, but it's printed on a lavender background!

Perhaps the next foggy night...



WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Nearly 100,000 demonstrators clad in white garb in memory of the suffragists marched through Washington on July 9th, to demand extension for the ERA ratification deadline. The demonstration was sponsored by the National Organization for Women.

FEEDBACK

Every issue, approximately 200 Gay prisoners receive free copies of Mainely Gay. In the past, several Lesbian and Gay publications have been denied to inmates. Many of those publications have taken the Federal Bureau of Prisons to court over this constitutional infraction. Last month, a copy of Mainely Gay was returned to us with the following letter (printed EXACTLY as it appeared):

U.S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Prisons
Federal Correctional Institution
1101 John A. Denies Rd.
Memphis, Tennessee 38134

DATE: May 23, 1978

Ref: Mainely Gay

Mainely Gay
P.O. Box 4542
Portland, Maine 04112

Dear Sir:

In Behalf of Chandler, Charles J. Req. #40144-115, we wish to advise you that the publication sent to him, because of its contents, would not be in the best interest of the X Security X Good Order or X Discipline of this institution. Consequently, your publication is being returned and will not be allowed for the reasons listed below. We request you to discontinue further mailing of the publication to this institution.

IN OUR JUDGEMENT, THE CONTENTS WOULD PROMOTE ABERRANT SEXUAL BEHAVIOR.

If you disagree with this decision, you may request an independent review of the rejection by writing to the Regional Director, South

East Regional Office, Bldg. No. 300, Greenbriar Office Park, 3500 Greenbriar Pkwy. S.W., Atlanta, Ga. 30331, within 15 days of the rejection letter.

Please attach a copy of the rejected publication with your request for review.

/s/
Hal R. Hopkins
Warden

Ed. Note -- We immediately took the copy of Mainely Gay and mailed it to the Regional Director's office, along with a 2 page letter calling Mr. Hopkins' remarks "Slanderous, Defamatory and Libelous." We demanded a review, and stated that if the review was not in our favor, then we would follow in the footsteps of the other Lesbian and Gay publications which have run into the homophobia of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, by seeking Judicial Review.)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS BATTLE CONTINUES

Mainely Gay filed an appeal in behalf of Charles J. Chandler, an inmate at the Memphis Federal Prison who was denied his subscription to the paper. The answer to the appeal follows: 9 (Again, exactly as it appeared):

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
BUREAU OF PRISONS
SOUTHEAST REGION
3500 Greenbriar Parkway, S.W.
Building 300
Atlanta, Georgia 30331

July 30, 1978

Dear Mr. Mohr,

This is in response to your appeal dated June 15, B 78 regarding the determination of Warden Hopkins, dated May 23, 1978, rejecting your March-April 1978, Volume 5 No. 2 issue of Mainely Gay.

I have now reviewed this issue of your publication. I regret that I must agree with Warden Hopkins analysis that your publication, if permitted distribution to Mr. Charles Chandler, would reasonably constitute a serious disruption to the order of that institution. As Warden Hopkins points out, in our considerable experience, the Bureau of Prisons has found that a number of assaults in an institutional setting are the product of aggressive individuals taking advantage of weaker individuals. By our experience we have found that individuals who are identified as homosexuals are exposed to a higher risk of assault by those assaultive aggressive individuals. Since it is not physically possible to segregate all such aggressive individuals, our only recourse is to suppress the identification of homosexuals to the greatest extent possible.

I recognize that your publication does not advocate assaults or rapes but when in the hands of an inmate it will stimulate such conduct.

Additionally, although it is currently a matter of some controversy, your publication does advocate and aggrandize conduct which remains to be illegal within the confines of Federal Penal Institutions and most states.

For the above reasons, your appeal is denied.

Sincerely,
/s/ G.R. McCune
Regional Director

[Ed. note -- We immediately picked up the phone and contacted Lambda Legal Defense Fund in New York which is already suing the Federal Bureau of Prisons over this exact issue. There is some possibility that M.G. will be involved in that case now that the appeal has been denied].

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am writing this article for Mainely Gay if you would like to print it. I just felt like sharing a few of my thoughts and some of my viewpoints on the protest march to City Hall. A few people may not agree with a few things I have said, but these are only my own opinions.

I was quite skeptical about going to the march at first because I thought about all the pros and cons. For one thing, I was afraid of getting arrested or hurt. Don't get me wrong though, I am very proud of being a homosexual. It was just the idea of the reaction and hostility that we would receive (might receive) from heterosexuals, which brought me to the point of getting very mad at myself because I strongly believe that if one has certain feelings (as long as they aren't hurting anyone) then they should commit themselves to supporting their beliefs. I for one am tired of being walked all over and hassled by the so called straight community. Also, I am tired of having everyone else fight for my rights as well as their own when I should be right behind the lines fighting for my own. Let's face it people, we have been in our closets so long that we are beginning to suffocate ourselves and it is damn well time that we come out and be counted. I have been Gay for as long as I can remember and I have seen many things throughout my life. I must say that I don't like most of what I have seen such as bigotry and hatred towards other people.

I feel that if people can't live happily then what is the use of living at all, and honey, I am damn well not about ready to give up my life to a pine box to be planted somewhere now. I am going to live my life the way I want and to the fullest, and no half assed group of people who are so called "straight" is going to stop me. Are they going to stop you?

Anyway, after reaching the point of getting very upset

with myself for having bad thoughts about going to the march Saturday night, I decided I would go holding my candle high and being proud for myself and for the other people who would come. After fighting the traffic coming from Lyman to Portland and also finding where the march was to take place, I finally came to my destiny noticing a crowd of enthusiastic and happy people. Something told me inside that they must be the crowd of people I was looking for (at least I hoped they were the group I was looking for) and not some Billy Ham, excuse me, Graham, crusading group out to make a buck from some weary traveler or some Anita fruit, excuse me again, Bryant, trying to sell oranges and a few bible scriptures along the way. But I knew they weren't this type of group, because this group seemed so happy and something inside of me told me that they must be the crowd of people I was looking for, as you hardly ever see a crowd of heterosexuals assemble in a very enthusiastic and happy mood. You generally see the man with the stomach hanging over his belt buckle barfing up some god knows what over the lady, who is screaming at the boy (who just ripped off her pocket book) some foul things that are unmentionable. He then turns and bumps into the neighborhood bully who calls him a "faggot." The crowd I saw was not this way so I knew that they were other gay people and Lesbian feminists.

Anyway, I joined the crowd and we waited for the time to come when we would be on our way to City Hall. It was a very brisk evening that night but I did not think many people minded the weather very much. There is something about being with a group of Gay people that makes you feel the love that we share together and I tend to believe that where there are Gay people there is love.

We lit our candles (which was a real effort on our parts because of the wind that kept blowing them out) but we continued to walk through the streets of Portland singing and chanting along the way. Of course, there were a few hecklers along the way but we ignored them and continued the walk and also figured there would be bigots along the way. We received quite a bit of cooperation from the Portland Police if I do say so myself as they followed us to City Hall in case of any outside outbreak and also for the traffic control which was needed. There were also a

few people who joined us along the way. We finally reached our destination and peacefully sat on the steps of City Hall for a while holding our candles high. Then after a while, we all agreed it was time for us to dissemble and leave in groups to our cars. I personally felt that it was a worthwhile march due to the cause we were there for.

I kind of feared the reaction that I would receive from my parents, as well as relatives and co-workers if they should happen to glimpse me on a news broadcast or in a newspaper. My parents already know I am Gay but we really never discussed it much due to the fact that my father and I got into terrible arguments about the subject. The next day I went to their house and we talked a few minutes on the subject but the Archie Bunker in my father began to show so the subject was changed quite fast. I would have liked very much to have gone to the march on Sunday, but was unable to due to the fact that I had to sleep in order to go to work that night. I work third shift as somewhat of a supervisor over 11 people and I came across one young man who was talking to me and another co-worker. All of a sudden he started to say, "didn't you hate that thing they had in Portland?" The woman replied, "what thing?" He said, "oh the thing with all those strange and sick people." He was generous at least and called us "people." He also said, "I wish I could start a KKK group like the kind that was against the blacks and we could wipe them all out." I then asked him what people he was implying and he answered "oh those sick homosexuals that marched in the streets in Portland." Then in an outburst in front of eight people, I said in an angry tone of voice that I was one of those homosexuals who marched in the streets that night, and that I am proud of being Gay. I asked if he was going to send a KKK group to my doorstep. He replied that he was sorry that he said that as he did not know I was Gay, but he was only voicing his opinion. Well, I told him my opinion of how Gay people suffered in concentration camps quite a bit through-out the centuries and burned at the stake and suffered through Hitler's brigade of hatchet men. Also we have suffered to this day to gain our equal rights and that I was not about to sit back anymore to listen to bigotry. And you know something? Three women spoke up and said "Right on."

He then mentioned about how we gave Anita Bryant so much trouble and a woman spoke up again and said about all the trouble Anita Bryant gave us. "They are not hurting anyone," she said, "they just want to have their rights as much as we do." He said "well they should stay in their closets." I replied "no we won't because we have as much right as they do to be here, that we would fight when we had to, and that we are not at all the little so called 'pansies' they describe us to be." All we want is our rights, and we haven't hurt anyone. It is them who hurt us. A woman spoke up and said, "I am not afraid of a homosexual. I am afraid of the child molesters who mostly are heterosexuals." And the others repeated "Right on." As I stood trying to hold back the tears remembering all the bigotry, hatred and other terrible things, a co-worker told me that I shouldn't give up and that I should fight for what I believe in. It took a lot out of me to do what I did, but people, aren't we tired of being in closets that heterosexuals made for us? Aren't we tired of being afraid of saying "Hey look, I am a human being, Hey look, I am a homosexual man or a Lesbian?"

This article may have bored a few readers but I am not a writer. I am Gay and proud and I am sick of prejudices, bigots and phoneys who try to deprive me of a life of being Gay. We all can't do it alone and we most definitely need each other's support, love and togetherness in order to gain our freedom no matter what the costs are. We have come a long way but we could lose what freedom we do have if we stop fighting for the lives we deserve. Please support these marches and other pro-Gay things as we need to do this for ourselves (if we are proud and happy of who and what we are) and for the future of Gays who will be born now, later, or centuries from now. We are tired of the lies and bullshit that has been handed to us and it is time for us to stand up and be heard. I personally think that I should thank all the people who put the time, money and effort in Mainely Gay as I know that they have worked hard for our rights and for the publishing of Mainely Gay which spreads news to all

of us on Gay issues and politics. Thank you for reading and love to all.

In Gay love,

Russell Tremblay
Kennebunk

Ed. Note: Five or six other letters voiced strong support for Mainely Gay's actions in May. We did not feel it was necessary to print them all. Many thanks to those of you who took the time to write.

Other than the leaflets distributed by the bars, there were no negative letters received by Mainely Gay.

One subscriber cancelled his subscription by phone in protest of our actions, and nearly 50 new subscriptions and donations were received in support of our actions.

As promised in our last issue, Mainely Gay is no longer just a collection of words, we now have a practice as well.



Dear MG,

We would like to stock your journal in our bookstore -- we saw you mentioned in RFD.

Could you please send us 5 copies of the latest issue?

Many thanks,
Pete Webb
Rising Free
Bookshop
London



MORE LETTERS,

Dear Mainely Gay,

My reasons for writing to you are maybe you can help me. I am a professional female vocalist and I have been performing throughout Maine for the last 9 years, and one thing I have come to realize is Maine has never had a good all woman group. There was one approximately 7 years ago and had they held together they would have been big today. I have connections with recording studios and an agent who can book us throughout the state of Maine and that's only the beginning. But I need more female musicians who want to go

somewhere with their music and want to be Maine's greatest female group. If you know of any females that are interested, please have them get in touch with me.

The writer has asked that we forward any inquiries to her address. Therefore, if you are interested, please respond to 'Music,' c/o M.G. and we'll forward the information along.



The chisel.

Dear MG,

Glad to hear you will continue -- every two months is better than a total stop. We need this communication. The work is much appreciated of the few of you dedicated people by the many of us waiting eagerly.

Love to All,
Connie



NEWS SHORTS

TORONTO, ONT (GCN) --A judge has dismissed an application by The Body Politic to quash the search warrant used in the police raid on the paper's offices. The publisher, the Pink Triangle Press, has announced that it will appeal the decision. Justice Hugh Garrett, a recently appointed member of the Supreme Court of Ontario, ruled that the police were authorized to seize the material in the raid. After a three and a half hour search on Dec. 30, 1977, police left with 12 boxes of material, including subscription lists and manuscripts for publication. The Body Politic's attorney had argued that the warrant was illegal as it was broad enough to allow the police to go on a "fishing expedition." Justice Garrett's decision will be appealed to the Ontario Court of Appeals.

LONDON, ENGLAND (GAYSWEEK) -- The Appeal Court here dismissed the appeals recently of London's Gay News and

its editor, Denis Lemon, against convictions for blasphemous libel. In a suit brought by anti-Gay crusader Mary Whitehouse, the paper and its editor were convicted in July, 1977, of "unlawfully and wickedly" publishing a blasphemous libel of Christianity, a poem by English Literature Professor James Kirkup entitled "The Love that Dares to Speak its Name," depicting Christ involved in specific Gay affectional acts. The decision was not based on the issue of whether or not the poem was blasphemous, but only on whether the proceedings in court last summer were properly conducted. The appeal verdict, Lemon said, made it a "very sad day for freedom of speech."

BAD HONNEF, GERMANY (GAY LIFE) -- Amnesty International has announced at its International Council meeting has passed a resolution specifying that the organization will now consider persons

imprisoned because of their sexual orientation to be Prisoners of Conscience. It further requested that the International Committee report to the 1978 International Council on ways the group can help this category of Prisoners of Conscience. A spokesperson for the U.S. branch of Amnesty International [AI] has commented that passage of this resolution means that AI will support those women and men imprisoned because of sexual preference and will investigate cases of such imprisonment around the world.

PHILADELPHIA (GCN) -- In a pioneering effort to establish the civil rights of Lesbians and Gay men, the American Friends Service Committee announced recently the enactment of an Affirmative Action Plan designed to include Gay people as well as women and third world persons. The plan covers: employment, committee and board membership, membership in coalitions, contractual relationships, and program design and execution. Building on a long history of action in the civil rights and peace movements, the enactment of a plan to assure greater participation of

third world people and women was seen as a natural next step. Discrimination against Gay people, however, was brought to the AFSC's attention relatively recently. In the Affirmative Action Committee's final report, it said: "Gay people suffer not only from denial of legal rights and discrimination in employment, but also from stereotyping, from cruel jokes, and from condescension. Gay people are one of the few groups of people remaining in this country against whom it is legal to pass discriminatory laws and mount popular campaigns denying them rights. Discrimination against the rights of women and third world people is no longer widely acceptable. This is not true of Gays, and the open oppression of them is often as accepted as it is pervasive. In this public atmosphere, it is vitally important that the AFSC make a clear and strong public witness in its deeds, its actions, and in what it is."

MIAMI (GAYSWEEK) -- The Florida Supreme Court has ruled that a person could not be denied admission to the state bar

because of sexual preference. In a 6-1 landmark ruling, the court declared that acknowledgment of a person to be Lesbian or Gay was not in itself a failure to meet the "good moral character" standard for admission. However, the court indicated that its ruling might go against an applicant when evidence established that the applicant engaged in homosexual acts beyond his or her admission of homosexuality.

SEATTLE (SEATTLE GAY NEWS) --

The Washington Coalition for Sexual Minority Rights recently announced the beginning of a broad-based united effort to oppose the Estes petition drive [to repeal Seattle's Gay rights ordinance]. Groups supporting the Coalition include: The Seattle Men's Political Group, Seattle Counseling Service, the Gay Community Center, Freedom Socialist Party and Radical Women, Seattle National Organization for Women, Feminist Coordinating Council, United Workers Union--Independent, and the Union of Sexual Minorities. The Coalition's aim now is to bring together as much

of the community in preparation for the fight against the Estes petition drive.

SAN FRANCISCO (NEW GAY LIFE)

-- In a decision hailed as "very significant," a federal judge has ordered the U.S. Navy to stop discharging its personnel on the grounds of homosexuality. Said the defendant's attorney in praising the ruling, "The fact that this [the U.S. government] is the world's largest employer is very significant."

WASHINGTON (GAYSWEEK) -- In three psychiatric journals a survey of drug ads over a one year period conducted by the American Psychiatric Association has found that 98 men were shown as doctors, but not one woman. Of 459 patients shown, 271 were shown as women and 188 as men. Two women were shown as nurses. In addition, the APA survey showed that even though an estimated 13% of psychiatrists are women, not one ad depicted a female psychiatrist.

ATLANTA -- Anita Bryant's lack of denominational experience with the Southern

Baptists, and not her crusade against homosexuality, was seen as the reason she recently lost a bid for a top post in the nation's largest protestant church. "Our people just felt she was not as well-equipped for the job," said the Rev. Jimmy Allen of Texas, re-elected to a term as the Southern Baptist president. He said he loss in the election for the denomination's first vice presidency did not imply repudiation of her fight against Gay rights laws.

BOSTON (THE EMPTY CLOSET) -- After a meeting with members of the National Gay Task Force, the US Public Health Service has adopted the position of the American Psychiatric Association and will no longer define Lesbians and Gay men as either "sex deviants" or "psychopathic personalities." The Health Service stated that it would inform all its officers at border crossings, and all Immigration officials and State Department visa officers of the policy change. However, just two days after the announced change [April 6]

a Gay Canadian citizen was refused entrance into this country because of his sexual preference. A spokesperson for the NGTF said that "some problems" were expected in effecting the policy change.

BEVERLY HILLS, CA (GAY ERA) -- South Dakota Sen. George McGovern appeared at a meeting held to protest the proposed state referendum on a law [aimed at Gay teachers] sponsored by State Sen. John Briggs. Some 1,000 people gathered at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel for the meeting sponsored by the Los Angeles New Alliance for Gay Equality. McGovern said the struggle for Gay rights was a continuation of the earlier battles for the rights of women, blacks, and other minorities. McGovern was the only national political figure to appear at the rally.

SAN FRANCISCO (GAY COMMUNITY NEWS) -- A boycott of the Atlantic Richfield Petroleum Company (ARCO) is taking place over the issue of its donations to State Senator John Briggs. Although neither organizers of the boycott nor Arco have any exact figures

on the number of credit cards returned to the giant petroleum company, that number runs into the hundreds since the beginning of the boycott. ARCO has contributed about \$2000 to the gubernatorial campaign of Briggs. Briggs has since dropped out of that race and has been devoting his energies to his anti-Gay teachers' initiative. ARCO officials claimed that the company donated specifically to the Briggs campaign coffers, but financial reports filed with the state show Briggs channeled almost half of the money he collected into the initiative campaign. An ARCO spokesperson denied that any of the company's money was used in the anti-Gay teacher campaign and said that ARCO had "no knowledge of Senator Briggs' campaign on homosexual teachers." Two polls taken earlier this year in California showed that Briggs would receive only 2% of the vote, and also that 66% of all Californians were aware of the anti-Gay initiative.

NEW YORK (GAYSWEEK) -- The Patent and Trademark Office of the United States Department

of Commerce rejected on June 14 an application to register the name "Gaysweek" because the proposed trademark was "immoral or scandalous." In a letter addressed to Gaysweek general counsel Michael Lavery, C.J. Condro, examiner for the patent office wrote, "registration is refused because the mark is considered to consist of or comprise immoral or scandalous matter." Lavery said that Gaysweek intends to challenge "this medieval attitude."

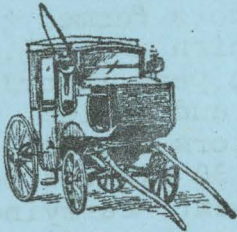
NEW YORK (GAY COMMUNITY NEWS) -- Gay rights opponent Anita Bryant and Adolf Hitler have "done the most damage to the world," according to a poll in the Ladies Home Journal. The magazine surveyed 800 junior and high school students from New York, Colorado, California and Florida. Former president Nixon and Bryant are the people who "make them angriest."



Changing Men

monthly paper of the men's resource center, portland, oregon. a forum of opinion about sexism and the ways to combat it. \$5 per year.

3534 S.E. MAIN, PORTLAND 97214, OREGON



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BOX 6135, STATION G, VANCOUVER, B.C. CANADA V6R 4G5

PORTLAND, ME -- Word of Life, International, Inc., met with a well organized offensive here which included three days of activities. Word of Life (WOL), a fundamentalist-evangelical organization which showed the infamous Anita Bryant singing on a pre-taped film clip, was scheduled to appear in Portland City Hall auditorium on Mother's Day, May 14.

Organizers had a well planned offensive strategy prepared for the WOL group by the time they reached Portland.

On Thursday, May 11, a lawsuit was filed in Cumberland County Superior Court by Peter Prizer, and Theodore Bohn on behalf of Mainely Gay, and also by Lois Rickett, Northeast Regional Director of the National Organization for Women. The suit alleged that the rental of a municipal facility by a religious organization violated the first amendment doctrine of separation of church and state. Approximately 20 Lesbians, gay men and feminists, packed the courtroom of Justice Louis A. Naiman as the case was argued. Attorney Ron Coles of Machias, Me. represented the three named co-plaintiffs. Coles argued that the rental of the City Hall

auditorium was in violation of church-state separation, but the argument was quickly refuted by City Corporation Counsel William O'Brien, who claimed that the plaintiffs could not produce evidence attesting to WOL's religious nature (though the event was billed as a "God, Country and Decency rally").

Justice Naiman, obviously not wanting to confront a high-energy crowd, took the case on advisement. Nearly an hour later, he issued a decision which basically did nothing but call the plaintiffs' complaint "vague." The WOL rally would go on.

Then the battle was on full scale. Several organizers, including MG's own Kevin Mohr, Peter Prizer, Jack Crombleholme, Gerry Merola, and many others, organized a candlelight march from Deering Oaks park to the steps of City Hall. The march began at 9 p.m. and passed through downtown Portland during the windy Saturday night. The 60 demonstrators chanted slogans such as "Gay Power, Our Bodies, Our Rights, Free our Sisters, Free Ourselves, and Bigots Go Home." The few straight hecklers who

stood along the route, were ignored and only strengthened the marchers. The demonstration was the first to be held in Portland's Her/History.

The marchers reached City Hall where they lit their candles and sat silently for about 30 minutes.

On Sunday, nearly 70 demonstrators assembled in front of City Hall, the site of the WOL rally, to demonstrate their opposition to bigotry and hatred. The demonstrators formed two lines through which any rally attendees had to pass in order to enter the auditorium. The demonstrators chanted and marched for about 30 minutes before they all went, carrying their signs, into the auditorium itself, while the rally was in progress. Earlier, Jack Wyrzten, Director of WOL, had invited the demonstrators inside.

Each demonstrator wore a pink triangle armband with the words "never again" written underneath. For nearly 90 minutes, the demonstrators shouted loudly and disrupted the words of bigotry spoken by WOL director Jack Wyrzten. Wyrzten's criticisms of the ERA, abortion, and homosexuality were quickly met with a throng of people who

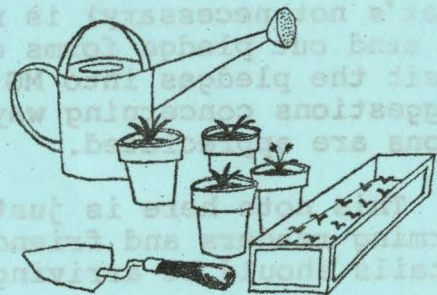
went directly to the stage and shouted until Wyrzten found it impossible to speak any louder. He then stopped and signalled to the police. Signs waving and voices raised, the demonstrators were then peacefully ushered from the auditorium by Portland Police.

Several organizers who felt the entire event was a huge success stated "WOL will do anything it wants to in the name of God."

organizers pointed out that during the court hearing, City Corporation Counsel William O'Brien stated that WOL was considered a non-profit group, and therefore rented the facility for only \$125. The only stipulations placed on the organization for this status, were that no door charges were to be imposed, and no donations under any circumstances were to be solicited from the audience. Subsequently, the WOL choir collected thousands of dollars in donations from the audience nearly fifteen minutes after the rally was in progress.

Follow up articles on Jack Wyrzten have uncovered the fact that he is a personal advisor to Anita Bryant, who is responsible for testing the climate in various regions of the country. He then reports back to her.

His assessment of Portland for future visits was not favorable, as he called the demonstrators "unfriendly and also lewd." He has also stepped up security in all future engagements, having gone on record as alluding to his stay in Portland as "a bad experience."



READER SUPPORT SOUGHT

As some readers may have noticed, there are no printed advertisements on the back and inside cover which previous to this issue were a major source of MG's income. For reasons which the advertisers (The Phoenix, Roland's Tavern and Wayne's Country) themselves may explain, the ads have been withdrawn.

The issue which you're reading was paid for by three people who are interested in the cause of Gay liberation. The costs of this issue (approximately \$100 for paper, ink, stencils, envelopes and postage), then, was donated by persons least able to afford it. They can and should not be expected to continue their undue sacrifices.

A practical solution to MG's money shortage is the creation of a bi-monthly (every two months) PLEDGE SYSTEM by which concerned people donate as much or as little as they feel they can or want to. This system worked very successfully in the past and was one, it should be noted, in which no person shouldered an exorbitant financial responsibility.

Sometime in the near future, a special mailing will be made to subscribers detailing the pledge system. Also, a diligent person (who should live in the Portland area, but that's not necessary) is needed to volunteer her/his efforts to send out pledge forms every other month and also deposit the pledges into MG's checking account. Also, reader suggestions concerning ways to receive financial contributions are appreciated.

This note here is just a message from the magazine informing readers and friends of what we're up to...and more details should be arriving soon.

TO DRINK...OR NOT...TO DRINK?

by McGee

I would like to share with you, what I did not have to wonder about myself when I woke this morning.

I did not wonder where I was. Who I was with. What time it was. How did I get here. Where was my car. What day it was. What city or state I was in.

Did you ever find yourself wondering any of the so often unanswered questions that I found myself asking many mornings? Oh, these were the most common questions I asked of me -- the heavier ones that set fear alive in me, were the -- Did I hit someone or something if I was the one who drove the car. Did I beat my lover again? Did I get in a fight in the bar again?

When was the last day that I worked? Did I still have a job? On and on went the unanswered questions.

A drink would not help to get the answers but surely would help take those feelings away -- right away, so I would no longer need to wonder about anything.

BOOZE WORKS WONDERS! Booze did work wonders for me alright. I got so drunk once again as I did every day before this day and would for years after until one night I hit an all time bottom that for some unknown reason at that time, to me, I lived through.

I have lived in the Gay life for many years -- DRUNK!

I am still living in the Gay life today -- but today I am sober and free of the fears that I felt for many years within myself.

I was very sick the first fifteen years of my Gay life. I have since learned that I have a disease called alcoholism.

I will never be cured, but I can arrest it. There is no known cure for it.

It is not a disease that just the straight world has. In fact, one out of every three Gay persons has it.

No one knows why anyone of us is an alcoholic.

Once an alcoholic, always an alcoholic.

To me, I stopped asking why a long time ago. It was no longer an important thing to know about myself. The simple

fact that I do not have to live like that any longer is all that is important to me today.

The reason I don't live like that is because I don't pick up one drink, one day at a time. It's the first drink that got me drunk, not the last. I was a blackout drinker. The last five years of my drinking life, I am able to remember very little of. In fact I will never be able to remember it because Booze killed those brain cells. Did you ever get drunk and not be able to recall what you did or said? Or where you went?

Blackout drinking also meant that I still was able to function -- go to work, talk to people, drive a car -- lots of things, except I was unable to remember any of them.

If I should pick up a drink today -- even though it has been a while -- I will pick up where I left off in my active drinking days, or worse. Active drinking will bring me one of two things -- insanity or death. Death for sure, and I hope it will be death rather than living alcoholically. Now that may sound like a pretty strong statement, but for me, knowing what I know about the hell I lived for 15 years, it's not strong enough. Active drinking would only mean a slow death, for me, if I were unlucky enough to live any length of time, which I doubt because my body would be unable to withstand too much abuse. Because alcohol has already done its share to me.

I would like at this point, to share some facts about alcoholism with you.

It does not matter if you are a Lesbian or a Gay man, you can be alcoholic no matter what sex you are.

Alcohol is alcohol. It does not matter what you drink -- beer, wine scotch, bourbon, champagne, or gin. It's all the same.

It has been said that alcoholism is a physical allergy coupled with a mental obsession.

Alcohol is a mood changing drug, as are marijuana, heroine, cocaine, barbiturates and amphetamines. The alcoholic is addicted to alcohol and therefore an addict.

She takes alcohol as a drug. Alcoholism ranks among the major national health threats along with cancer, mental illness, and heart disease. Some people are border line alcoholics. That is, they have not yet crossed the imaginary

line to alcoholism. They can still control it to a degree, and the physical craving has not yet set in along with the compulsion. John Michael: A danger sign is having three or more drinks per occasion, three or more times per week. One has already established a pattern, which coincides with the early stages of alcoholism.

The person who has stopped bragging about drinking, and has begun to lie about it, may well be in the second stages of the disease.

An individual who is taking a drink in the morning to calm shaking nerves, or has started to use other drugs for the same reason, can be presumed to be in the second stages.

When alcohol begins to affect employment, relationships with other people, or health, the final stages have been reached. There are no clear cut lines between the stages. Compounding the problem of identifying alcoholism is the alcoholic's habit of rationalization or lying to her/himself because of this self-deception.

Alcoholics are able to convince themselves that their behavior is the result of other problems. It is this final mental twist, which makes it so very difficult for alcoholics to admit to themselves that they have a drinking problem... Even when it has long been obvious to loved ones and friends. It is a symptom of the disease to deny one has it. Many alcoholics have gone to the grave blaming the bad ice.

The alcoholic is almost always the last to know s/he has a problem.

Every alcoholic affects ten people. Ask one of them or all of them, if you are concerned about your drinking, what they may feel or think about your drinking habits, if they have not already told you.

Now to bring it to a close -- if you feel that by chance you do have a problem, and want to know more, or want help, I have included a list of places where treatment is available or where you will be referred to the place nearest you.

I myself sought treatment. I went through it openly Gay, with my lover as my concerned person. I won't lie to you, it was not easy and I wanted to leave many times. BUT somewhere in the first few days, I made up my mind I had just as much right to be treated for my disease as the straights

of the world did. I was sick and needed help just as badly.

I fought every inch of the way to get to where I am today. One of the benefits of my sobriety today is that as long as I'm sober I can help other Gay people like myself by sharing my experience, strength and hope.

There is so much more that could be said and I hope I will be able to do so in future issues. Anyone is welcome to write in with any questions they may have, or any views on the subject. Anyone wishing to share what it is like for them loving or living with an active drinking problem is also encouraged to write in.

Also there is Alcoholics Anonymous and Al Anon for the friends and family of the alcoholic, or if you know a recovering alcoholic, s/he may be able to help.

Check your newspaper for a list of meeting places for Alcoholics Anonymous.

TREATMENT CENTERS/REFERRAL INFORMATION

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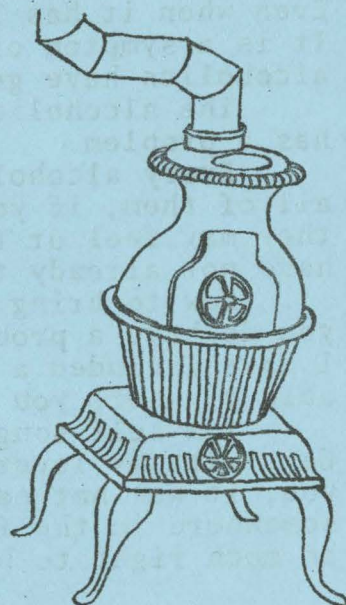
Kennebec Valley Mental Health Center
66 Stone Street
Phone: 622-3138

Bangor

Bangor Halfway House
98 Cumberland Street
Phone: 945-3163

Bangor Rescue Mission
(Temporary shelter for homeless men)
123 Third Street
Phone: 942-4161/942-6195

The Counseling Center
43 Illinois Avenue
Phone: 947-0366/ x-214



TREATMENT CENTERS/REFERRAL INFORMATION -- continued

Emergency Alcohol Treatment Service
Eastern Maine Medical Center
489 State Street
Bangor
Phone: 947-3711/ x-575

BAR HARBOR

Mount Desert Island Hospital
Wayman Lane
Phone: 288-5081

DOVER-FOXCROFT

Community Counseling Center
70 East Maine Street
Phone: 564-8176

EAST MACHIAS

Washington County Counselling Center
Box 122
Phone: 255-8311

ELLSWORTH

Counselling Center
17 West Maple St.
Phone: 667-5357 or 667-5358

Maine Coast Memorial Hospital
50 Union Street
Phone: 667-5311

FORT FAIRFIELD

Aroostook Mental Health Center -- Alcoholism Services
Phone: 472-3511

LEWISTON

Fellowship House
95 Blake St.
Phone: 784-2901

St. Mary's General Hospital
45 Golder St.
Phone: 786-2901

Twelve Hour Club
52 Bates St.
Phone: 782-9140



Wilton

Tri-County Mental Health
Services, Inc.
6 High St.
Phone: 645-2259

Millinocket

Millinocket Community Hospital
200 Somerset St.
Phone: 723-5157

Norway

Stephens Memorial Service
80 Main St.
Phone: 743-5933

Old Orchard Beach

Milestone Foundation
88 Union Ave.
Phone: 934-9615 or 883-2815

Orono

Central Maine Association of
Indians
95 Maine St.
Phone: 866-5587

Portland

Alcoholism Counselling Center,
Region One
Dept. of Human Services
Bureau of Rehabilitation
509 Forest Ave.
Phone: 800-482-7520 or 775-6507

Community Alcoholism Service
Human Relations Service, Inc.
317 Congress St.
Phone: 775-5671

Serenity House
30 Mellon St.
Phone: 774-2722

Presque Isle

Arroostook Community Action
P.O. Box 116
Phone: 764-6011

Saco

York County Counselling Services, Inc.
Locke School
31 Beach St.
Phone: 282-4151

South Windham

Crossroads
1040 Main St.
Phone: 892-2192

Togus

Veterans' Administration Hospital
Alcohol Treatment Unit
Phone: 623-8411

Van Buren

Van Buren Community Hospital
2 Main St.
Phone: 868-2796

Waterville

Kennebec Valley Comprehensive
Alcoholism Treatment Program
Seton Unit, Mid-Maine Medical Ctr.
Phone: Waterville 872-5545
Skowhegan 474-8644
Augusta 622-1397

Maine Note

by Staff

LEGISLATION NEWS

By Staff

With an eye to the upcoming legislative session beginning in January, 1979, the Maine Coalition for Human Rights [MCHR] has begun preliminary meetings in what will surely be a lengthy organizing effort. Gathering at Augusta from various geographic points across the state, the group thus far consists of approximately 20 Lesbians, Gay men and other civil rights supporters. In two previous meetings, the Coalition discussed the merits of a second try at a comprehensive Gay rights bill [similar to last year's L.D. 1419, which unsuccessfully sought to amend the Maine Human Rights Act with the words "sexual and affectional preference" to protect Gay people in the areas of employment, housing, public accomodation and credit], and the tentative decision was to proceed with Human Rights Act amendment, pending a detailed survey of legislative candidates prior to the November election and of those actually elected.

The MCHR organizing people are in the earliest stages, and anyone who would like to become involved, either covertly or overtly (!), is welcomed to attend the monthly meetings (so far in Augusta). The next meeting is set for Augusta on Thursday, the 17th of August at 7 p.m. MCHR has yet to designate a mailing address, and persons seeking to contact the group should write to the address of this publication: PO BOX 4542, Portland 04112. A postcard asking the address of the August meeting will be promptly answered. More informative articles on MCHR will appear here in coming issues as the Coalition continues its organizing. At present, persons are needed to conduct telephone interviews

of legislative candidates across the entire state. At the August meeting, it's hoped that lists of candidates will be distributed to people willing to do the polling (a sample question sheet has been made). By having an idea of where the legislators stand, the Coalition can then ascertain its prospects in the upcoming session.

REPORTS OF VIOLENCE SOUGHT

Acts of personal violence against Gay women and men by apparently heterosexual, homophobic men were discussed at the July MCHR meeting. If reports by persons in attendance are any indication, violence against Lesbians, Gay men and their property is fairly widespread. However, Gay people are often reluctant to make reports to the police, for fear of losing their jobs, housing and even children if their sexual preference becomes an issue in any court proceedings. MCHR feels that a civil rights measure protecting employment, housing, etc. will make it easier for Gay people to prosecute our oppressors without fear of retaliation. MCHR, therefore, is asking for typed or clearly written statements from people who have been the victim (or have their property the victim) of violence and harassment by phobic straight persons. You should include your town, the date of the violence and its nature. You may initial or sign your report if you choose. These reports--already we're receiving them--will be the subject of special testimony at the public hearing for the proposed legislation next spring. Also, you should note in your report whether or not you felt you could contact the police and whether or not they cooperated, in your opinion.



MOTHER EARTH NEWS...WHOSE MOTHER? WHOSE EARTH?

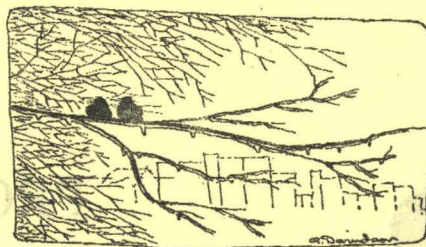
RFD is a quarterly journal published in Wolfe Creek, Oregon, for rural faggots and dykes. RFD had attempted to place an advertisement in the Mother Earth News, but this advertisement was rejected. RFD has attempted to write to the Editor of Mother Earth News (M.E.N.) but the Editor refuses to answer their letters. In a telephone interview with a woman who would not give her name, Mainely Gay learned that "we would first have to prove to them that our way of life is right."

The woman was told that many lesbians and gay people subscribe to M.E.N., and that it was disgusting bigotry that kept our advertisements out of the paper. She insisted that "it is the Editor's right to print whatever he feels is right, and if he doesn't want to print it, he doesn't have to." Nonetheless, MEN still won't even correspond with RFD.

The woman told us that she personally opposed the ERA as well because she "didn't want to get drafted." We told her that again it was a case of a straight man making decisions over the bodies of women and gay people -- but she did not care.

Mainely Gay is urging all people who either buy MEN or who have subscriptions, to cancel them and stop buying the journal to continue a growing boycott against them. Also, you can contact MEN toll-free to complain at 800-438-7265.

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--Press Herald

PRESS RELEASE...

OGUNQUIT, MAINE -- In a meeting held here on July 18th, 1978, between Peter Prizer, Kevin Mohr and Ogunquit Police Chief Hancock, the arrests of approximately ten Gay men were discussed. The arrests have been taking place on the Ogunquit beach and have been made by plainclothesmen.

When asked the number and ages of the plainclothesmen Chief Hancock stated that approximately six officers between the ages of 19 and 25 were involved. He said that the plainclothesmen were not paid for their work on the beach. These are officers who have volunteered to do the work.

Mohr and Prizer both questioned the police chief about why these plainclothesmen were present on the beach in the first place. Hancock stated that they were there in order to protect Gay men from abuse, assault and harassment from straight people who were not tolerant. Yet the only arrests made this year have been of Gay men. No straight assailants have been arrested.

Hancock repeatedly denied charges of entrapment voiced by Mohr and Prizer. He stated that in all ten cases, the defendants had physically grabbed the plainclothesmen. The defendants are charged with "unlawful sexual contact" according to Hancock.

The Maine Civil Liberties Union is representing at least one of the defendants in this case. Latest available information indicates that only two of the ten arrested intend to fight the charges.

When Prizer and Mohr demanded that Hancock stop making arrests on the Gay portion of the beach, Hancock refused.

All in all, the meeting which lasted for about an hour, was unsuccessful. Chief Hancock would not agree to stop making busts on the Gay portion of the beach. Extreme caution is urged while on any part of the Ogunquit beach. Hancock denied that sexual promiscuity was equally, if not more so, present on the heterosexual part of the beach. When invited to observe the straight part of the beach, he refused.

The possibility of a Civil Action against the Ogunquit Police Dept., based on entrapment, is being investigated presently.

The State Street Straw

By Peter Prizer

SUMMER DOLDRUMS

By Peter Prizer



[This low-key featurette has been completely reset in a type face designed for the casual reader, and was mineographed from new stencils. It contains the complete text of the original edition. NOT ONE WORD HAS OMITTED]

It's here, and we're engulfed: summer doldrums. Whether you're watching the rain from a traffic snarl in Ogunquit, watching satisfied customers munch pink cotton candy at Old Orchard or watching Richard M. Nixon stroke the crowd in Kentucky (really!!), you'll appreciate the doldrums when you get 'em. Yes I know, how can there be doldrums, you inquire, when we've got disco? Good question, and I've asked close friend and First District Representative Dave Emery to access this anomolous matter; with his staff and even the Congressional Computer Center if necessary. Dave has temporarily left his campaign walkathon, and promises "a quick assessment of this anomolous matter."

Meanwhile, the president of Occidental Petroleum has chatted with Soviet Premier Brezhnev, we're told, and the upshot is that the Americans will soon be building a 7000-yard golf course in the Moscow vicinity. According to a blurb in the Globe, Mr. Brezhnev "liked the idea." Now this may not be hardcore doldrum news to you, but what would Nikolai Lenin, the great revolutionary leader, have to say if American oil company officials began strolling

Kremlin corridors with plaid golf bags slung over their shoulders?

Observers of Soviet ideology will recall that tennis was until recently spurned as bourgeois; that is, until a few closet aces were discovered in Vladivostok. Today, tennis is respectable in the Soviet Union. And if a few homegrown Arnold Palmers are discovered on the new 7000-yard course, golf may be popular, too, although it'll take some fierce lobbying to get it included in Olympic competition. Any day now, Premier Brezhnev will announce the discovery of a new outdoor sport in which wooden balls are knocked by mallets through a series of wire wickets. No wonder the Chinese are pissed at their northern neighbors!

Thus far, alas, no detente for pinball, which will represent the ultimate revisionist cop-out for the Soviet leadership if and when they get into it. Of course, future Soviet pinballs will have scientifically correct ideology: machines will be entitled "Wave of the Future" with score panel motifs featuring Third World peoples trampling imperialist, colonial institutions--knock down tabs will picture exploiters like Exxon supertankers, Coca-cola bottles and CIA agents in profile. Extra bonus points will be gained by sending the ball up the "Road of Worker's Paradise as Promised by Faithful Adherence to the Tenets of Marxism-Leninism." Subsequent pinballs will be called "Soviet People Express Solidarity with Third World Struggles," "Sputnik" (where the ball is flipped into an "outer-space" kick-out hole for bonus points) and "The Spirit of Glassboro."

The acrylic ball will encounter friction difficulties, and the \$7840, 2245 lb. machine itself will operate only up to 10 hours on 8 dozen 'D' batteries. President Carter, under intense pressure from mafia-run Gay bars, will award Most Favored Pinball Status to Soviet bloc traders, and U.S. suicides and drug addiction will increase dramatically in direct proportion to the rising number of UHF and cable TV commercials touting the models. Reader's Digest will include an article entitled, "The New Red Pinballs: Peril

for America?" Pope Paul will speak solemnly from the Vatican, urging Christian and pagan alike to resist the "hedonistic" lure of pinball and concentrate instead on not having sex. Alexander Solzhenitsyn will address the 1979 University of Southern Maine graduating class, cautioning America against mediocrity in pinball technology: "...it is indeed ominous [for the West] that many Canadian schoolchildren prefer the Czechoslovakian-made "Brezhnev Doctrine" to the American "ZIP-A-DOO" or even the American "Middle Earth" machine, which features sound effects reminiscent of the cute little bleeps and blurps of R-2 D-2 in "Star Wars"..." Anita Bryant will announce plans for a nationwide chain of rehab centers for pinball addicts, saying, "I love you but I hate your games of skill. Isn't that right, Bob?"

Sen. Dole will travel to Moscow and engage Premier Brezhnev in a "pinball parlor" debate, propelling Dole into the Republican Presidential nomination and the White House in 1980. Later in his first and only term, Dole will have a book written detailing the alleged supremacy of American pinball machines over Soviet models and use this assertion as the core of a sweeping attack on the Soviet economic system. Later, 38 East German pinball machines will be discovered in the game room of a southern California Republican party headquarters by the Los Angeles Times, and Dole and his party will be swept out of Washington in 1984 by indignant voters. Running on a populist platform of "two games for two bits," a never photographed Native American dyke from South Dakota will landslide into the White House with the popular slogan,

HONK IF YOU THINK GAMES OF SKILL ARE CONTRARY TO
PLATO'S INTERPRETATION OF THE CITY STATE AS EX-
TRAPOLATED BY DIALECTICAL MATERIALISM

From electoral exile in Garden City, Kansas, Dole will wistfully state in a \$25 autobiography that his greatest satisfaction in the White House was "controlling the

spread of discomania in America." Proofreaders will be unaware that discomania was replaced in 1979 by another fad, moped bank robberies.

...and this late-breaking bulletin...Rep. Dave Emery has just informed the Mainely Gay staff that neither he, his staff or the Congressional Computer could produce viable evidence propoiting that disco can avoid doldrums. "Speaking for myself," said Dave, "past performance would indicate that my present campaign is already a significant doldrum generator in itself, and this, mind you, in the midst of intense Sunday Night Fever sweeping the First Congressional District..."

[CAUTION: nasty words ahead]

WE DON'T MIND IF THEY'RE STRAIGHT...AS LONG AS THEY DON'T DO IT IN PUBLIC:

...a Chevy pick-up with camper body passed this humble scribe on Pleasant St. in Brunswick the other day with the following legend on the camper door:

WANTED: GALS THAT DO IT

...exhibit "D-946528" that many men are oppressive assh*les...

SPEAKING OF SPHINCTERAL ORGANS, I had the recent pleasure to become enlightened on a subject that had (until recently) dumb-founded me: the TV commercials for Haley's MO, the constipation relief drug. At the end of each & every commercial, as you probably know, somebody, usually one who has "seen the light," holds up a hand and says, "MO-KAY" and makes a circle with (usually) his forefinger and thumb. Fans of TV will recognize the subliminal message of the symbolic hand sign with its big circle:

"WHAT'S THAT, THE NEW IMPROVED SIZE OF HIS ASSHOLE?"

LESBIAN CONCENTRATE... BETTER THAN ORANGE JUICE!!

by Kevin Mohr

The album Lesbian Concentrate must be the most talented, aware, and dynamic album I've ever heard. The women featured on the album include Meg Christian, Gertrude "Ma" Rainey, the poetry of Pat Parker and Judy Grahn, and many others. Some of the songs are "Don't Pray for me 'Nita," "Ode to a Gym Teacher," "A History of Lesbianism," and "Sugar Mama." One wonders where Olivia Records (a Lesbian owned and operated recording company) has been.

It's nice to think about the victories we've won, and are still winning, except what do we want to do with our own space once we have it? What is Lesbian/Gay/Feminist culture? Who are we?

Lesbian Concentrate answers those questions. It fills the void that is sometimes created when we do nothing BUT struggle, day in and day out. It's kind of an uncanny feeling walking around town singing the words to your own music rather than those of heteros mating in the back of a Chevy Van. It's a whole new feeling. It's reached millions of people -- it has put our past, our struggle, our lives, to music, and it has done so perfectly in every and any respect -- there's not a flaw in it. To all of the wonderful sisters who made the album such a success, we hear you and we love what we hear.



DARK WOODS

by Kenneth Lincoln

As he waited on the porch, he thought how cold it was for the last day of April. He considered giving the doorbell another push, but decided against it. The apartment was on the fourth floor, and it always took time for one of them to come down all those stairs. His hands trembled slightly. Hell, he thought, and shoved them into his jacket's pockets. He wished someone would come.

The door opened from the inside. The hallway light glared into his eyes, making him turn away.

"Oh hey, how you doing?" a voice said.

"Hi, Dave," he said and turned to look at the doorway.

"I just thought I'd come by and see how you were. I guess maybe I should have called first; I hope I didn't interrupt anything."

"Not a damn thing," Dave said. "Come on up. Ed's watching television, and I'm working on that talk I have to give Monday. Nothing exciting, but you're welcome to join us." Dave moved back into the hallway.

"Thanks," he said, and stepped inside, shutting the door behind him. Dave was already going up the stairs; he followed him.

"Shit, but I hate these stairs," Dave said from somewhere ahead of him. "Ed said that when he was looking for a place a year ago, he wanted something high up so he wouldn't have the people in the next building staring in the windows when he had someone over. The only ones we've got watching us now are pigeons and sometimes Ed watches them. Fuck, I would have picked a place on the first floor with a picture window for all I care what the straights think. Shit, better yet, I'd charge the profitmakers! Fucking stairs!" Dave reached the fourth floor landing, stopped, and turned around. "Hey, you there?"

"Yes," he said, "I'm here." He walked up the last flight and stopped beside Dave. They walked down the hallway toward an open doorway and entered the apartment.

"Welcome, welcome!" a voice said from a big, overstuffed chair in front of a television set. "Who is it, anyway?" A head peered briefly around one side of the chair. "Hi, Ben; hope you don't mind if I don't get up, but this old man is about to show Spencer Tracy what Hell is like, and I want to see if there are any cute numbers among the sodomites."

"Come on into the kitchen," Dave said. "That's where I'm working on my talk. You can give me your opinion."

"Sure," Ben said. The two moved through the other rooms of the apartment to the kitchen.

"The place is still a mess what with my moving in two months ago. I'm still not sure if I'm going to stay here. Ed sure wants me to, I know, and I really don't have anywhere else to go."

"How are things between the two of you?" Ben asked.

"Okay, I guess," Dave said. "Some rough spots but, well-- Hey, sit down there at the table. The top sheet there and the one under it are my talk. Would you read it and tell me what you think? Would you like something to drink?"

"That would be good." Ben sat down at the table and pulled the two sheets of paper over. He read:

It is time gays and lesbians realize our freedom is not going to be found in a glass of booze at a bar or disco, nor is it going to be found in the bluejeans of some number we cruise at a park. Our freedom is not going to be found anywhere. It will have to be fought for, at state capitols, in the courts, and we will have to fight for it in the streets. The straight-male power structure that rules this country has not stopped at violence in trying to destroy us, our liberation, and our revolution -- by jailing, torturing, by murdering those of us who fight back. The time

has come to show that we will fight
for our freedom, and we will fight now.

This is a time when we can no longer
remain passive. If we want our free-
dom, if we want liberation, we must end
the peace. We must fight for an end to
our oppression and for the beginning of
our freedom. Every faggot and dyke must--

"Here's some apple juice," Dave said, setting a glass
in front of Ben. Ben looked up from the papers he had been
reading and looked at Dave.

A moment passed. A moment, a second passed, then all
slowed and stopped, became endless, for Ben, on the edge,
on the tip, forming, filling, becoming --

"Ben, hey, you okay?"

Broken.

"Hey, Ben, you okay?" Dave repeated. Ben looked at
him, at the clock on the kitchen wall behind him, then looked
down at the table, at the glass of apple juice.

He said, "Apple juice is fine."

Dave sat down on the other side of the table. "So tell
me, how does it sound?"

"Hell," Ben said, "you know I don't agree with your use
of violence. I still believe that the only way to end it
is by ending it now, not by trying to end it with more
violence. As far as the writing goes, style and all, it's
pretty good."

"Of course it's not finished yet. The thing has got
to run at least five minutes. I'll work on it some more
tonight and finish it up tomorrow. Fuck, I've got to get
it done tomorrow. I've got so damn much to do this week-
end. I'm not going to have a spare moment for anything."

They sat in silence for a while. Dave lit up a cigar-
ette.

"How's Robert?" Ben asked.

"Fine, really well," Dave said. "We just couldn't seem
to work out living together."

"Do you think you'll get back together?"

"I don't know, I mean, fuck, you love someone but you can't live with them. Shit, I don't even know what's happening with Ed and me, let alone Robert. I'm so damn busy with the movement now, it takes all my time, you know how it is."

"Yes," Ben said. "I think I understand." He glanced at the clock on the wall. "I'll let you get back to work on your speech. I'll go see what Ed is watching." He got up from his chair.

"It was good seeing you," Dave said.

"Take care," Ben said.

As he walked back towards the living room, he passed a room where most of Dave's things were scattered about. There was an open sleeping bag with a blanket and pillow shoved into a corner. He could hear loud noises coming from the television set. He went into the living room, found a chair and sat down. Ed said nothing, intently watching a huge, luxury liner burning on the television. People were running and screaming on board the ship. Spencer Tracy was shoveling coal into one of the engine's furnaces. It was supposed to be like Hell. It looked like it.

What was the question that had been on a take home exam in college dealing with Dante's Divine Comedy? Discuss the need to journey through Hell in order to understand not only it, but Heaven as well. Something like that. He remembered helping another guy in the class with that exam for ten hours. The guy had never been able to understand that question.

After a while, the movie ended. Ed started changing channels to see what else was on.

"That movie was okay," Ed said. "I think there's supposed to be another one with Tracy on in a little bit, but I'm not sure what it is. Maybe The Old Man and the Sea." He changed channels again.

"I think I'll be going," Ben said.

"Okay then," Ed said. "You ought to come some Saturday when they're showing all the old comedies."

"Sometimes the old comedies are the best ones," Ben said, getting slowly up from the chair. He moved towards the door. "Good night Ed."

"Night Ben," Ed said switching channels.

"Good night Dave," Ben shouted back towards the kitchen.

"Good bye, Ben," Dave's voice answered.

"Bye" Ben said softly.

"Be sure to pull the door tight behind you so it will lock," Ed told him.

He pulled the door tight after he closed it behind him.

Outside, on the porch, he was cold. As he buttoned his jacket, he noticed his hands were shaking again, so he shoved them into his pockets once more. He walked down the front steps, trying to pull the jacket closer to himself, trying to find warmth.

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Sometimes I don't believe the things I see and hear.
Have you met the woman who was shocked by two women kissing,
And in the same breath tells you that she's pregnant,
But gays shouldn't be blatant.

Or the straight couple sits next to you in the movies,
And you can't hear the dialogue cause of the sound effects,
But gays shouldn't be blatant.

And the woman in your office spends the whole lunch hour
Talking about her new bikini drawers and how much
her husband likes them,
But gays shouldn't be blatant.

Or the hip chick in your class rattling a mile a
minute while you're trying to get stoned in the john,
About the camping trip she took with her musician boyfriend,
But gays shouldn't be blatant.

You go in a public bathroom and all over the walls
There's "John Loves Mary," "Janice Digs Richard,"
"Pepe Loves Delores," etc.,
But gays shouldn't be blatant.

Or you go to the amusement park and there's the tunnel of love,
And pictures of straights painted on the front and
grinning couples coming in and out,
But gays shouldn't be blatant.

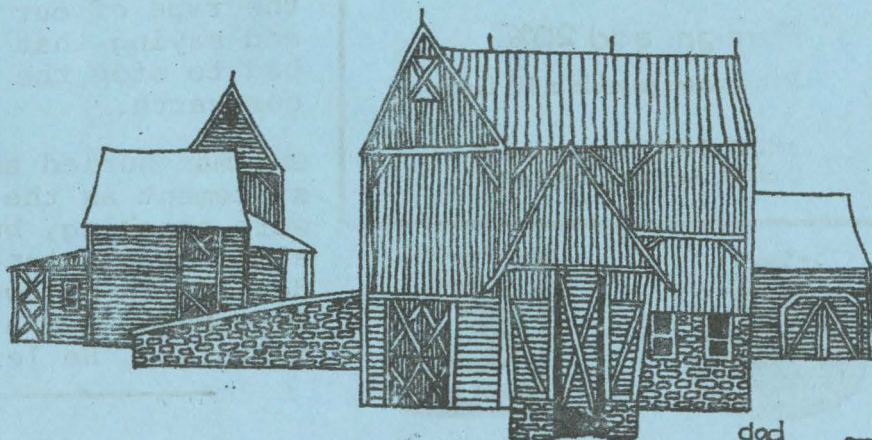
Fact is, blatant heterosexuals are all over the place,
Supermarkets, movies, at work, in church, in books, on television --

Every day and night, every place, even in gay bars,
And they want gay men and gay women to go hide in the closets.

So to you straight folks I say:

Sure, I'll go,
If you go too,
But I'm polite,
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SEABROOK, N.H. -- Dykes Against Nukes and Fags against Nukes both attended the June 24th occupation of the proposed Seabrook nuclear power plant. Dykes against Nukes addressed the crowd, estimated at 15, 000 persons. Calling Seabrook a Lesbian issue, due to the fact that women are still the primary child-rearers, Dykes against nukes went on to parallel the nuke with the rape of our bodies, and saying that we now had to stop the rape of our earth.

One man hurled an offensive statement as the sisters were speaking, but he was almost instantaneously dealt with by two faggots from Maine and a straight feminist. He left.

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STATE STREET STRAW (CONT.)

...this really deserves more than "afterthought treatment," but readers should be aware that the major independent candidate for governor, Herman Frankland (or "Buddy," as he prefers to be called), made somewhat of an ass of himself (I thought) in 1974 over the issue of "allowing" the first Maine Gay Symposium to be held at the University of Maine in Orono.

Rev. Frankland rallied his large Baptist church membership from the pulpit and was dropped by a Bangor radio station when the management felt that Rev. Frankland's tirades against the Wilde-Stein Club were verging on the political and feared giving "equal time" to the other side (in this case, us).

Indeed, a banner headline across the top of the entire Maine Sunday Telegram during the controversy said, **MAJORITY WITH HIM, SAYS ANTI-GAY MINISTER.** Next to the

headline was a large photo of Frankland, with, if my memory is correct, a look of concern, anguish, fear, etc. In the article, Frankland threatened setting up a picket to keep participants from attending the symposium!

Well, Herman's paranoid uptightness faded quickly from the media scene, and the picket did not materialize, although his bigotry set the tempo for intense hostility towards the Wilde-Stein Club by many Maine citizens.

Now for the gubernatorial campaign, it's "Buddy" rather than Herman (shades of "The Munsters"), and the candidate is suitably and quite professionally suited and groomed to meet the public. Buddy, looking more like one of Nixon's White House aides than a damnation-preaching pastor, says that he won't allow his bigoted, oppressive, stubborn and intolerant religious views to influence his gubernatorial responsibilities (paraphrased somewhat!)

If elected, this man could make Longley look good!!

LOVE AND ANARCHY

We are Lesbian and Gay Anarchists. We celebrate Gay liberation through spiritual freedom. Surpassing social conventions based on the powers of religions and governments, we reconvene our own souls in the bright light of liberation.

Liberation is our choice. We know it will not come to us by the benign efforts of any political party or by any form of government. Gay people are persecuted under Socialist and Communist governments, as well as the Democratic and Fascist governments. No political promises or changes in the forms of Power will liberate us. We alone have power when it comes to our own lives. We exorcise the demons of institutional authority from our lives at every moment possible.

Exorcism is a process of destruction and of creation. We destroy our slavery to old institutions, religions, and value systems in order to create ourselves as free women and men. We re-create and affirm the sovereignty of the individual whose only authorities are conscience, experience, and reason. While surrounded on all sides by 'official' Power, we recognize such Power as the threat and expression of Barbarian violence. All Power exerted against the liberty of men and women is anti-human and anti-evolutionary.

We are human and evolutionary. We freely choose and demand the responsibility for controlling our lives and our destinies. Our direction centers on a voluntary, conscientious, cooperative, peaceful, and libertarian society. Individual dignity and the equality of all women and men, regardless of race or sexual orientation is so fundamental to the flowering of the human race as to appear exceptional for even being mentioned. Guaranteeing individual sovereignty and liberty while creating a classless, cooperative society is the challenge of an evolutionary vision.

Unless we are to die in our humanity, our vision must always extend beyond our immediate reach. We are all artists in the Universe and the poets of our own lives. As

artists, we transcend the temporal time and space of the immediate. We are creating, expanding, in the process of Becoming. We create our vision and live to implement it as fully as possible in the present situation, while holding it as the Beauty by which we measure all existing structures, institutions, and values.

As Gay and Lesbian Anarchists, we apply ourselves to human liberation by evaluating and discarding society's arbitrarily imposed sex-roles and its presumed characteristics of men and women. We affirm the rights of children to experience and determine their own sexuality and orientation, and appose the standard recruitment practices of all heterosexist societies to condition and brainwash the young. We strive to create our own relationships as equals, non-competitive freed of arbitrary rules, and free of jealousy and possessiveness.

We implement our vision by working to restore and preserve the natural environment. We voluntarily limit contributing to the over-population of the world. We work toward ending corporate exploitation of the environment, as well as the exploitation of workers, regardless of blue or white collar facade. We strive to end war and violence against the natural world and against the human species.

We apply Anarchism to the present alternative structures we create in cooperation with others. We base our structures on free association and responsible, voluntary agreement. We abolish hierarchies and 'leaders from our midst. Every man and woman really is a 'leader' and all are equal. We learn from others by their developed experience and by reason, not by position of authority.

Ours is a spiritual affirmation that humankind can and will transcend the bogs of history. Darwin's "survival of the fittest" is now the "survival of the cooperative." Evolution continues socially, economically, and spiritually. Consciousness and the artistic impulse for creation touches the material and economic sphere. We pause at the tremendous possibilities and choose to assist in the new creation.

We discover the Anarchist vision as the center for our liberation and the vision becomes real as we use it.

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Membership in the Maine Women's Lobby is open to all persons over the age of 16 upon payment of a minimum dues of \$2.00. The goal of the organization is to raise approximately \$15,000 by September 1, 1978, in order to hire a fulltime lobbyist for the coming session of the Legislature. A fifteen member Board of Directors will then be responsible for screening applicants for the lobbyist position, hiring the lobbyist, and determining the organization's policies on specific issues arising during the session.

In addition to the membership dues, the Lobby is soliciting contributions of any amount from individuals who wish to promote the goals of the organization. Through the Maine Women's Lobby, its organizers hope to achieve a strong showing of political and financial support for women's issues in Maine.

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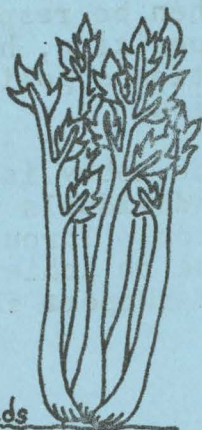
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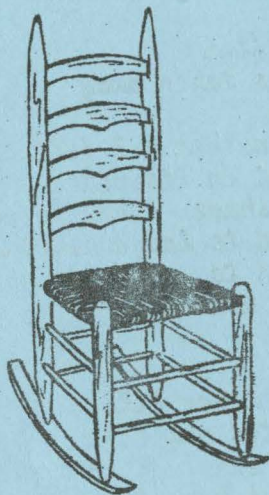
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around invisible fire
the women
tell their stories
ashes of old covens grow
over the floor soften
voices circling like cats
the light of the fire comes
from their faces

the first woman tell-
she hid her life
in books
caressing their covers
a saintly masturbator
her favorite a printer's dummy
hardbound
she kept opening opening
to glorious cream pages
opening but never took heart
to write others men mostly
wrote and closed

the second woman remembers-
dances at weddings
families of three hundred
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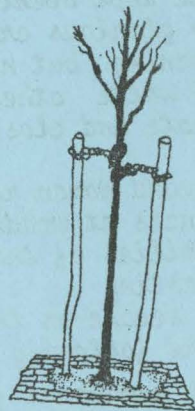
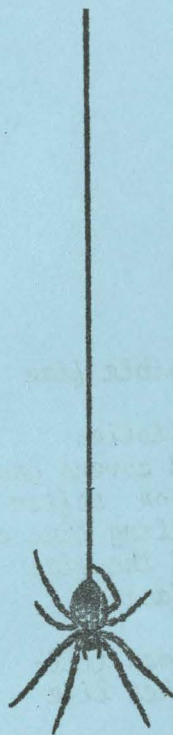


as death
now she wears her marriage
an old coat soft
and molded to her body
to the motions of her hands
she says-
"We-e-ell, you get older
I don't mind really."

the third woman tells-
my mother was a Lady
I found my body played dreamily
peeled back the unready bud
the tight petals
I love it of course in secret
Ladies didn't know about that
I was saving it of course
I was saving it for
I was saving it
I was saving

and long after
when it was taken away
by one man
and then another. I felt
a dark spot in its place
like some shame I had to cover
and learned to laugh nervously
when spoken to and always
look up upward
to his eyes

the fourth woman tells -
I started out life
like a survivor in a plane wreck
I always knew I had to get out
the others my brothers
my sister sat dumbly waiting
for their time to run out
But when I had walked fifty miles
to the next town
I found hundreds more waiting





and only one man promised
to take me all the way out

it's a sickness this waiting
it wasn't that he wasn't a good man
a good father a good provider
he almost made it I almost got there
but it's a sickness and I
am still walking those first few miles



the fifth woman remembers -
oh we had fun
some things must have been wrong
but we had fun
we did atrocious things
we vomited on people's doorsteps
we pissed in the streets
we looted the department stores
true savages of suburbia

but when things began to matter
I found my friends were gone
I found no one else could see
the small black children or
the souls ballooning out of kittens
as they drowned
I found I had lost my mind in alcohol
I found I had lost the pattern
my feet were to follow
I found I was unprepared to lost at all



the sixth woman tells -
she learned
she learned the power
the power of mind over body
she learned
she learned early
never forgetting a single blow

but one night her animal
brain took over
she flew at her father a lion
clawed deep into his leg
when her mother still cried for him
she left home

the seventh woman tells-
anger lock
and unlocks my life
at any moment it rips the doors wide
it sweeps my insides out
watch you don't stand too close

one time we were going 45
I just opened the door and rolled out
it seemed it would be so easy to leave
the body behind to pass
into some other kind of life

the last woman tells-
her selves grew inward
one upon another she swam caught
and strangling in their strands
she yearned to dance like Houdini
to turn inside out to the world

it is still new this unfolding
the world for her is still
brother sister mother father
found for the first time
her skill is just growing

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THE DEVIL IN MASSACHUSETTS

BOSTON (adapted from GCN) -- There have been two major anti-Gay incidents in Boston in recent months. In March, over fifty men were arrested on various charges (open and gross lewdness, indecent exposure, unnatural acts, prostitution) after having been lured by a "young, attractive" plainclothes police officer in the Boston Public Library men's room. In one incident, a man was arrested after he refused the plainclothesman's offer of sex. On 1 April, over 200 people picketed the Boston Public Library in protest, many burning their library cards in an act reminiscent of the 1960's. Some of those arrested have pleaded innocent and will fight the charges in court.

At about the same time, 24 men were arrested in Revere (a suburb of Boston) and charged with statutory rape for having sex with men under 18. The Suffolk County Attorney, Garrett Byrne, who is running for re-election, announced to the press that he had uncovered a "child sex ring" and invited members of the public to turn in anyone they suspected of being involved on a special "hot-line." The heterosexual press in Boston has consistently referred to the defendants as "the Revere sex ring" despite the fol-

l- defendants as "the Revere sex ring" despite the following facts: 1) None of the defendants have been charged with prostitution or pornography, which the term "sex ring" implies; 2) that none of the defendants knew each other, which the term "ring" implies; 3) the "children" were all at least 15 years old, and all consented to what they did. Several of the minors reported that they were shut in a room in the police station and browbeaten by priests and other authority figures until they agreed to be witnesses for the prosecution.

To combat the growing hysteria about the Revere cases and to insure that the defendants received a fair trial, the Boston/Boise Committee was formed. (Readers will remember a similar anti-Gay hysteria in Boise,

anti-Gay hysteria in Boise, Idaho in the 1950's.) It is not a defense committee, although the heterosexual press has insisted on calling it so. On 5 April, Gore Vidal gave a lecture at the Arlington Street Church in Boston to raise funds for the Committee. One hearer at the lecture was Chief Justice Robert Bonin, the sole liberal in Massachusetts' conservative judicial establishment. Bonin's enemies among his colleagues were at that time seeking his removal, claiming that he had used public employees to do work for private clients. (Bonin claims he cleared it with the proper authority; the proper authority, who is one of his opponents, claims he didn't.) His attendance at the lecture was subsequently used against him in a trial for misconduct which resulted in his censure by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. It was said that his attendance at the lecture showed pre-judgment of a case over which he would have responsibility, despite the fact that opinions, misstatements, and downright untruths in favor of the prosecution had been rife

for months in the public press, which no judge is discouraged from reading. Mr. Justice Bonin has been asked to resign by Governor Michael Dukakis, who is also running for re-election. Dukakis has presented a bill in the Massachusetts legislature to remove Bonin from office, the only way he can be legally removed. Bonin has refused to resign and will fight his case in the legislature. He defended his attendance at the Vidal lecture, saying, "I believe it was proper and appropriate for me to attend a lecture which was sponsored by a gay rights organization. I see no objection to a judge attending a lecture which is sponsored by a sexual minority or anyone else who espouses civil liberties. In fact, I think it is an obligation of a judge to hear the viewpoint of sexual, racial, and other minorities."



SELF DEFENSE

(How to make revolution without becoming a violent person)

by Susan Saxe
Philadelphia, Pa., 1976.

Before every battle you must say this prayer:
Death to the violence within and without,
Death to the Father and the God of Property
May this be the last battle of the Revolution
And may life prevail.

And every time you aim your rifle, you must say this prayer.
May my bullets be as pounding rain,
May they heal the land and cleanse the sky.
May this be the last shot of the Revolution,
And may life prevail.

And every time you see a comrade die or an enemy fall, you
must invoke the Great Mother:
In the name of the prisoner and the hungry child,
In the name of the witches and the buffalo,
May this be the last killing of the Revolution,
And may life prevail.

And every time you rise to go on, you must look to yourself
and say
There can be no violence in a heart that loves life,
No more than in the seasons, or a river's course--
May my heart be centered in the rhythms of life,
May my hand be steady to steer its course,
And, oh, Mother-of-us-All, may this be the last
sad morning of the Revolution.

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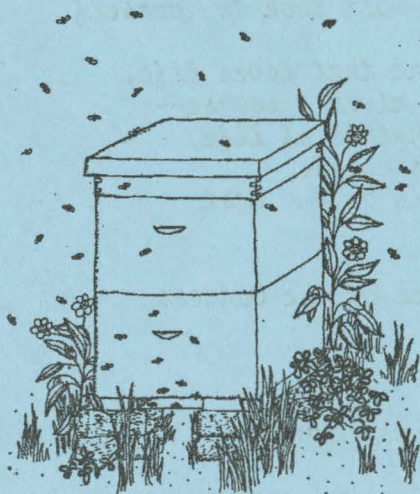
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On June 17, approximately 15 Lesbians and Gay men from Maine attended the Gay Pride March in Boston. With a large cloth banner that read "Maine Gay Task Force," we chanted slogans such as "Gay Rights Now," and "We are Everywhere, We will be Free." Maine Gay Task Force was the very last group in the entire procession, however, we were convinced that we were placed there because the cold up here makes us crispier and we were therefore used to ward off any homophobic tailgaters. And that we did!

Anyone interested in a Mainely Gay camping trip should contact us as soon as possible. We intend to go camping sometime around the end of August, and we've got a lot of great things planned. Come one, come all -- any ideas where you'd like to go? Dykes and faggot and feminists alike, for camping, music, food and the great outdoors...

MAINELY GAY has received a complaint from a subscriber with reference to the prisoner correspondence lists. He has stated that in two cases he has been monetarily ripped-off, and that he is uncertain as to whether the people he has written to, actually exist. The editors know of one other incident in which a Gay man had been corresponding with a prisoner in Florida for nearly 6 months, when it was written, he was due to be released. This Gay man was to meet the prisoner at the bus station, however, he never appeared. We have no way of verifying or judging the sincerity of those who request correspondence from prisons. Extreme caution is urged when writing of personal subjects. We do not mean to project paranoia, NOR do we mean to discourage any subscriber from corresponding with gay inmates who definitely need our love and support. We simply feel that the subscribers have a right to know of these complaints.

For those of you who support the orange juice boycott (girlcott), there is some good news, at least if you live in and around the Portland area. Good Day Market, located at 155 Brackett St. in Portland, has organized an Organic Orange Juice Conspiracy. Since the oranges are organically grown, they do not come from the Florida Citrus Growers Commission. It may be a little inconvenient to squeeze fresh orange juice everyday, but it hits the Florida Citrus Growers Commission where it hurts, and it's also a whole lot healthier.

On June 9, 1978, about ten representatives from Mainely Gay attended the Boycott J. P. Stevens benefit dinner in Portland. Dressed in t-shirts that read "Lesbians and Gay Men, We're here and we care," and "We are Everywhere," the representatives listened to the plight of the J. P. Stevens workers, many of whom are women. J. P. Stevens & Co. has been termed America's number 1 labor law violator by the U.S. Supreme Court. They are one of the most sexist corporations in the world today.

A brief Thank you to E. H. for all of the work he has done for Mainely Gay in the past few months. He designed and executed the pink triangles for the Word of Life demonstrations, as well as the t-shirts for the symposium. Your efforts are remembered. (Sounds like a eulogy).

Thank you to Susan, Jack, Peter, Barry, Bruce, Arthur, Frank, Gerry, Eleanor, and all of the other dynamic dykes and faggots who made the Anti-Word of Life events such a smashing victory.



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