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REPORT FROM BOSTON: NEW ENGLAND LESBIAN-GAY CONFERENCE

During the weekend of June 19-20-21, 1981, Boston, Massachusetts was the site of the first New England Lesbian and Gay Conference. This conference was organized by members of NOLAG (National Organization of Lesbians and Gays) and promises to become an annual event. The location of the next New England Conference will be either in New Hampshire or Maine.

The conference took place during Lesbian-Gay Pride Week in Boston. Friday night was a brief, opening plenary session; Saturday was the Lesbian-Gay Pride March through Boston, and Sunday was the actual conference, held from noon until 9PM. There was a choice of 40 workshop topics, with 10 offerings during each of the 4 Sunday afternoon sessions. Three members of Northern Lambda Nord made the 400-mile trip south to Boston to partake in the Pride events and the Conference. Each of our 3 NLN brothers attended 3 different workshops -- 9 total. The following report summarizes one man's experiences and reactions.

Our trip to Boston was planned to coincide with the Tuesday evening concert at the Boston Opera House -- one hundred-twenty-five voices of the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus. When they walked on stage, the audience gave them a standing ovation; the sight of so many openly, proud gay men brought tears to my eyes. They were an excellent choral group, performing classical works as well as selections from 20th Century composers -- including "The Man I Love", and "We Kiss in the Shadows". It was a great way to start Pride week.

I also viewed an art exhibit by gay and lesbian artists. It included a wide variety of oil and acrylic paintings, pen and ink drawings, collage, and sculpture.

A lesbian-gay film festival was also held during Pride Week. Unfortunately, I didn't go.

The March on Saturday was great. NLN had a 3-sided sign to make our presence known among the 12,000 marchers. The

We would like to continue to send Northern Lambda Nord's
COMMUNIQUE to your group free of charge on the assumption
that we will be on your mailing list and exchange your
newsletter or other materials with us. Thank you very much.

In unity, /s/ the women and men of NLN

P.W.C. Newsletter

We're
enclosing our
calendar for
Sept/Oct - if
anyone from your
area is in
our area!

highlight of the post-march rally on the Boston Common was a speech by a 75-year old lesbian, mother of 4, grandmother of 18. She had come out, needless to say, late in life. She was truly inspiring.

On Sunday, I attended 3 workshops. Scheduled in the first session was a presentation by a group from Vermont -- "Rural Lesbians and Gays in New England". I was disappointed that our sisters and brothers from the Green Mountain State did not arrive, and so the workshop was not held. In its stead, I went to "Politics of Homophobia" -- a panel discussion which was filmed as part of a future presentation on homophobia (fear of homosexuality/homosexuals).

Several points were made in the discussion: #The definition of "gay" is different in different cultures. Third World/Latin American/Mediterranean cultures vs. North American white culture: Here in North America, if you go to a gay bar or join a gay group you are defined as gay. But in other cultures, you can have gay (male) sex, but you're not gay as long as you stay on top -- as long as you do the fucking, but not if you get fucked -- as long as you don't relinquish your position of power.

#Many of us internalize our homophobia -- this results in self-hatred. So many times, gay people are our own worst enemies. Example 1: A gay man, manager of a radio station, who refuses to, at first, even talk with representatives of a local lesbian-gay group and then, when he does see them, refuses to give them access to the airwaves on a public service announcement (which is required by law). Example 2: According to Business Week magazine, the lesbian-gay community controls 18% of all "disposable income" in the U.S. -- yet the Moral Majority has millions of dollars to spend while lesbian-gay male groups struggle to pay their telephone bills!!! Now I think that's gross! We can find money for booze but not to help win our rights.

#The New Right wants to reinforce and sustain the status quo; they manipulate people's real fears and concerns about the family; they are committed to maintaining the hierarchical power structure: some people belong on top, some on the bottom -- using the analogy of good vs. evil (gays and lesbians are evil, so we belong on the bottom). Our movement is a challenge to the power structure. The lesbian-gay movement is the most humanistic movement today. The most powerful thing about our movement is that we recognize our diversity; we

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PARTY!!
8PM (9PM N-B)
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(SEE MAP VOIR CARTE)

DISCUSSION
GROUP
7PM (8PM N-B) 14

TOPIC: BEING GAY/LESBIAN IN THIS REGION; PERSPECTIVES OF MENTAL
HEALTH PROFESSIONALS. (SEE MAP - VOIR CARTE). DISCUSSION
MAY FOCUS UPON: HOW MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS DEAL WITH
LESBIAN/GAY CLIENTS; HOW WE DEAL WITH OUR HOMOSEXUALITY;
COPING WITH OUR OWN HOMOPHOBIA AND SELF-HATRED; DEALING
WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS. GROUP WILL BE LED BY 2 STAFF

RENCONTRE
NLN MEETING
1PM (2PM N-B)

SEE MAP 27 VOIR CARTE

MEMBERS (1 MAN, 1 WOMAN) FROM
ARROSTOCK MENTAL
HEALTH CENTER.
EVERYONE WELCOME!

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COMMUNIQUE

EDITION: OCT. 1

→ VOS ARTICLES PARVENIR
→ DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES ←

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CONFERENCE OF LESBIANS & GAY MEN
LESBIENNES ET GAIS DE LA
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RENCONTRE SPECIAL
NLN MEETING
(VOIR CARTE / SEE MAP)

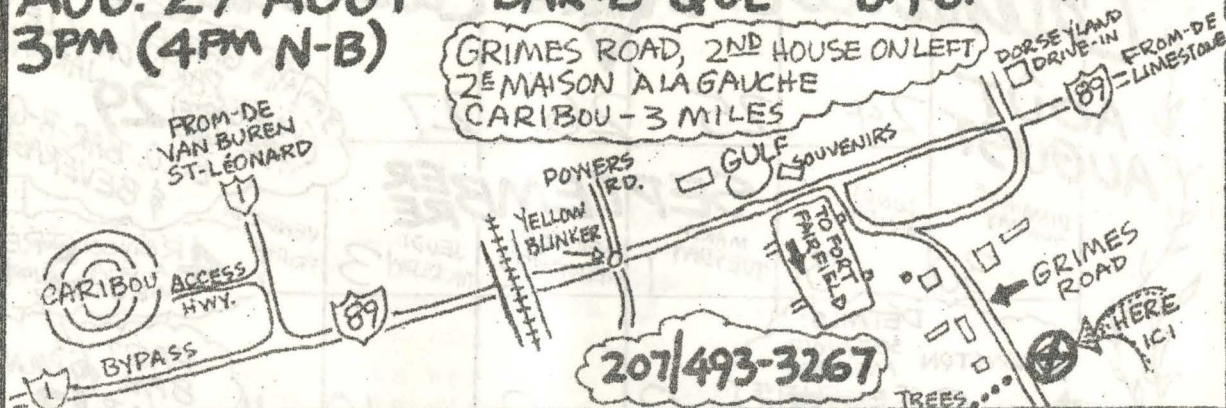
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MAP/CARTE)
HALLOWE'EN !!!
COSTUME
PARTY!
NLN members & guests only

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AUG. 29 AOÛT
3PM (4PM N-B)

BAR-B-QUE — B.Y.O. FOOD & DRINK

GRIMES ROAD, 2ND HOUSE ON LEFT
 2^E MAISON À GAUCHE
 CARIBOU — 3 MILES



SEPT. 12
PARTY
8PM (9PM N-B)
B.Y.O.B.

OCT. 25
RENCONTRE
→ SPÉCIAL →
NLN MEETING

→ REPRESENTATIVE
 FROM A.C.A.P. "VENUS
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 DISCUSS IMPORTANT
GAY HEALTH
 ISSUES. 1PM
 (2 PM N-B)

(POT-LUCK MEAL
 FOLLOWS)

SUMMIT AVENUE:
 BEHIND SAM'S
 SPORT AND
 SKI SHOP

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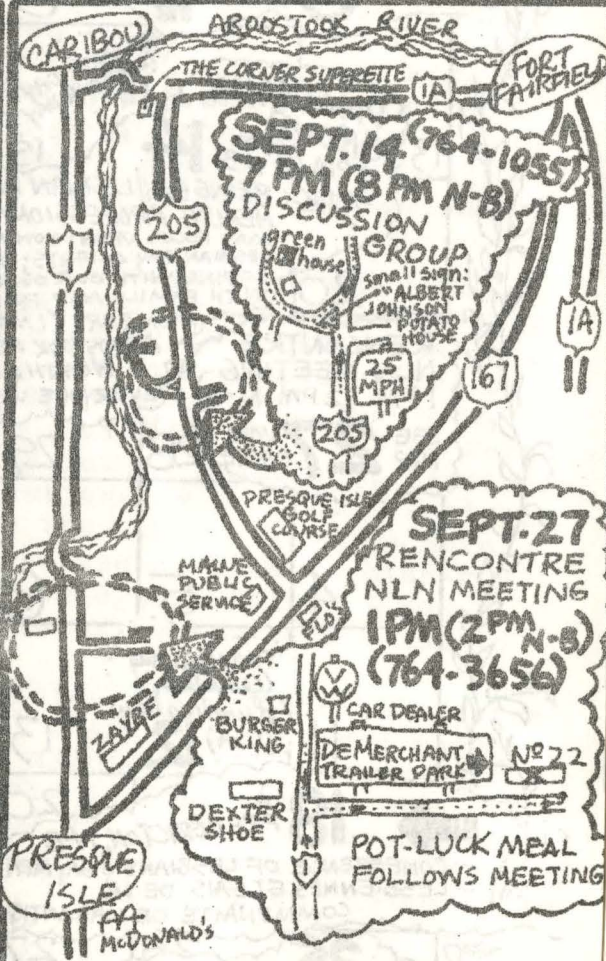
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 AND SKI SHOP

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(207)
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OCT. 31 - HALLOWE'EN !!

NLN PRIVATE COSTUME PARTY — FOR
 NLN MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS ONLY
 EXACT TIME AND LOCATION ANNOUNCED!
 IN NEXT MONTH'S COMMUNIQUE. PLAN NOW!



accept others; we know what it is like to be a minority -- to be different. Our ranks cross ALL cultural, ethnic, religious, racial, and economic boundaries. Example 1: The NOLAG organizing conference in Los Angeles (where I was a delegate): In order for this national group to truly represent all segments of our movement in a concrete way, when a committee, delegate, or conference is organized in NOLAG, there must be as many women as men, there must be at least $\frac{1}{4}$ of them people of color, $\frac{1}{4}$ of them must be from rural areas, and there must be representation from lesbian-gay youth (22 years old and under), from older people, and from the physically challenged. Example 2: At most every lesbian-gay gathering, the facilities are wheelchair accessible. Example 3: At most every major gay-lesbian event (1979 March on Washington D.C., 1980 NOLAG Conference, the annual Pride events in major cities), signers are provided for the hearing-impaired. They stand on stage with the speakers, and they even sign the words to songs! Watching speeches and songs being signed is one of the most beautiful parts of the event. (What other groups, New Right-type or any, do you know of which provide access and facilities for all?)

#The Right wing is attacking women, people of color, poor people; their attack is from a position of weakness; they are fighting for what is left of their "hierarchical" power structure. But they will lose. (If we can get our shit together and organize -- such as with NOLAG/USA and NOLAG/Maine, our local chapter.)

#An important point made several times throughout the conference was coalition. We as lesbians and gaymen must join with other oppressed and attacked groups and say to them, "it's in your interest to be with us". We must work with the handicapped, Native people, women's groups, older people, and any group who is oppressed by the status quo which the New Right is trying to maintain, anyone whose beneficial programs are being attacked and cut by the Right-leaning administration in Washington, those of us who are not in positions of power and who are being hurt by those people who are. I'm hopeful that gay and lesbian groups will be doing just that in the near future, that we will be willing to work with others for the same goals. We hope they will recognize how important is is to work with us.

The second workshop I attended was "NOLAG" -- this was merely an information workshop: who?, what?, why? is NOLAG. A Maine chapter is now formed (PO Box 1117, Caribou 04736). NOLAG/Maine is currently sending out a mailing to people in Maine. I urge everyone to join. It is our best organizing medium. Here in Maine there are 13 lesbian and gay groups (some very active, some only on paper). NOLAG/Maine can focus in this state on (1) 1982 Lesbian-Gay Symposium in Bangor (our 9th annual gathering) and (2) lobbying for passage of the 1983 Lesbian-Gay Rights Bill in the state. NOLAG/Maine will also become a part of the national NOLAG network.

The third workshop I attended was a panel presentation by BAGLY - Boston Area Gay and Lesbian Youth. This was the best workshop I attended. It was a panel of 2 adults and 3 18-year old BAGLY members, 2 men, 1 woman. They told of their experiences of coming out at 13 years of age, getting thrown out of the house, hustling on the streets, attempting suicide, dealing with "helping agencies" (which they said were more concerned with helping their parents than with helping youth) and finally finding support from BAGLY.

Growing up lesbian or gay in the 1980's is a very different experience from the 1970's or 1960's or... . Because of the gay-lesbian movement, we are so much more visible. Young people realize that it's OK to be gay or lesbian -- that if they have homosexual feelings they're not sick -- they're perfectly normal. But imagine being a healthy lesbian or gay adolescent and dealing with parents, teachers, and perhaps the hardest of all, one's peers. These young people on the panel stressed how there is no place for them to go -- they can't go to bars, there are no clubs, no community center. That's why BAGLY, which meets once per week, is so important. (BAGLY's members currently range in age from 13 and up; the average age is 16.)

Several points were stressed by these articulate young people: #The gay-lesbian world is an adult world. As adults, we must become more conscious of the lesbian-gay youth in our midst. These 3 young people all emphasized one thing: we as adult gaymen and lesbians cannot afford to be afraid; we must COME OUT to our younger sisters and brothers and provide them with support. BAGLY only exists in Boston; lesbians and gaymen live everywhere.

#Schools must also become more responsive to gay and lesbian youth, via teacher education and guidance counselor

education. Unless we as adults can stand up for our younger brothers and sisters, no one else will. They are the gay-lesbian community of tomorrow.

Conferences such as this New England gathering are the best experiences for a gayman or lesbian to attend. They give us the opportunity to be among our own, in a safe, non-threatening environment, where we can totally be ourselves, where we're the majority. In addition to this New England Conference, I've attended gay-lesbian meetings in Los Angeles, the National March on Washington (an incredible experience), 2 previous Boston Lesbian-Gay Pride Marches, and the Maine Lesbian-Gay Symposium for the past 5 years. These events are some of the most positive times I've had, and I highly recommend them. Locally, all of us in the Northern Maine-New Brunswick region (and our friends everywhere) are fortunate to be offered the opportunity to attend a regional gathering, this coming October in Fredericton (see accompanying article). I STRONGLY urge you to GO TO FREDERICTON; whether you participate in every scheduled event, or if you just sit quietly in the workshops and just listen, the weekend will surely make you feel good about yourself -- and who can refuse positive support about "being queer". I hope to see a lot of Lambda people in Fredericton. (I'd drag you all there, if I could!)

--- benj. ▼

▼ ANTI-GAY MEASURE PASSES U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ▼

The following is an excerpt from a National Gay Task Force "Action Alert" mailing, dated August, 1980:

On July 22, 1981, the House of Representatives passed an anti-gay amendment to the Legal Services Corporation appropriation bill on a motion by Larry McDonald (D-Georgia). The amendment reads:

"That no part of this appropriation shall be used by the Legal Services Corporation to provide legal assistance in promoting, defending or protecting homosexuality."

Explaining this amendment, McDonald said, "...it is my feeling that the Congress of the United States should not spend a penny of the taxpayers dollar to support, defend, protect or legitimize the practice or acts of homosexuality...Individuals in their personal lives may be at times solely a matter of their own concern. This is not to say, however, that the Congress... should venerate certain conduct by spending money to defend wholly unacceptable behavior."

John Burton (D-Calif.) and S. William Green (R-NY) spoke against the amendment stating that gay people pay as much taxes as anyone and do not receive a waiver from taxes due to their sexual orientation (Burton) and that to discriminate against any class of citizens is contrary to the spirit of a bill designed to provide legal services for those Americans who cannot afford them (Green).

On voice vote the amendment was defeated, but Mr. McDonald called for a recorded vote. The outcome was reversed with 290 voting in favor of the amendment and 113 against. 30 members did not vote. Both Olympia Snowe and David Emery of Maine voted IN FAVOR of the amendment, thereby voting AGAINST US! ▼

▼ ...AND A RELATED ISSUE... ▼

NLN received the following letter on August 10, 1981:

"WILL THE REAL MAJORITY PLEASE STAND UP?

"Jerry Falwell and the Moral Majority have come under fire from both liberals and conservatives for their interference in the selection of Sandra O'Connor for the U.S. Supreme Court. This is the perfect time to stop the biggest threat to democracy since the days of Joseph McCarthy.

"We are asking every organization and every individual in the United States who believes in the separation of church and state to act now. Please designate the month of August as the Month of the Real Majority. Ask every friend and every member of your organization to write to their representatives in Congress during the month of August. We need to let our elected representatives know that we don't want tax free religious organizations formulating our government policies.

"This is an informal request from a group of concerned citizens. We do not want media attention. Our objective is to catch the New Right off guard during their most vulnerable moment. Please copy this letter and send it to other organizations.

"Thank you for your help. /s/ A Concerned Friend."

The Executive Committee of NLN heartily supports our "Concerned Friend". It is to this end that NLN's American members will find three stamped and pre-addressed postal cards with this newsletter. These are to be sent to our Members of Congress from Maine: Representative Olympia Snowe and Senators George Mitchell and William Cohen. (Non-northern Maine members will need to address their own postal cards with their representatives' names.) We ask each of you to PLEASE sign

the cards, include your address to receive a reply from Washington, and mail them TODAY.

For readers of Communiqué who are not NLN members, the text of the postal cards is as follows:

"As an American citizen, I am deeply concerned about the actions and statements of persons such as Jerry Falwell, the Moral Majority, and such New Right groups. Our Constitution provides for the separation of church and state; yet the New Right poses the greatest threat to democracy since the days of Joseph McCarthy. I don't want tax free religious organizations formulating our government's policies. I urge you to oppose those New Right programs which are based upon narrow religious doctrine and support the rights and freedoms of the Real Majority."

NLN urges everyone to write to their representatives in Washington. It takes very little time and a postal card costs but 12¢. ▽

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OTTAWA: The Royal Commission on Newspapers, the so-called Kent Commission, investigating the newspaper industry in Canada, has made recommendations for sweeping changes in the structure and ownership of the print media in the country. Among the recommendations is that ownership of major newspapers in a large geographical region not be concentrated in the hands of one corporation. This seems to refer directly to the situation here in New Brunswick, where the Irving Company owns all five English-language dailies in the province: the Evening Times and the Telegraph-Journal (St-John), the Times and the Transcript (Moncton), and the Daily Gleaner (Fredericton). In addition, Irving interests own one of four English-language radio stations and one of two English-language TV stations (CHSJ radio and TV).

This past May, Stephen Dopp, Human Rights Chairperson of FLAG/Fredericton, submitted a brief to the Kent Commission on behalf of the AGA (Atlantic Gay Alliance: FLAG, GAE/Halifax, and NLN). The brief, entitled "Denying Access", documented the "control that the Irving interests exert over public access to their newspapers. Gay rights organizations have, in effect, been denied total access to the English language press in New Brunswick." The brief recommends the establishment of a "Press Council made up of newspaper interests and private citizens...to protect the rights of individuals and to maintain the journalistic standards that we demand of the press."

"Denying Access" notes not only the refusal of the Irving papers to print lesbian-gay oriented advertisements, it points out the "journalistic void surrounding New Brunswick gay rights coverage." Weeklies, including those in the Woodstock/Grand Falls/Edmundston area, have accepted paid advertisements and have written articles about NLN in the past; the Irving dailies have done neither, effectively denying knowledge to the public of the existence of such groups as FLAG and the AGA.

The Kent Commission report calls for government regulation of the newspaper industry and for the selling off of major company's interests, in this case calling on Irving to sell both CHSJ-radio and -TV, and to sell 1 of the 2 Irving-owned papers in Saint-John and Moncton.

The Kent Commission's recommendations are just that --- recommendations; we hope to see concrete action taken in the very near future. And we would like to think that Stephen's well-written brief had much to do with the Commission's findings re: the unacceptable situation here in New Brunswick. We want to thank Stephen on behalf of all of his brothers and sisters in the region.

(The complete text of "Denying Access" is on file with NLN and available if any member would like to read it.) ▼

CARIBOU: Scott Ohlman, NLN Executive Committee member, is refusing to pay his state income tax. In a letter to Maine Governor Joseph Brennan, Scott made his withholding of taxes his form of protest for the defeat of LD-961, the 1981 Maine Lesbian-Gay Rights Bill. "So long as my human rights and dignity are denied me" he will deny the state any of his revenue. Scott ends his letter by stating, "if in the event that I should hire help for my business, (I) refuse to comply with state programs and (I will) state in recruitment advertising that 'Heterosexuals need not apply'." ▼

CARIBOU: NOLAG/Maine is in need of more members! Much has been said, written, advertised about this group, the Maine chapter of the National Organization of Lesbians and Gays. An information flyer is available from NOLAG/Maine, POBox 1117, Caribou, 04736. Send for one today! ▼

FREDERICTON: The Fourth Annual Atlantic Community Conference of Lesbians and Gay Men, sponsored by the A.G.A., will take place on October 16-17-18, 1981 in beautiful Fredericton, N.B., on the banks of the Saint John River. The theme is "Living Gay"; guest speaker is Don Clark, psychologist and author of Loving Someone Gay and Living Gay (hence, the weekend's theme,

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which is meant to be all-inclusive -- gay women and gay men; lesbians and gaymen; faggots and dykes; whatever you prefer). A listing of workshops is available when you pre-register (you should pre-register because when you do, you will (1) save \$5.00 (it costs more after October 1st) (2) receive a sign-up sheet for workshops -- in order to limit the size of each workshop, you're asked to sign up in advance (3) save \$5.00 (which is \$4.10 U.S. at 18% exchange) (4) receive your billeting form (that's "housing" for Americans) (5) save-save-save! (6) and you'll help EVERYONE if you PRE-REGISTER!) Friday evening is a welcoming reception; entertainment on Saturday evening will be provided by Willie Sordill, a "gay-positive" musician; there's a dance on Saturday evening, also. An art exhibit and sale will take place, and it's rumoured that at least 3 NLN members will have their work displayed (don't miss that!). If you need childcare, make sure you pre-register! Accommodations and arrangements will be provided for the physically challenged, hearing-impaired, and sight-impaired, but ONLY IF YOU PRE-REGISTER! And of course, if you've never been to Fredericton at a FLAG-hosted event, well, sweeties, you ain't been wined and dined! They're great when it comes to being neighbourly --- they call it Maritime Hospitality!

(as we go to press, we found out that FLAG is trying to make arrangements with Chris Bearchell --- she is with The Body Politic in Toronto --- to be the other guest speaker!)

So---send in \$20.00 (that's Canadian funds, please). Send your money in TODAY! Make sure to include your name and address, and FLAG will send, post-haste, a registration packet with information re: workshops, billeting, childcare, special accommodations, and loads of other goodies. (Make cheques payable to FLAG/Atlantic Conference.) If you wait until after October 1st, it will cost you \$25.00, and it won't make our friends in F-ton very happy. So, again, if you've never been to a weekend lesbian-gay (or gay-lesbian) gathering, this one is right in our backyards -- so TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT!!! Send \$20.00 CDN to: ATLANTIC COMMUNITY CONFERENCE
FREDERICTON LESBIANS AND GAYS
Box 1556, Station A
Fredericton, New Brunswick E3B 5G2

If you still have questions, call the FLAGline, any Tuesday or Thursday, 7 - 9 PM (6 - 8 PM in Maine): 506/472-9576.♥

PRESQUE ISLE: Two members of NLN were recently on the radio. Scott and Dick answered questions on WOZI-FM's "Uncle Fred's Just Plain Ol' Talk Show". The 35-minute program is on tape in the NLN files and available for listening. Also on file is a tape of last spring's interview with WAGM-TV, channel 8 in Presque Isle, in which Dick's back was asked about being gay in Aroostook. The CBC-French TV network in the Maritimes interviewed Raoul about 12 months ago on a 15-minute TV program; that is also on tape in NLN's files. ▽

AROOSTOOK COUNTY: An on-going "battle" is currently being waged by the Northern Broadcasting Company (WDHP-FM in Presque Isle and WFST-AM in Caribou) to keep NLN from getting access to free airtime via a public service announcement (PSA). To date, almost every other radio station in the County has provided, or promised to provide, free airtime to NLN to record a 30-second PSA announcing the existence of our group and how to get in touch with us. However, the largest station (50,000 watts, covering our whole membership region in northern Maine and New Brunswick) continues to alude us.

After repeated attempts to schedule an appointment with John Michaud, Vice President of Northern Broadcasting, Scott has not only been unable to speak with the WDHP/WFST officials, but they have served him with a Deputy Sheriff's order that Scott is "forbidden to willfully and wantonly or maliciously vex, irritate, harass or torment the employees" of the radio stations. The FCC has been notified of the situation and we wait for their reply.

According to a March 12, 1981 FCC ruling (reported in Gay Community News/Boston) if lesbians and gaymen constitute a significant segment of a broadcaster's listeners (which we claim we do) they must include us in their ascertainment surveys. This has been interpreted to mean equal access to free PSA time. A reply from the FCC should clarify this policy. ▽

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BIBLIOTHÈQUE LAMBDA, NLN's lending library, is in the midst of cataloguing. Our collection currently includes 52 book selections (fiction and non-fiction) plus 37 periodicals; there's something here of interest to everyone. We hope to complete cataloguing in September and we'll send out a list of our collection. We will always gratefully accept donations of materials in either French or English (or money to buy any lesbian-gay-feminist oriented material). ▽

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NLN is in DESPERATE NEED of a 4-drawer file cabinet. Our folders are overflowing and we can barely close the drawers. If anyone can help, PLEASE get in touch with Phil or Dick. ▽

PORTLAND, Maine: The 1st organizational meeting of "TAKE BACK THE NIGHT" '81 will take place September 3, at 7PM in the Portland Public Safety Building Auditorium, Second Floor. The event is planned for the end of October (tentatively October 24th). Last year, over 450 women gathered for daytime workshops on self-defense, street violence, rape, pornography, physical violence and sexual abuse in the home, sexual harassment at work, plus other topics. Then they and their supporters marched at night through the streets of Portland to make a statement of unity and to "take back the night" to demand safety after dark for everyone. For more information re: the Sept.3 meeting or the Oct.(24) gathering and march, phone 772-6953. ▽

On September 11-13, 1981, the Lesbian/Feminist Collective is presenting a WEEKEND FOR WOMEN wanting to take part in a COMMUNITY CAMPING EXPERIENCE. Much like last year they will be offering an evening of Kay Gardner in concert, a Saturday evening community meal, workshops, and a general sharing of talents and interests in a camping atmosphere. In addition this year, there will be an artisan and merchant tent. Unlike last year NO PETS will be permitted. This weekend is open to all women of all ages. It will be held at a woman-owned and -operated campground in Hancock, New Hampshire. Admission is \$15 per person in advance, \$20 at the gate. Due to limited space, advanced registration is encouraged. Advance ticket orders received after September 1st will be held at the gate. For more information: L/FC, P.O.Box 47, Penacook, N.H. 03303; or call 603/225-5615 or 603/225-4759. ▽

NLN has available for sale copies of the 1981 LESBIAN AND GAY COMMUNITY GUIDE TO NEW ENGLAND. The Guide includes a list of significant events in our history during the past year, articles about legal services, a "parents of lesbians and gays" group, youth groups for gaymen and lesbians under 22, gay Cuban refugees in New England, an article on health, one entitled "Boon-Dykes", one on the electronic church, "One Man's View of Rural Life", a special section on Provincetown and Ogunquit, plus a listing of bars, clubs, baths, women's and men's groups, religious and student organizations, plus many other services

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provided by and for the lesbian-gay community of New England. (See NLN's listing on page 30!) All of this is available from NLN for only \$3.00 (U.S. funds), (plus 75¢ postage if we mail it to you). Write to NLN or get in touch with an Executive member at one of our monthly gatherings. ▽

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& Gay men

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▼ LA FRANCE RESPIRE A NOUVEAU ▼

Avec l'élection de François Mitterrand une nouvelle ère de liberté s'annonce sur toute la France. Les différentes couleurs régionales du pays seront enfin reconnues et respectées (la Bretagne, la Corse...), les groupes de travailleurs immigrants auront de meilleures conditions sociales et salariales au sein du pays (les Portugais, les Africains...), les colonies ou départements outre-mer auront accès à une plus grande autonomie et peut-être même à l'indépendance (la Guyane, la Guadeloupe...) et la majorité du peuple Français croit maintenant être capable de vivre pleinement, à nouveau, les précieux principes de l'ancienne Révolution: Liberté, Egalité, Fraternité.

Un autre groupe d'individus bénéficiera de cette élection. Oui, enfin la population gaie Française pourra maintenant réellement bénéficier d'une élection nationale, car le gouvernement Mitterrand n'est pas anti-gai, tel que le gouvernement Français l'a été depuis si longtemps sous De Gaulle et Giscard. Plusieurs gais(es) ont même, de puis l'élection de Mitterrand, eut accès à des postes gouvernementaux très importants. Il est même connu qu'un Français, depuis longtemps exilé aux E-U et récemment recruté par le gouvernement Mitterrand pour assumer la direction d'un important poste au sein du ministère des communications, aurait exigé avant son retour en France un visa pour son amant Américain. Aussi on rapporte qu'il n'aurait aucune difficulté à obtenir les papiers nécessaires.

Oui, il semble que c'est bien vrai - la France respire à nouveau! Québécois et Acadiens, nous devrions tous nous réjouir de cette grande victoire de la JUSTICE, sur le territoire national de notre ancienne mère-patrie. Vive la France! Vive la France libre!

--- J.J. ▼