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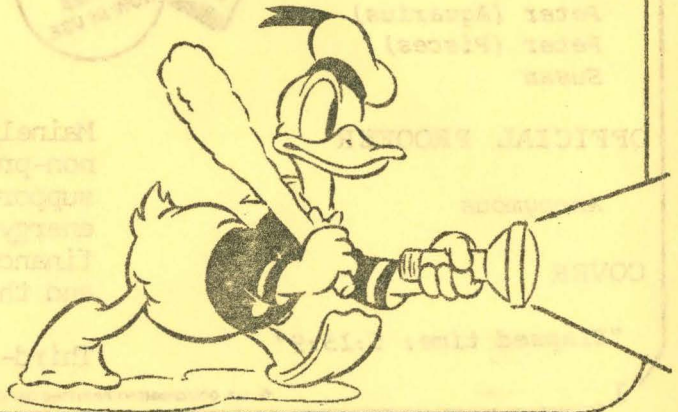
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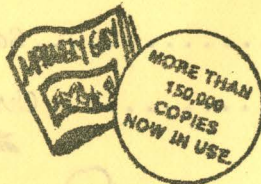
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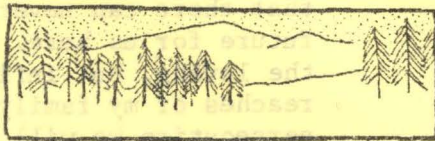
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Note To Readers

□ HERE WE ARE AGAIN, this time with the esteemed April issue. With this issue, we assume we're back to the "regular" printing schedule of a copy every two months. The next issue will be dated MAY/JUNE and will appear, it's thought, sometime towards the end of May.

□ We're happy to report that our gay friend in Bath, Maine who repaired our electronic stencil cutter (at one-tenth the price A.B. Dick was asking) did an excellent job! Perhaps we'll be able to work up a small display ad for his repair business, so keep this in mind the next time something mechanical fouls up and you'd like it repaired correctly and efficiently (no small feat these days.)



□ Recently we received VOL. 1, NO. 2 of the newsletter of Northern Lambda Nord, the re-named (formerly "Aroostook Lambda") gay organization serving northern Maine as

well as the neighboring Provinces of Quebec and New Brunswick. The newsletter, in both French and English, was well-done, interesting and informative. The address of Northern Lambda Nord is:

PO Box 990
Caribou, Maine 04736
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Diligent "MG" staffers were unable to detect the price of a subscription to the newsletter (if any), but we think any donation you might include for a current issue would be appreciated at the other end.

□ This issue of "Mainely Gay" is our semi-biannual "color" issue, when various and sundry reams of unused paper are put to the stencil. The result, when this was last tried a few years back, was not that unattractive, at least to some people. But best of all, our stock of unused paper gets rotated--and less of it wasted in the long run--and each subscriber receives a "unique" edition.▲

FEEDBACK

Dear friends,

As a distressed Lesbian who has no one to turn to in my country, I appeal for the kind and urgent assistance of your readers: to help my lover and myself migrate to the United States. A cherished dream for us and one which I am confident can be accomplished by your efforts for us.

I am a 24-year-old Pakistani. And although a copywriter by profession, find it hard to be emphatic enough in this letter about the hell we've both been through during our years in this country. Surrounded everywhere by prejudiced straights (bosses and "friends" included), it's a battle just to remain sane and together. And since we don't know of a single gay person, the isolation has been worse. We are educated, self-willed, gay, eastern women living in a narrow-minded, male-dominated society where marriage is considered the be all and end all of life. Can you imagine, then, the odds we have been up against all this time; with meagre incomes and not a soul we can depend on?

In fact, it's come to a point

where we have become just lifeless, empty shells. Switched off mentally, we live from day to day; getting to work; meeting briefly and secretly at the end of the day; getting to sleep and then getting back to work again--with no social life at all.

My lover Maqsooda is 27. She is a professional ladies hairdresser with four years experience and works very hard at her job. She is the most wonderful and stable thing that has happened to my life.

After four years of loving each other and not being able to live together (we live per force with our respective parents), we know for certain that there can never be any future for us here. What with the loving, but influential, reaches of my family and the persecution we will be subjected to as single women living alone (unheard of here.)

Coming to the point of how your readers can help, I have certain alternate methods worked out, based on information gain-

ed through knowledgeable sources at home and abroad. Alternate because we can in no way afford to pay the exorbitant required sum of \$60,000 (per person) for our migration to the United States. They are listed (1-3) below:

- 1) Your introducing us through the post, to well-placed gay (preferably) or straight U.S. citizens who would be willing to sponsor either one or both of us to the States.
- 2) Finding astute lawyers who could legally help us to obtain Green Cards/social security numbers and American citizenship. On payment by us of \$1,000 to \$2,000 (U.S.) per person. (A shortcut method that is often successful and common practice in the States these days.)
- 3) Arranging temporary/permanent jobs with gay owners of establishments, companies, hairdressing salons, beauty parlors, advertising agencies, etc.

There are many people waiting to get to the United States for a new chance at life. Please find it in your power to help us, for it is our abiding faith in your loving gay support that keeps us going. If we lose that too, we have nothing.

On our part, we can at best manage both our air fares to the States and a lawyer's fee (if that is the method that's chosen.) We will also provide every cooperation by sending all papers pertaining to our educational qualifications, training and job experience when they are required. And can assure you of a blemish-free record of conduct in every sphere of life. Save for the fact that we shall always choose to be gay (since that's a sin to so many.)

Thanking you, I am
Gratefully and Sincerely
In Sisterhood,

Ms. Rubina Shaikh

171/B Sindhi Muslim
Cooperative Housing
Society
Karachi - Pakistan

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PS: Please send all replies in discreet packing.

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ANTI-GAY BILL INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS

ONWARD CHRISTIAN BIGOTS

Congressman Larry McDonald (D-Ga.), at the urging of the newly-formed "Christian Voice" lobby, introduced a major piece of anti-gay legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives on July 24, 1979. McDonald offered an anti-gay amendment to the Legal Services Corporation Act last session but this is the first anti-gay measure to come up other than as an amendment and appears to be far more dangerous to the progress of Lesbian and gay civil rights. McDonald has long been associated with right-wing organizations such as the John Birch Society.

McDonald's bill, House Concurrent Resolution 166, would give a "sense of Congress" if passed rather than impacting a specific portion of the statutes. The resolution was referred to the Judiciary Committee, where it is likely to be referred to the Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights. That subcommittee is chaired by Congressman Don Edwards (D-CA), who is a co-sponsor on the national Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights bill (H.R. 2074). It seems unlikely that he will hold hearings on the resolution. Subcommittee sources report that hearings are seldom held on such resolutions, regardless of their merit.

However, Gay Rights National Lobby Executive Director Steve Endean warned of the extremely serious situation that introduction of such an anti-gay bill poses, whether it has a serious chance of passing or not. "The real importance of this legislation lies not in its chance of passage but in creating the 'climate' for action on basic civil rights for this nation's Lesbians and gay men. I am sure that 'Christian Voice' will use this legislation to mobilize anti-Lesbian and gay male sentiment around the country and stop the progress of our civil rights struggle. I envision 'Christian Voice' turning on their 100,000+ supporters to deluge Congress with anti-gay mail, and not-so-incidentally raising massive sums of money by appealing to the ignorance

and hatred of many persons around this country. Appearing to fulfill Endean's worst fears, 'Christian Voice' issued a press release in which Dr. Robert Grant, policy spokesman for the organization, declared, "This is the beginning of a national campaign to oppose H.R. 2074, the national gay rights bill." 'Christian Voice' announced plans to mail to its 100,000 members, including 1,500 ministers, a request urging them to support the resolution. GRNL also anticipates broadcast appeals for constituent letters on the fundamentalist network of television shows which reportedly reach 30 million viewers each week.

Congressman Larry McDonald, who is a member of the "Christian Voice Congressional Advisory Board," stated, "The time has come when the United States Congress must finally address this issue once and for all. It seems clear to me that the majority of Americans, especially Christians, find homosexuality to be immoral and a great offense and would strongly oppose any protected status under law."

The Resolution concludes with this ominous paragraph, "Be it, therefore, resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate Concurring) it is the sense of the Congress of the United States that homosexual acts and the class of individuals who advocate such conduct shall never receive special consideration or a protected status under law."

Endean said, "This is not the time for our community to respond with hollow rhetoric or shock followed by inaction--this is the time when strong and effective action must be taken to preserve and improve the climate for Lesbian and gay civil rights at Congress. The Gay Rights National Lobby is doing everything it possibly can, within the context of its extremely limited funds and resources, but must have the active assistance of every Lesbian, gay man and non-gay individuals who are committed to justice.

The Gay Rights National Lobby calls for a 5-point plan of action to combat this threat to our progress:

- (1) Write to your Congressperson and Senators to oppose House Concurrent Resolution 166 (the McDonald

bill) and support H.R. 2074 (the Lesbian and gay civil rights bill). If you don't know who your congressperson is, contact the Gay Rights National Lobby (1606 17th St., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20009, or (202) 462-4255).

- (2) Contact as least 10 of your friends and ask them to contact their Congressperson and Senators (and their friends to do the same).
- (3) Help the Gay Rights National Lobby build an effective Constituent Network to combat this threat. The secret to "Christian Voice's" power is their ability to generate letters at a moment's notice. GRNL cannot generate such letters as effectively because we don't have the names, addresses and phone numbers of the supporters of Lesbian/gay civil rights in each district. Submit the names, addresses and phone number of every person you know who would be willing to write Congress (Remember, there will likely be other anti-gay bills and/or amendments which GRNL can most effectively fight with a Constituent Network).
- (4) Contact your local Lesbian and gay male organizations and urge that they make this their fight. They can help generate constituent mail, meet with the local Congressperson, etc. While the first impact will be felt at the national level, it is clear that "Christain Voice's" efforts could well have a devastating impact on local and state efforts eventually.
- (5) Ask local non-gay organizations and community leaders to contact their Congresspersons in support of basic civil rights for gay people.

Endean concluded by stating, "This is not the time for either panic or inaction. Our community has proven during various referenda that we can respond when we are threatened. The time for action is now." (Continued next page)

For further information, contact
either Mainely Gay or the Gay
Rights National Lobby.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 166

Whereas homosexual individuals have over the last several years pressed their conduct and behavior strikingly before the eyes of the public in an attempt to gain legitimacy, acceptance and recognition under law; the need has arisen for this great legal body, the Congress of the United States, to finally address this class and their conduct.

A man's own abomination against God may well be at times a matter solely between his maker and himself in the pursuit of eternal salvation. It also can be stated that no man should ever hold malice towards another.

Nevertheless, it is unequivocally clear that consensual sodomy and other homosexual acts should never be accepted as legitimate in this Republic, nor should the class of individuals who advocate such conduct gain special consideration or protected status under law. The idealism of this Republic that is embodied in its codes, protected under its laws, emulated by its institutions would be clearly debased by the acceptance of such action.

The time has come, America, to turn our hearts back to God and away from the secular humanism that has led us to this day in our history. Let us have this turning finally take place with this issue and let it begin here and now.

Be it, therefore, resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate Concurring) it is the sense of the Congress of the United States that homosexual acts and the class of individuals who advocate such conduct shall never receive special consideration or a protected status under law.

Readers may wish to join GRNL's "constituent network."
They're at: 1606 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.

(more)

GRNL's phone is: (202) 462-4255. Additionally, a short letter to Reps. Emery and Snowe (representing the First and Second Congressional Districts, respectively) asking their positions on McDonald's House Concurrent Resolution 166. As Congress is usually inundated with thousands of major and minor bills, it's a good idea to briefly describe the intent of 166 in your letter.

Mainly Gay is quite familiar with Rep. Snowe's position on civil rights for gay people. She did, of course, vote against L.D. 1419 (this state's gay rights bill) when she served in the Maine Senate in 1977. But then, everyone in Maine who coveted even the slightest inkling of a try for higher office that year managed to vote against L.D. 1419.

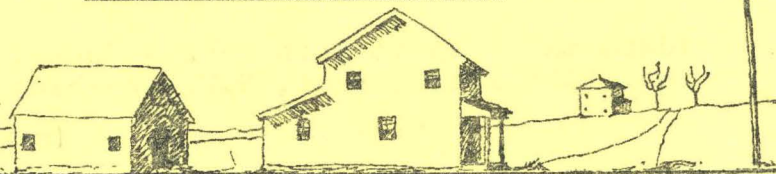
Rep. Emery is "socially conservative," which is a notch or two up the respectability ladder from "outright bigot." Any constituent letters to him should be direct and to the point, or you'll get a wishy washy, noncommittal response. He thinks that there are few gay people in his district, which includes, roughly, the southern portion of the state, from Rockland to Waterville and southwest to the New Hampshire line, but not including Androscoggin County.

Their mailing addresses are:

Rep. David Emery
425 Cannon Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515
(202-225-6116)

Olympia Snowe
1725 Longworth Office Bldg
Washington, D.C. 20515
(202-225-6306)

Rep. Snowe's district includes the northern portion of the state, including Lewiston and much of Somerset, Oxford, Franklin and Hancock counties.



Cumberland County Curmudgeon

By Susan W. Henderson

SEPARATISM: PROS AND CONS

This article was first written in March 1975. It seems just as timely now as it was then, so I have chosen to run it again.

We've been talking a lot lately about separatism up here in the frozen North. There are many kinds of separatism: Gays separating from straights, women from men, Lesbians from straight women and/or all men and/or everybody but themselves. One chooses one's brand to fit one's tastes.

Separatism, as I see it, expresses the need for a vacation. People who belong to minority groups spend a great deal of time explaining and justifying themselves and their goals to others. This becomes exhausting after a while, as any Feminist or Gay activist knows. One feels the need, sooner or later, for a vacation, a chance to be with one's own, who understand and accept one's world-view. I know from personal experience how much one's soul is revived by this sort of acceptance.

As a long-term solution to minority status, however, separatism has some drawbacks. The first is

that separating people of different outlooks, races, genders, etc., ultimately increases bigotry rather than decreasing it. One component of prejudice is ignorance about people who are different from oneself, from which proceeds fear of that which is unknown. If we Lesbians/Gays/Women/etc. are to make society safe for ourselves to live in, we are going to have to explain ourselves, unjust though that is. People have to raise their own consciousnesses, but to do so they need to be informed that something is happening that they are not aware of.

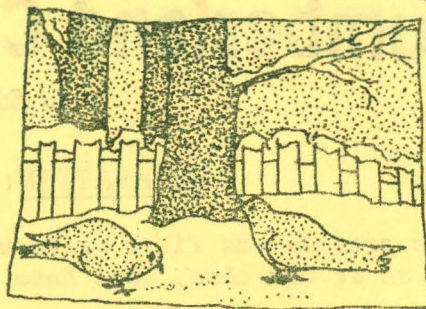
The second drawback is that separation



leads one to see others in terms of external characteristics rather than of individual personhood. It is argued by some that separatism is a positive outreach to one's own rather than a rejection of others. Nevertheless, the concept of separatism

still encourages one to categorize others on the basis of race/sex/sexual preference/ideology/etc. rather than perceiving individual qualities. At worst, it can lead to a "you put me down so I'll put you down" mentality, which is hardly conducive to accepting one another's differences as part of the richness of life.

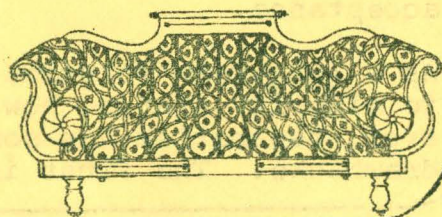
The third drawback to separatism is that, in the long run, it inhibits one's power to effect change. One cannot create a more open society, bring about the revolution, or whatever words one chooses to describe the humanizing changes we all seek, by withdrawing into a little clique (or a big one) and ignoring "The Establishment." The Establishment is too big to be ignored, and it won't go away if we pretend it isn't there. Like it as little as we may, we have to deal with it somehow. That



means, again, explaining ourselves, lobbying, propagandizing if you will, making people think about us, using whatever power or advantage comes to hand to effect humane measures.

If we separate and withdraw for too long a time, we will find we don't know what is going on in the rest of the world and that we in turn have been lost sight of. In order to create changes, one must know what the world is about, and one must make one's presence known. Vacations are necessary and healthful at regular intervals, but not if they turn into a disappearing act.

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DOW JONES FOR PRESIDENT!

(But while we avidly await the inevitable draft of Mr. Jones--on the Corporate Cause Party line, of course-- here are the latest results on the stock of the currently active, would-be public servants)

WASHINGTON, MAR. 27 (UPI)-- Light trading in most political futures markets continued today as speculative interest in the Democrats flashed briefly and then disappeared. Most traders in Washington appeared wary of the new campaign initiatives expected to be introduced by the Kennedy Campaign following the dual primary wins over President Carter in New York and Connecticut.

The Carter Campaign, which closed down its daily trading limits as recently as last October, largely bounced back to compensate for the sharp sell-off of last year.

Reagan Campaign futures were bid up the daily \$50,000 trading limit in all distant contracts, while the spot August gained \$15,500 per GPP (Gallup Poll Point.) Analysts said Reagan looked attractive in the

\$2,800,000 range, where it closed on Monday.

Brown futures in deferred contracts continued to retreat, with the nearby Wisconsin contracts gaining in a technical reaction to substantial loans from the Fondarstadt Company. "The Brown market has already told us to expect a return to political confidence in the more traditional presidential campaigns," said Roberta Sims, chief political analyst for Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith.

Brown, governor pro tem of a large western political entity, had been considered a barometer for the movements opposing nuclear power and those supporting gay rights, lowered expectations, exploration of the solar plexus and the call for a balanced federal budget.

Nearby Ford futures had gained as much as \$25,775 per GPP in early trading but was later down as much as \$1.3

million per GPP after press reports of a severe shortage of campaign energy supplies. The Political Exchange Commission shortly halted all futures trading in the Ford Campaign thereafter.

Professional traders dominated the Carter market, with some industrial buying at the lows. Carter futures on Washington's Political I.O.U. Exchange ranged from a gain of \$35,575 per GPP to a loss of \$17,655 per GPP, with the active November contract closing at \$7,650,000, up \$35,500 on the day.

CONGRESS PRICES IN RALLY-

Trade and industrial pricing of Congress in the futures market pushed prices through commission house buy-stop orders. Those are wealthy pressure group-activated orders to buy votes when issues heat up and to benefit from a bribe and prevent losses. Such stops tend to exaggerate the value of a bribe, and sell-stops--the opposite action--tend to aggravate price drops.

The U.S. Senate was \$3.864 a roll-call vote higher to \$5.901 lower, with the active November contract closing at slightly over \$7,605 per roll-call. Trading was reported

to be heaviest in the Chamber's cloak room, although some unusually large lobbyist commissions were recorded in government automobiles on the D.C. Beltway.

U.S. House prices rose slightly on some early buying. But the early gains were eclipsed by some light selling--particularly in the wake of publicity surrounding the "bargain basement" ABSCAM contracts, and futures closed 38.7¢ to 42.8¢ a vote higher.

AUGUSTA CLAMS UP

In local trading, the Maine Legislature closed mixed, a frequent occurrence lately. Democrats (all grades) were 2¢ to 3.006¢ higher, Republicans .0032¢ to .0147¢ lower, and quahogs staged a late rally, up a respectable 76.4¢ to close last Friday at \$5.079 per BDN (Bangor Daily News) Poll Point.

Jim Longley futures, the subject of much speculation among U.S. Senate traders, continued to slump on the Lewiston Exchange.▲

--Peter Prizer



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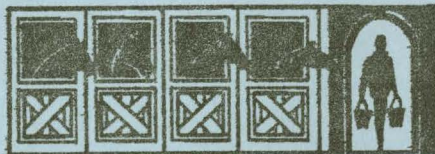
ANNOUNCING...

THE THIRD NATIONAL LESBIAN & GAY HEALTH CONFERENCE--set for June 19-22, 1980. At San Francisco State University, topics will include: Heterosexism in the Psychotherapeutic Relationship; Gay Couple Counseling; Aging; Emotional Needs of the Gay Disabled; Cancer in Lesbians; Services for the Lesbian/Gay Adolescent; and many more.

If you are interested in presenting papers, leading workshops, speaking, etc., mail a one-page description and a one-paragraph summary of your presentation to the National Lesbian & Gay Health Conference (NLGHC). Please indicate the length and method of your presentation (workshop, seminar, lecture, etc.), the audience you specifically wish to address, and whether you will need special equipment of any kind (i.e. audio-visual). Also, please include a brief description of your background, training, experience, credentials, etc., in the particular area you are presenting. Send the above information, AS SOON AS

POSSIBLE, to the following address:

The Program Committee, NLGHC
PO Box 6189
San Francisco, CA 94101

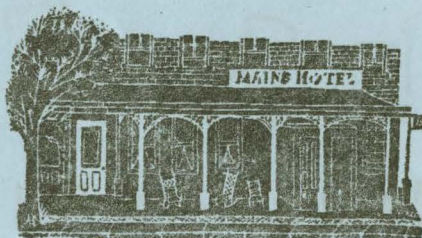


NATIONAL ORGANIZATION
FOR WOMEN

Greater Portland N.O.W. has its monthly meetings on the 4th Tuesday at 109 Middle St, Portland (Public Safety Bldg.), at 7:30PM.

If you'd like more info, they can be contacted at:

N.O.W.
PO Box 4012--Sta. A
Portland, ME 04101



Alcoholism and the Lesbian Community

Recent studies have indicated that alcoholism is reaching pandemic proportions within the gay community, with an estimated 25 to 35 percent of the population directly affected (Fifield, 1975). Given such startling statistics on the extent of the problem and of the individual suffering involved, it is incumbent upon those in the field of alcoholism services to begin increasing their awareness of the community's problems and special needs.

It is of critical and increasing importance to recognize the woman-identified community as separate from the "male homosexual" community and view it as one with its own identity, heritage and lifestyles and special problems. It is not surprising that the communities continue to be categorized together under the label "homosexual," as volumes have been written about homosexual males, with Lesbian women receiving little or no attention.

LESBIANS: MYTH AND REALITY

Before examining the problems at the core of the Lesbian woman's alcohol abuse and her unique treatment needs, it is important to explore some of the many myths and stereotypes about Lesbianism which continue to this day. A Lesbian is as individual as a single member of any other population segment, for Lesbian women are found in all socio-economic strata, ethnic groups, religious and cultural backgrounds. Whoever she is, she has probably found it unsafe to be herself in all but very limited environments and may have found alcohol a mighty balm for soothing the pain of loneliness, fear and alienation.

As for the stereotypes concerning Lesbians, a paper en-

titled "Homosexuals May Be Healthier Than Straights," by Dr. Mark Freedman, observes the following:

My research on Lesbians found them scoring higher than a control group on autonomy, spontaneity, orientation toward the present (as opposed to be obsessed with the past or anticipating the future), and sensitivity to one's own needs and feelings. Among the adjectives that characterized the Lesbian group were: independent, resilient, bohemian and self-sufficient. When compared to heterosexual subjects, Lesbians scored higher on both goal direction and self-acceptance.

THE LESBIAN WOMAN AND ALCOHOL: A STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

Lesbians drink for the same reasons that others drink--alcohol's there and it works! Why, then, the high alcoholism rate in this community? There appear to be three major factors at the core of the problem: 1) the community is an oppressed minority; 2) the Lesbian bar is the traditional setting for social activities; 3) alcoholism services agencies lack responsiveness to the Lesbian alcoholic.

Lesbians as an oppressed minority: As is true of all minority groups that have been victims of ongoing and systematic discrimination, the dynamic of oppression manifests itself in that community as low self-esteem, alienation, despair, self-destructive behavior, and high rates of alcoholism and drug addiction. Many of these same characteristics (low self-esteem, e.g.) are felt by informed alcoholism professionals to constitute the profile of an "alcoholic personality." When these feelings and behaviors are intensified by widespread and systematic societal oppression, alcoholism rates of the communities involved take on a new and more understandable perspective. As a result of this oppression, Lesbians often find themselves living compartmentalized, often fractured and sometimes less than full lives. As with anyone else under those circumstances, alcohol is found to relieve anxiety, soothe tensions, produce a sense of euphoria or well-being, and generally provide the temporary coping mechanism necessary for living in the oppressing society. The stages of addiction and progression of alcoholism are identical for the Lesbian as for any other alcoholic, with

alcohol in time becoming the problem rather than the solution. The critical point is that the adverse societal conditions which act on the Lesbian community encourage a greater usage of alcohol as a coping mechanism and produce a higher alcoholism rate than in the heterosexual community.

The tradition of the Lesbian bar: Bars for Lesbians have taken on the characteristics and significance of the community center, the coffee break, family gatherings, clubs and the church picnic. In a society that has openly oppressed the gay minority, which has condoned police harrassment, and which has fostered an atmosphere of secrecy, mistrust, and hatred, Lesbians are usually forced to socialize in very limited environments. Traditionally, these environments are bars, and Lesbians look to them as places for meeting friends, finding partners, relating with peers and performing most other human social functions. Bars provide the atmosphere where "It is OK to be me" even if only for a few hours a week.

By nature, bars are alcohol-related environments, and consumption of alcohol and sociability have become strongly interrelated in the Lesbian's experience. Current studies indicate that gay bar users spend an average of 80 percent of their gay social activities time in bars and at parties where alcohol is served. The survey of these same bar users also showed that 63 percent of the sample go to bars alone in the hope of meeting friends, and that the typical bar user interviewed has spent an average of ten years going to gay bars. The relationship between drinking and socializing is reinforced due to lack of alcohol-free alternatives and limited social options available to Lesbians in the larger society.

AGENCY ATTITUDES TOWARD THE LESBIAN ALCOHOLIC

Most of the alcoholism agencies staff questioned in a recent survey showed judgemental and restrictive attitudes toward Lesbians and continued to view Lesbianism as a pathology. Their negative attitudes, even considering occasional attempts at disguise, seriously hinder the Lesbian alcoholic's progress toward recovery. The following are examples of these attitudes as they affected recovery:

(cont. p.21)

--I was only one week sober and new to the clinic. I needed lots of support and understanding; instead, I felt as though others were sneering at me behind my back, as if I were a leper. Eventually the rejection became too much, and I drank again--for 5 years.

--I felt that my counselor wasn't concerned about my drinking problem, but he really tripped out on my Lesbianism.

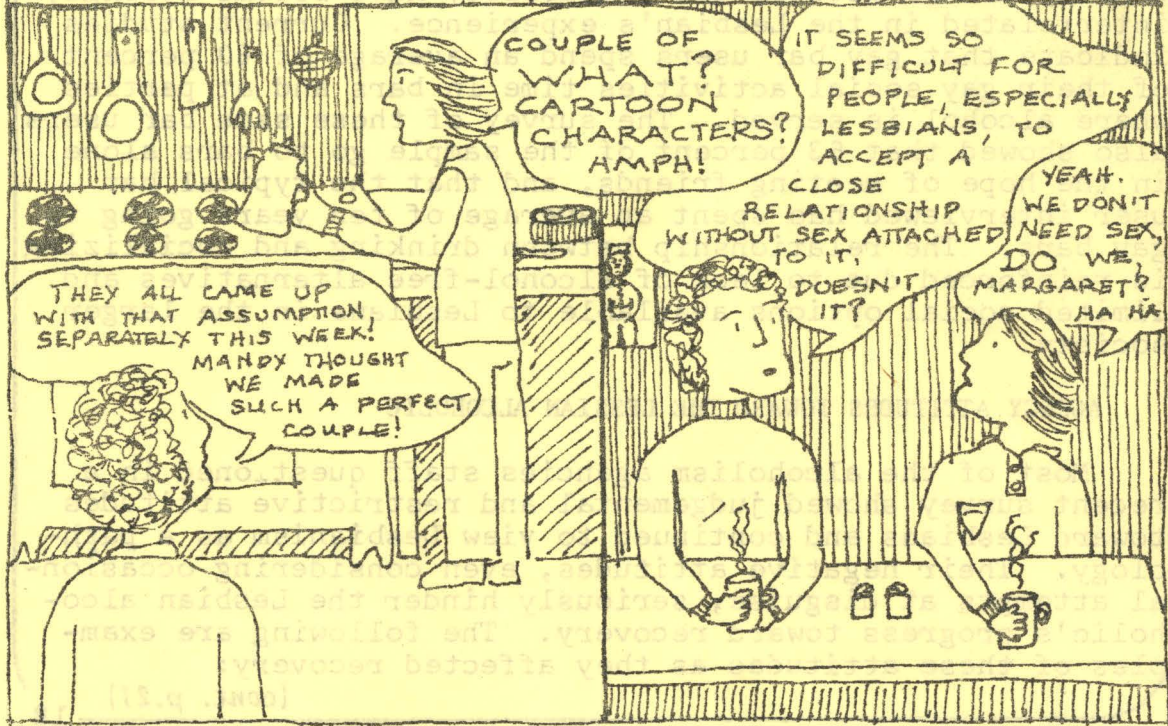
--I was assigned to a room alone (although there were empty beds in other dorm rooms). Then, a few hours later, the house manager took me aside and said I was just lucky to be there at all--and that if I even looked like I might "cause trouble" I would be asked to leave immediately. I decided to leave the house that night, and it was several months later before I again had the courage to ask for help.

There appear to be three major types of negative interaction which can characterize the Lesbian alcoholic's experience with alcoholism agencies:

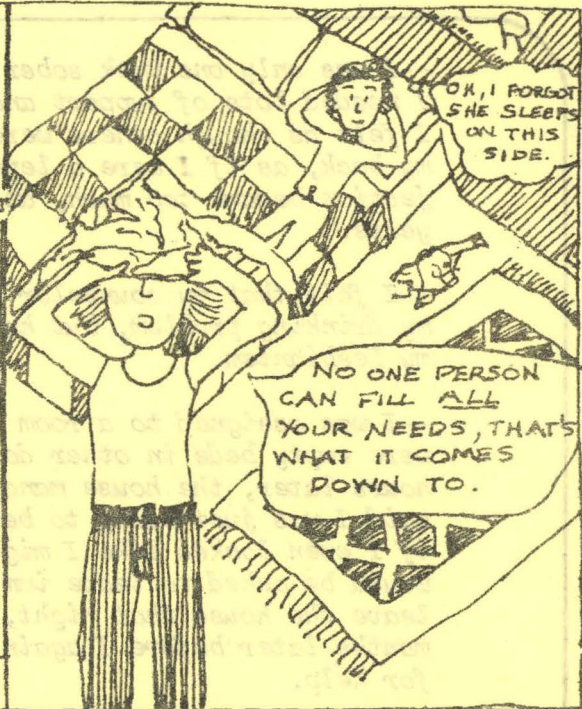
- + Refusal of services if Lesbianism is known or suspected.
- + Provision of services on a limited basis, or with negative attitudes which hinder support, growth, self-disclosure or sobriety.
- + Services that tend to isolate or "cure" Lesbianism as the primary problem, with little or no attention directed to alcoholism.

Given these factors, the Lesbian's chances for recovery may range from poor to non-existent. In addition to negative staff attitudes, the Lesbian community, with its increasingly high alcoholism rate, is difficult for outreach due to its often closed and secretive nature.

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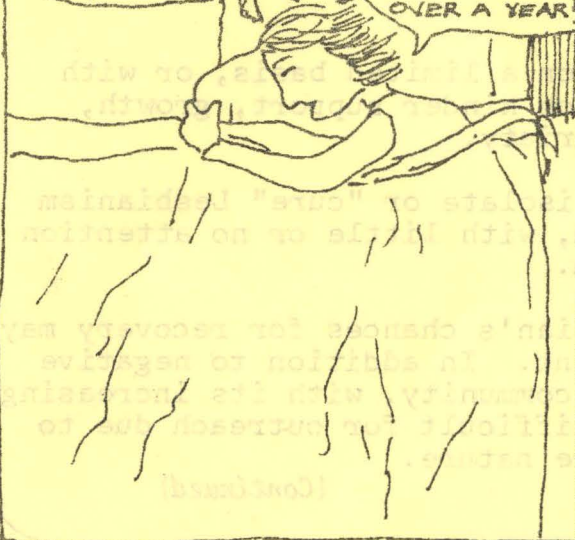


I BET IF THERE WERE MORE FRIENDSHIPS LIKE OURS, LOVER RELATIONSHIPS WOULDN'T BREAK UP SO QUICKLY OR SO PAINFULLY AND THERE WOULDN'T BE SUCH A MAD RUSH TO REPLACE THE "LOVER". THE AFFECTION AND SUPPORT WOULD BE MET BY MORE PEOPLE.



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HOA?



Treatment needs of the Lesbian alcoholic: specialized services and evaluation of effectiveness: During the early developmental stages of the Alcoholism Center for Women, attempts were made to isolate the unique treatment needs of the Lesbian alcoholic, and then to design treatment services relevant to those needs. Based on the experiences and observations of this group, the following major treatment needs were defined:

- + The need for a safe and nonjudgemental environment in which to share honestly and receive support.
- + The need for a peer support group, both during treatment and to facilitate community re-entry.
- + The need for full access to a wide range of services including alcoholism-focused groups and counseling, vocational development, social welfare and recovery home services.
- + The need for non-traditional support services to facilitate self-esteem, positive identity and self-development. These include Lesbian issues raps, C-R groups and assertion training, and alcohol-free social alternatives.

Responses to all of the above services and environmental and attitudinal needs were built into the Alcoholism Center for Women's program, which was funded in October, 1974, by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. The program provides a full range of services to all women and makes a special outreach to and is concerned with the special problems of the Lesbian alcoholic.

Recent studies have shown the importance of all-women treatment groups and women staff in positively affecting the percentage of women who complete treatment programs. The all-woman staff of the Center is approximately two-thirds Lesbian to one-third non-Lesbian, with the participant population reflecting the same ratio.

After nearly two years of services delivery, some data

has been obtained on the effectiveness of Center program services. Of the women who completed intake, only 7 percent did not participate in a program of services and reported no change in their drinking patterns. Of the remaining 93 percent, dramatic intervention in drinking patterns was reported as follows:

Months of sobriety attained

<i>Fewer than 3</i>	<i>10 percent</i>
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<i>6 - 11</i>	<i>42 percent</i>
<i>More than 12</i>	<i>22 percent</i>

SUGGESTED GUIDELINES FOR AGENCIES IN PROVIDING SERVICES FOR LESBIAN CLIENTS

- + Recognize the individuality of the Client.
- + Provide a full range of services.
- + Increase staff awareness and sensitivity to the Lesbian alcoholic.
- + Implement specialized treatment groups.

[Editor's note: the above article, written in 1976 by Brenda Weathers, was suggested for reprint by a MG subscriber. For women and men in Maine who would like more information on alcoholism and availability of alcoholism services, it is suggested that they consult "alcohol counseling services," usually listed under SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS in the phone book's Yellow Pages.]



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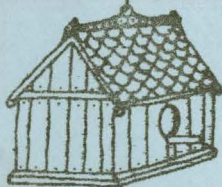
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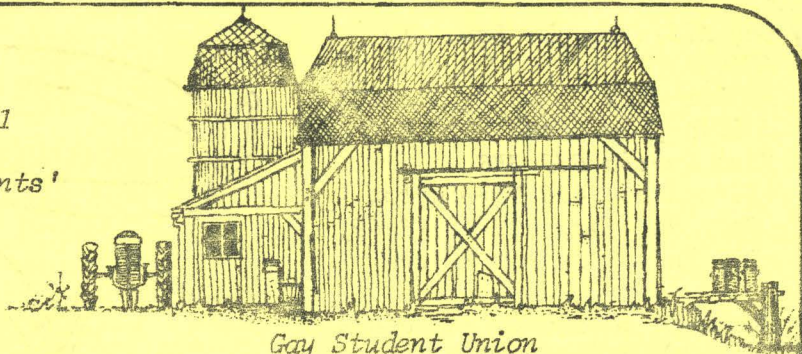
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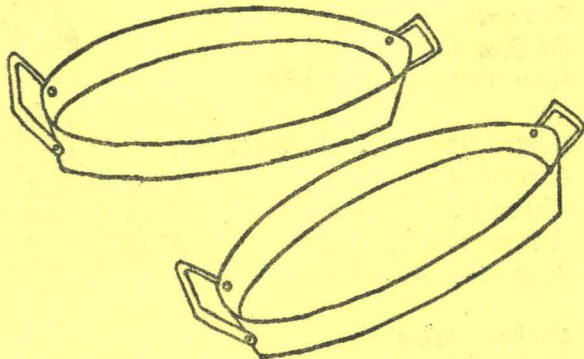
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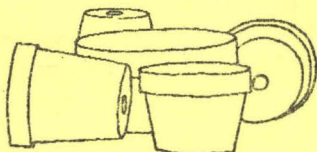
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The State Street Straw

By Peter Prizer

"WITH CHARITY FOR ALL (who qualify)..."

A quality of Ronald Reagan's political theory that I find attractive, quite frankly, is the relative ease with which he defines the "issues:" an empty nutshell is always within the casual grasp of the articulating former governor who reined in (or over), as he describes it, "the second largest executive job in the country." Recently, when queried by a reporter about the possible U.S. role in a future arms race with the Soviet Union, Reagan--nutshell firmly in hand--replied, "Now, what I think the Russians would fear more than anything else is a United States that all of a sudden would hitch up our belt and say, 'O.K., Buster, we've tried this other way [detente and SALT]. We are now going to build what is necessary to surpass you.' And this is the last thing they want from us, an arms race, because they are already running as fast as they can and we haven't started running."

The November fiasco, featuring Jimmy "Never Lie" Carter against Ronnie "God Bless America" Reagan, will undoubtedly be notable as the first election during which the U.S. Public Health Service, to head off mass hysteria, felt obliged to secretly add great quantities of Valium to the nation's drinking water. Carter, we should recall, might be totally inept at running (or even just leading) the government, but his sundry associates have been quite effective in electoral matters, and Reagan, trusted and tried theoretician of the paranoid Reader's Digest set, arrogantly swamped moderate Democrats in liberal California. Both sides (the Right vs. the Far Right) will interpret the upcoming election as a historic watershed, an all-chips-on-the-table slugfest with no less than the fate of apple pie and Chevrolets hanging in the mud-splattered balance.

THE LULL BEFORE THE STORM

The TV ads, to mention just one dismal though major feature of the campaign, will necessarily be as incessant as they'll be moronic. Reaganite spots will grimly depict no-nonsense Bolsheviks churning down Constitution Avenue in mammoth T-72 tanks (with their CARTER/MON-

DALE bumperstickers barely visible through the dust), while Carter's media wizards will reveal Reagan as Darth Vader--the deep breathing nihilist itching to wrap his icy (though 'gloved) fingers around the Doomsday buttons. Needless to say, this is the stuff upon which vast fortunes are made, and right now, this very second, may be the prime moment to invest any spare funds in companies that manufacture any form of alcohol (ethchlorvynol, mouthwash and hair tonic, e.g.), as per capita consumption of the erstwhile sedative will pick up around Convention time and really take off around the beginning of October.

Reagan's inauguration in January, 1981, will no doubt excite fans of the so-called "Zero Factor," which advises almanac readers that any president elected in a year ending in zero (like 1960) will not live to the end of his (sic) elected term. At this particular juncture, it seems safe to assume that Ronnie will meet his untimely demise not, as is widely assumed, at the N.R.A.-approved hands of a berserk gun enthusiast, but through some agent more esoteric, like prolonged exposure to massive doses of hair dye later revealed to be heavily carcinogenic. As will be expected, a grieving Nancy Reagan will dutifully hold both chin and pride high, even as her First Gentleman gets trundled off to Arlington, but her personal price for simple dignity will prove dear: after 20 tedious and revealing years as cover staple for the "National Enquirer," the "Star" and countless other throwaways, Jacqueline Onassis will finally achieve her long-sought privacy; news of her life replaced by 20 years of...news about the life of Nancy Reagan! (Freelancers: start your photo inventories now!)

Meanwhile, even while the Onassis--Reagan transition begins, many eyes will soon settle on the new president, the thought of which renders this essay too depressing to continue.

Odds & Ends: ...am mildly distressed at the media scorn heaped on Ronald Reagan because of his age; still OK to be ageist, apparently... Rep. John Anderson's bandwagon continues to gather hot air--not quite steam yet--as disgruntled and disaffected liberals scan an empty horizon and, finding the Common Cause/Citizen's Party lifeboat a little too chaotic (more on this later), discover that the Illinois Congressman is okey-dokey afterall--everyone conveniently forgetting that Anderson's charm stems from the fact that he's saying, essentially, the same things that Candidate Carter mouthed back in 1976... Fundamentalist Christians are "rabid for Ronnie," conveniently forgetting that il Duce, ever the political realist, came out last year against the anti-gay Prop.6 in

California. President Reagan will see which way the "moral" winds blow from Oval Office windows, then may or may not instruct his Attorney General (Roy Cohn or William Safire) to toss raw meat to the zealous social-controllers; possibly in the form of a F.B.I. sting against commie dupes in the State Department--e.g., FAGSCAM, just in time for the '82 midterms... And finally back to Barry Commoner and the soon-to-be ballyhooed Citizen's Party. The Commoner/CP gig, despite its recent progressive noises, should never amount to more than a sophisticated protest vote: inherent elitism of Commoner and the party hierarchy could theoretically fill a string of Manhattan-style cocktail/fund-raising parties stretching from Santa Barbara to Ocean City, N.J. ... As for Ted Kennedy, the only real liberal in the race, do we really want a person in the White House who blatantly used his prestige and position to extricate himself from the legal entanglements of the saga known only (to us) as Chappaquiddick? Only the most politically cynical, it seems, would allow that personal integrity and character is so relative as to be meaningless.

Here's a quiz for all ages: "Who wrote the following?"

"One would hope that the seventh annual Maine Gay Symposium, taking place this weekend at Bangor Community College, is neither the social nor intellectual highlight of the year.

Surely the grove of academia is capable of producing symposia that lend to the genuine and worthwhile advancement of the young minds and mores gracing our halls of higher learning. What in the world are our heterosexual sons and daughters to gain from this array of homosexuals, unless it is an insight into the quest of a maladjusted minority for political legitimacy? It is one thing..."

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03 ANSWER: BDN editorial, 22-23 March

VIOLENCE AGAINST THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE

Anti-choice fanatics, bent on destroying women's legal right to choose abortion, have unleashed a storm of violence against abortion clinics and contraception counseling facilities across the country. These attacks, which include burnings, bombings and even threats against the children of clinic personnel, show a systematic disregard for human life and property.

The incidents described below have all occurred in the past two years. Six clinic invasions happened on the same day, January 6, 1978, and conducted by a group which calls itself "PEACE"--People Expressing a Concern for Everyone. NARAL, the National Abortion Rights Action League, is devoted solely to protecting women's right to choose, and keeps in close contacts with clinics throughout the United States. It will be monitoring for further acts of violence and illegal disruptions of legal medical procedures.

St. Paul, Minnesota, Planned Parenthood Clinic--On Feb. 23, 1977, unknown persons broke into the Administrative Offices, soaked the floor with an inflammable liquid and ignited it. The entire administrative floor was destroyed; the clinic on the floor below suffered water and smoke damage as did the library above. Damages: \$250,000.

Since then, bullets have been fired into the building,

staff and patients have been harrassed and kidnap threats against board members' children have been received. One board member required 24-hour police protection, and one board member's child was removed from school because of death threats.

On Feb. 15, 1978, a professionally constructed bomb which had failed to explode was found in front of a pexiglass window at the clinic.

Omaha, Nebraska, Ladies Center--In the middle of the night of August 18, 1977, a least four bottles of gasoline were thrown through a clinic window and ignited. \$35,000 worth of damage was done to the clinic, and within hours "several groups" and the local newspaper received letters, one of which read "you'd bomb a concentration camp--why not abortion centers?" Although some of the letters were signed, and clinic personnel found someone who had bought gasoline in a container from a nearby convenience store that evening--and paid for it by check--police came up with no suspects and are no longer investigating.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Planned Parenthood of Cincinnati, the Price-Hill Clinic, the Margaret Sanger Clinic, and the Women's Center--Although the Planned Parenthood clinic provides no abortions, only family planning services, a man entered the clinic in November, 1977, and set fire to a crib in the reception area. Fortunately about only \$4000 worth of damage was done to the clinic.

The Price-Hill Clinic, which also provides only family planning services, is picketed daily by anti-choice activists who take down the license numbers of cars belonging to staff and

patients. No one knows what the pickets intend to do with the numbers.

The Margaret Sanger Clinic, a Planned Parenthood-owned and operated facility which does not provide abortion services in Cincinnati, was the would-be victim of a failed firebombing attempt. The bomb hit a window airconditioner and did not explode.

A chemical bomb and packets of literature were thrown through a plate glass window of the Women's Center in February, 1978. The bomb's key ingredient was an acid reportedly on the government's list of chemical warfare agents. The bomb was so potent that the clinic had to be closed for nine days, and all rugs and upholstered furniture had to be replaced.

Cleveland, Ohio, Concerned Women's Clinic--During the night of Feb. 15, 1978, the clinic was broken into. All upholstery was slashed, phone lines cut, centrifuge lines cut, and an iodine-like substance was thrown on walls, floors and ceilings. Police were called but declined a request for investigation.

Three days later, someone posing as a delivery man entered the clinic, threw a chemical blinder into the eyes of a

technician (she remained sightless for several terrifying hours) and then threw gasoline over the clinic's lab. The fire he then set destroyed the entire clinic. Twenty patients were in the building at the time, and at least one had to flee the building wearing only a hospital coat. The arsonist fled and has not been found.

THE FOLLOWING CLINIC INVASIONS BY "PEOPLE EXPRESSING A CONCERN FOR EVERYONE" (PEACE) AND OTHER ANTI-CHOICE ACTIVISTS ALL OCCURRED ON JANUARY 6, 1978.

Omaha, Nebraska, Ladies Center--Demonstrators entered and sat down in front of the procedure room doors. Police removed them, but they were let go a few blocks away. One received a \$1 fine.

New York New York, Center for Reproductive Health--Demonstrators entered the clinic, distributed literature, sang anti-choice songs and sat-in in the procedure rooms. Police arrested seven persons, charging them with trespassing and resisting arrest.

Minneapolis, Minnesota, Midwest Health Center for Women--Demonstrators entered the clinic, distributed literature, sang anti-choice songs and sat down

in front of the procedure room doors. Police arrested them and charged them with trespassing.

Baltimore, Maryland, Hillcrest Clinic of Baltimore--Demonstrators barged past a staff person who had just unlocked the back door to the clinic. The clinic was empty since it was just opening for the day. Ten people were charged with trespassing.

Anchorage, Alaska, Alaska Clinic--Demonstrators chained themselves to a procedure table, and refused to leave after security guards cut the chains. The police were called and the people arrested.

Fairfax, Virginia, Northern Virginia's Women's Medical Center--This clinic was the victim of one of the January 6 incidents, but has been victimized by a whole series of illegal harrassments:

In January, 1977, 15 demonstrators were arrested, but the charges were dropped because of a mix-up in paperwork.

In May, 1977, police arrested 6 demonstrators, but a judge acquitted them on the grounds they believed they had to enter the clinic to save lives.

Four demonstrators, arrested in November, 1977, and in Jan-

uary, 1978, were acquitted by a judge on the grounds the Virginia statute allowing first trimester abortions is unconstitutional!

On Feb. 11, 1978, demonstrators

kicked and pushed staff, including one who was 6½ months pregnant, and knocked down an administrator and a policeman. Police arrested them, but were then told not to respond to the clinic's calls as the courts were obviously not going to prosecute these cases.

From the above selected incidents, it's obvious that January and February of 1978 were banner months for the anti-abortion fanatics. The bombed, burned, vandalized or invaded dozens of different abortion clinics in locations as diverse as Anchorage, Alaska and Fairfax, Virginia.

With callous disregard for life and property, these attacks have been well-planned and seemingly well-coordinated--many assaults on widely separated clinics occurring on the same day. NARAL, the National Abortion Rights Action League, has compiled a report that shows that this wave of domestic violence has been raging for well over two years.

Why have these fanatics suddenly come out of the woodwork? Because, while they have been successful in intimidating some politicians on abortion, the overwhelming weight of public support has slowed their efforts to return this country to the days of back alley butchery.

I underline politicians because every major opinion poll shows that the majority of the American public favors the continuance of safe, legal abortion.

If the events described here shock you, if the very real possibility of a nationwide abortion ban appalls you, then I urge you to join me and thousands of other women and men as a member of NARAL. These acts of violence represent a further escalation of the anti-choice minority's campaign to intimidate our elected officials and to insure the passage of more abusive legislation. The only

way to counter this intimidation is through persistent, astute political pressure in Congress and in the state and municipal governments across the nation--and NARAL is leading the political fight. NARAL is the only national lobbying and membership organization devoted to maintaining safe, legal abortion.

Basic membership is \$15, but any donation you can afford will help us continue to monitor clinic violence and to fight against measures which deny women their right to choose. We'll keep you informed of our progress.

A show of strength now could also help to send the anti-choice advocates of violence running for cover, and there is strength in numbers.

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Karen Mulhauser

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THE PHOENIX, a popular gay disco in Portland, was totally destroyed by a fire which broke out during the early morning hours of March 24th.

The life of a Portland firefighter was lost battling the flames.

The staff of this magazine extend their sympathy to Roland Labbe, owner of The Phoenix, and to the family of the deceased firefighter.

The Phoenix, with its back cover ad in Mainely Gay, had been a loyal and significant supporter of the publication and, by extension, of our readers.

TWO MONKS INCH UP CALIFORNIA COAST

Many Maine people are familiar with politicians walking hundreds of miles across the state's 2nd Congressional District seeking votes (in area, the 2nd is the largest east of the Mississippi), but a West Coast subscriber sends us the following account that will either shame Rep. Snowe and (former) Rep. Cohen or encourage them to new heights (or lows) for publicity.

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MENDOCINO COUNTY, California:

On a remote stretch of logging road, two male American Buddhist monks are on the last leg of a bizarre, 800 mile, 2½-year journey that will end in late November when they reach their destination and make their contribution to world happiness.

Since May 7, 1977, the two monks have been making their way north from Los Angeles on a laborious and back-straining pilgrimage in which they bow to the ground in full prostration every THREE steps of the way. "We bow to get rid of our own greed, anger and stupidity and work to prevent disasters, wars and suffering of all kinds,"

says Heng Chau, 32, who acts as spokesperson because his partner, Heng Sure, 29, has taken a vow of silence until their journey ends in the northern California town of Talmadge.

Moving as slowly and deliberately as snails, Chau and Sure, both from San Francisco, have bowed their way northward about 770 miles so far, mostly along the Coast Highway but sometimes on cow paths, bike trails and railroad tracks.

"It's a big job," Chau says serenely. "We do our work every day, and the job isn't done until all living beings, including animals and even mosquitoes, find the peace and happiness they are seeking." A couple of horseflies rested undisturbed on Chau's hand as he spoke.

As if it weren't difficult enough to bow every 35 seconds, 16 hours a day, the two monks have also vowed not to lie down during their pilgrimage. They sleep four hours a night sitting bolt upright in the Lotus position. "It keeps your head clear," explains Chau. "Like the bowing, it's difficult

for the first few months, but you get used to it.

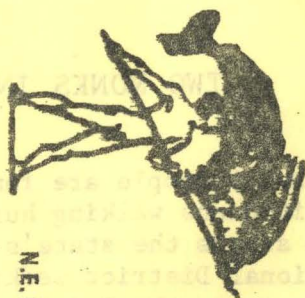
Other vows include celibacy and a promise not to get angry-- "That's our contribution to world peace," Chau says with a friendly smile.

Both monks are Caucasians who were raised in the Christian tradition and graduated from Midwestern universities. Sure has been a monk for five years and Chau for about three and a half. Chau is vague about his previous life "because it's not important," he says.

They have vowed not to beg, solicit or accept invitations to homes along the way. But they do accept donations of food, gas (a beat-up 1956 Plymouth station wagon carries their altar, books and the few belongings they share-- Chau drives ahead a half mile and parks the rusty vehicle, then returns to join his bowling partner) and, occasionally, a little money for their few necessities.

"We have bowed through traffic, through cities and through what police said were hostile gangs in Los Angeles," Chau said. "We have never been harmed. Sometimes commuters who passed us for months on Highway 1 stop and bow with us."

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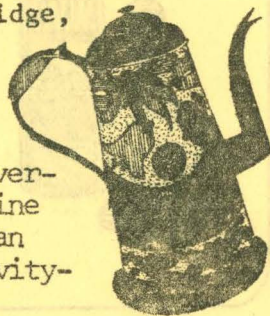
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INTEGRITY, the inter-
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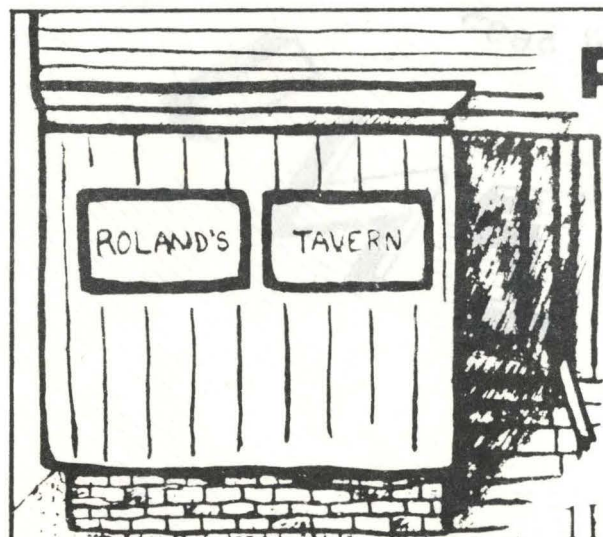
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