

YES ON 12 THE NUCLEAR FREEZE INITIATIVE

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TEXT

California Bilateral Nuclear Weapons Freeze Initiative

Section 1. Findings and Declarations. We, the people of the State of California, do hereby find and declare:

- (a) The safety and security of the United States must be paramount in the concerns of the American people.
- (b) The substantial and growing danger of nuclear war between the United States and the Soviet Union which would result in millions of deaths of the people in California and throughout the nation, can be reduced by an agreement that both countries immediately halt the testing, production and further deployment of all nuclear weapons, missiles and delivery systems in a way that can be checked and verified by both sides.
- (c) This measure is necessary to reduce the threat of nuclear war to the health and well-being of the citizens of California and the entire country.

Section 2. Text of Transmittal. The Governor shall prepare and transmit on or before December 31, 1982, the following written communication to the President of the United States, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State and all members of the United States Congress:

"The People of the State of California, recognizing that the safety and security of the United States must be paramount in the concerns of the American people; and further recognizing that our national security is reduced, not increased, by the growing danger of nuclear war between the United States and the Soviet Union which would result in millions of deaths of people in California and throughout the nation; do hereby urge that the Government of the United States propose to the Government of the Soviet Union that both countries agree to immediately halt the testing, production and further deployment of all nuclear weapons, missiles and delivery systems in a way that can be checked and verified by both sides."

THE FREEZE: LESBIANS & GAYS TAKE A STAND

As lesbians and gay men, we've struggled long and hard for our dreams: full equality and justice, an end to discrimination and prejudice, sexual freedom, and an end to homophobia. Our struggle is far from over.

YET, in just a matter of minutes, our dreams could explode in a nuclear nightmare. A full-scale nuclear war, unleashed in one insane moment, would demolish all traces of society as we know it. After the mushroom clouds settled, there would no longer be a struggle for freedom, for human rights. Only the lonely, horrific struggle to survive on a wasted earth.

U.S. policy-makers and the pro-war, New Right faction in Congress are moving us closer to this scenario of nuclear devastation. The current administration in Washington has, from the start, shown a cynical obsession with the nuclear holocaust. Government officials are casually theorizing about the possibilities of winning a nuclear war. Stockpiling of atomic weapons continues unabated. Weapons research is being expanded. Military spending in general has been greatly increased.

Lesbians and gay men should be familiar with those politicians supporting an escalated arms race. They are the same ones responsible for the attempt to deny legal assistance to lesbians and gays, for promoting the anti-gay Family Protection Act and for pushing anti-abortion legislation. Their preoccupation with weapons and defense spending has directly resulted in heavy cutbacks in social service programs. In 1982, growing numbers of lesbians and gay men are becoming victims of these perverted priorities.

On election day, we have an opportunity to say **NO** to the nuclear arms race and to the administration's reckless policies. Let's take the first step towards ending the madness. Vote **YES ON PROPOSITION 12—THE NUCLEAR FREEZE INITIATIVE**.

Let's keep a planet to struggle on!

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UNEARTHING OUR HISTORY

Reminiscences of the '40's & '50's

- SPEAKERS -

PAT BOND, Lesbian Comic & Star of
"Gertie, Gertie, Gertie Stein is Back, Back, Back"
& The Upcoming "Murder in the WAC"

JIM KEPNER, Curator,
National Gay Archives

TIME: 7:30 P.M., WEDNESDAY, June 24

PLACE: WOMEN'S BLDG., 3543 - 18th St.
(Near Valencia)

Sponsored By:



Gay/Lesbian Liberation
San Francisco

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:
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GAY LIBERATION NOW!

Meet at SPEAR & FOLSOM, 9:45 AM, SUNDAY JUNE 28

We need all the help we can get to make placards, distribute leaflets, raise money and to run our booth at the Celebration at City Hall. If you can make a contribution and/or give some time, please call 626-9593, 861-3899 or 863-5963.

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LESBIANS & GAY MEN

Demonstrate Against Reagan's Attacks

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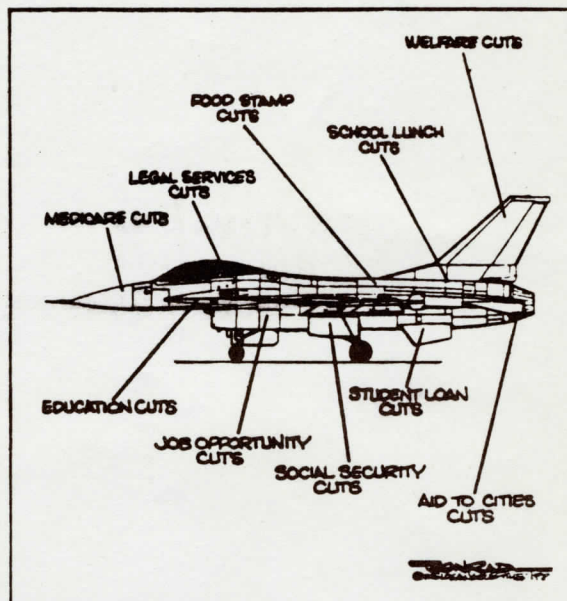
Our Rights, Our Jobs, Our Living Standard, Our Environment

Behind the innocent-looking smokescreen of reducing "big gummint" the Reagan administration is conducting a massive attack on working class and poor people. Reagan's phony "supply side economics" is simply a cover for a gigantic transfer of the public income to the Pentagon and multinational corporations.

The destruction of CETA and massive cuts in social services have already wiped out Jobpower and other programs for gay people. Gay community centers, health, alcoholic and counseling programs and a host of other services to benefit our community are next on the hit list. Other legislation aimed at depriving us of our elementary rights, such as the sexist and racist Family Protection Act is next on the Reagan agenda.

Reagan's recent union-busting actions against the air traffic controllers is a hypocritical denial of the very rights widely applauded for Polish workers. An administration prepared to deal so ruthlessly with trade unions will hardly "go easy" on those it views as perverts.

The time to fight back is now. Join with us and thousands of other victims of Reaganism on Solidarity Day. Make the gay and lesbian presence big and visible. Wear a lavender or purple arm band. We will be gathering under the red and yellow Solidarity banner at 11:30am.



RALLY!!!

TIME: 12 Noon, Saturday, September 19

PLACE: Villancourt Plaza

(Embarcadero - Foot of Market Street)



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CITY ATTORNEY ATTACKS GAY RIGHTS ORDINANCE

City Attorney George Agnost has decided to challenge the constitutionality of this city's gay/lesbian rights ordinance in a pending court case. One of the City Attorney's primary duties is to advise the Board of Supervisors on the legal sufficiency of measures before that body. During public hearings on the gay rights bill, Agnost never questioned its constitutionality before the Board.

This current maneuver by Agnost is both cynical and dangerous. He sends a message to those who would discriminate against lesbians and gays in housing, jobs, or public accommodations that the ordinance may not be enforceable. He also provides ammunition to opponents of gay rights ordinances presently on the ballot in Palo Alto, among other places.

**DEMAND THAT THE GAY RIGHTS ORDINANCE BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY!
DEMAND THE RESIGNATION OF GEORGE AGNOST!!
PICKET!!! CITY HALL MONDAY, AUGUST 17 5-7PM**

Endorsed by: Solidarity-Gay/Lesbian Liberation, Radical Women, Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club, Harvey Milk Gay Democratic Club, Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Committee, Stonewall Gay Democratic Club, Gay Teacher's Coalition, Freedom Socialist Party, North American Man-Boy Love Association, Women's Writer's Union.

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STOP THE ANTI-GAY COVER-UP IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE — REHIRE MARC JOHNSON!

Last March 17, Marc Johnson, a gay clerk-typist in the District Attorney's Family Support Bureau was charged with an office prank, which he firmly denies, and verbally fired. This action came only a few days after Johnson filed complaints with the Human Rights Commission, ACLU and his union, Local 400, over anti-gay harrasment in the office.

District Attorney Arlo Smith then asked Johnson to return to work pending an investigation. On April 7 Smith fired Johnson in a formal letter. Johnson was accused of putting a glass eye in a candy box which was placed on a co-worker's desk. The DA's sole evidence was the word of another employee who *claimed* Johnson admitted it.

The official inquiry into the case was conducted by the chief investigator for the DA's Family Support Bureau, Robert Holmes. Smith has admitted that Holmes has made homophobic remarks and has since transferred him to another office.

Employees have charged Holmes with questioning only gay men concerning the alleged candy box incident. They quote Holmes as saying, "This was a deviate act and only a homosexual would have done it," and a reference to gay men as "pretty boys who sit around filing their nails." Other senior investigators have made anti-Black, anti-gay and anti-semitic remarks such as, "The Holocaust never happened" and "if it did, it wasn't a bad thing!"

Arlo Smith received substantial gay support in his campaign. He has denied Marc Johnson due process, refusing to even meet with him. He has avoided phone calls from Civil Service investigators and the *Sentinel*. He has attempted to make a deal with Johnson's attorney by offering Johnson a 60-day leave-of-absence with pay if he would drop the case and seek employment elsewhere with the city.

PICKET THE DA

Arlo Smith is holding a \$125 per plate fundraiser at the Fairmount Hotel on May 7. According to the invitation, the money is to eliminate a campaign deficit and to "help defer non-campaign expenses." We will be *in front* of the Fairmount, demanding that Marc Johnson be immediately rehired with full back pay and that the prevailing sexism and racism be routed from the DA's office.

**Time: 5:15 to 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, May 7**

**Place: Fairmont Hotel
California at Mason Street**

Sponsored by
SOLIDARITY and S.E.I.U. Local 400, AFL-CIO
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SCAPEGOATS FOR THE RIGHT WING

As the economy careens toward depression, and public anger mounts, the ruling class needs someone to blame. So scapegoats are created -- gays, women, people of color, Jews, trade unionists, political radicals, the poor.

Gays and lesbians are some of the first to be targeted. We stand outside the traditional nuclear family and its 'godgiven' roles. Now, a million dollar campaign to repeal all gay ordinances in the country is being launched by fundamentalist leader, Richard Zone. Preachers urge 'death to homos' on national media, while queerbashing in the streets grows.

The so-called 'Family Protection' Act in reality protects the ruling class. It is an attack on independent women, labor, people of color and gays. It censors education, bringing church and state dangerously close with its demand that school texts re-enforce the segregated roles of the sexes.

CRUSADE AGAINST THE PEOPLE

The Reagan Administration and the Moral Majority are launching a full-scale crusade that is not only anti-gay, but anti-feminist, anti-labor, racist and pro-capitalist. The right wing atmosphere emboldens the Nazis and KKK. Native Americans are jailed and killed, and rape and assaults against women are a calamity. Attacks on reproductive rights and ERA force women back onto the economic dependence of unpaid labor in the home.

Reforms advocated by Democratic Party politicians will not stop these right wing onslaughts because Democrats defend Big Business which funds ultra-conservative and neo-fascist organizations. We see the Reaganites methodically stripping away the reforms won through years of organizing.

SELF-DEFENSE IS MUTUAL DEFENSE

These are chilling times. But they are also times of great opportunity for revolutionary change. This can only happen if we build a multi-issue and democratic united front that integrates all our struggles against a common enemy. Political segregation is suicidal since it sets us up to be picked off, one by one. Lesbians and gays, women, people of color and workers must organize for united action against the right. None of us will survive unless we all stand together.

Issued by:
Radical Women
Freedom Socialist Party
& Committee for a Revolutionary Socialist Party
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Sisters and Brothers in Solidarity,

Solidarity is now one year old. Over the past year Solidarity has picketed the Archbishop on Easter Sunday for his refusal to let the Gay Men's Chorus perform at the University of San Francisco. We have done a variety of labor/strike support including supporting the workers at Church Street Station, the Local 9 (theater janitors) strike, and the Coors' boycott. We organized the first commemoration of the White Night Riots. We have brought an organized gay presence to many El Salvador and anti-Reagan/ anti-cutbacks/ anti-right wing rallies and demonstrations. We have demonstrated against the Family Protection Act, and the evangelists in Union Square and marched for Women's rights. We worked to build the last Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade and make it more political. We organized street marches against police violence in the Haight and on Polk Street. We are currently the only lesbian/gay organization being sued by Coors (for \$140,000.00) over our work on the Coors boycott.

Many of these activities are still going on. In addition we are planning a series of forums on subjects important to the lesbian/gay community - including sexual freedom, El Salvador and the Family Protection Act. The first will be on April 8, on "S/M and the Lesbian and Gay Communities". We are doing a series of street meetings and street theater on Polk, Haight and Castro Streets about anti-gay violence.

To continue this level of activity we need your support. If you haven't been attending Solidarity meetings lately, please come and participate. (Only dues paying members can vote.) And we need your financial support. Solidarity dues are on a sliding scale from \$2 - \$10 per month. In addition, whether or not you want to be active in the organization at this time, we would appreciate any money you can give, either on a one time basis or as a monthly pledge.


Also, we are trying to update our mailing/phone list. If you want to continue to receive Solidarity mailings, please return the coupon enclosed.

Our next meetings are April 5, and April 19 at:

Valencia Rose
766 Valencia Street (between 18th and 19th St.)
Upstairs at 7:30 pm

Please join us,

Solidarity



SAN FRANCISCO LABOR COUNCIL ENDORSES LESBIAN & GAY FREEDOM DAY — SUNDAY, JUNE 28 —

A large labor contingent is being built this year. Remember, you don't have to be Gay to show **SOLIDARITY** with your Lesbian and Gay sisters and brothers against the moral majority and the new right.

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- 1** Ask your local's membership or executive board meeting to endorse and join in the labor contingent with the union's official banner or sign.
- 2** Attend a pizza party on Saturday, June 20, at 133 Steiner for those building the contingent. Great music and fun. We'll be making signs at 7 pm. Then the party at 9 pm. Please try to attend both.
- 3** See if your local can make a modest contribution toward building the contingent.
- 4** Come to the contingent planning meetings each Friday at 5:30, 763 14th Street, San Francisco. We are preparing a large press conference and heavy community leafletting.
- 5** March in the labor contingent on Sunday, June 28th. Call 431-1522 (after June 15) for the location where the contingent will form before the parade starts.

**THE RANK & COALITION WILL MARCH IN THIS CONTINGENT.
COME AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT TO LESBIAN AND GAY WORKERS.**

UNEARTHING OUR HISTORY

Reminiscences of the '40's & '50's

- SPEAKERS -

PAT BOND, Lesbian Comic & Star of
"Gertie, Gertie, Gertie Stein is Back, Back, Back"
& The Upcoming "Murder in the WAC"

JIM KEPNER, Curator,
National Gay Archives

TIME: 7:30 P.M., WEDNESDAY, June 24

PLACE: WOMEN'S BLDG., 3543 - 18th St.
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San Francisco

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:

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Fight Back Against the Ultra-Right: **BOYCOTT COORS BEER!**

**Adolph Coors Co. can't scare us into silence or force their beer down our throats . . .
But they can try.**

The Adolph Coors Co. of Golden, Colorado, is in trouble. The Coors empire, a family-controlled corporation with an annual income of some \$800 million, is one of the most powerful economic and political dynasties in the United States. But their reckless use of that money and power has come home to haunt them. Coors sales are nosediving.

Coors has established a long record of contempt for its employees. That record is filled with anti-gay, sexual, and racial prejudice, repeated union-busting, forced lie detector tests, personal searches and seizures by the company's "private" police force, and forced physical examinations by Coors "private" doctors to eliminate older and disabled workers. In short, a stream of offences against civil liberties and dignity on the job. Outside the plant, the Coors dynasty has played a central role in establishing and bankrolling such influential ultra-right organizations as The Heritage Foundation and The Committee for Survival of a Free Congress.

For several years now, the response of the entire U.S. labor movement and a broad range of gay, feminist, consumer, environmental and racial minority groups has been a highly effective boycott of Coors beer.

Coors has tried to counter the boycott with a current \$90 million annual public relations budget aimed at sugar-coating their image. They've tried buying off the leadership of minority communities with such crude devices as "sponsorship" of community events — where their name is plastered everywhere. Yet, the boycott continues and grows stronger.

Now, in a desperate effort to cripple the boycott, Coors and its Bay Area distributors have turned to a direct attack against free speech. Coors has singled out Solidarity Gay/Lesbian Liberation and union representatives Howard Wallace and David Sickler as defendants in a bogus \$145,000 "conspiracy" lawsuit which seeks an injunction against all further boycott activity. The injunction would extend to "all of those acting in concert and/or participation with the defendants." In other words, all those who actively support the boycott. In the unlikely event of a Coors victory, any kind of boycott by gay, feminist, civil rights, labor or consumer groups would be threatened. Meanwhile, the issues raised by striking workers 5 years ago remain; just as the iron grip of the Coors dynasty remains.

Joseph Coors, company President, continues his drive to national power as godfather to the New Right and part of Reagan's "kitchen cabinet." He has been successful in stacking the Department of Interior with anti-environmental zealots like his protege Secretary James Watt. The White House has welcomed recommendations of The Heritage Foundation. These include legalization of wiretapping and bugging, widespread use of mail covers, breaking and entering, and the placement of informers in movement organizations. **Watergate enshrined in law.** Heritage has even intervened in British politics with the hope of establishing a U.S.-style New Right in England.

Thousands of Coors dollars continue to flow into the coffers of such explicitly anti-gay organizations as the Eagle Forum and the John Birch Society as well as scores of politicians who champion the Moral Majority.

Hundreds of working people who have been thrown out of their jobs by Coors ask you not to buy the products of this vicious corporation. And tens of thousands more who believe in human rights on the job and in society join our plea.

**Now, More Than Ever — Continue to Support Human Dignity
Please Don't Buy Coors Beer or Killian's Irish Red**

The Coors Boycott is supported by:

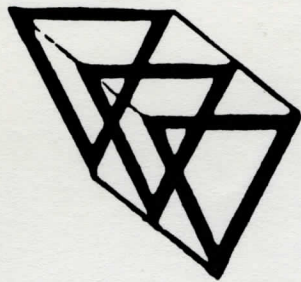
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Gay/Lesbian Liberation San Francisco

MEETINGS: 3rd WEDNESDAYS 8:00 pm, VALENCIA ROSE
766 VALENCIA STREET NEXT MEETING: MARCH 16

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Please put me on your mailing list.

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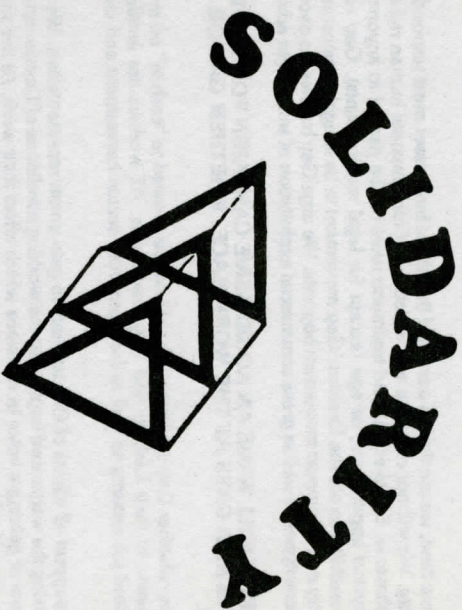
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Enclosed are my dues of \$ _____
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Contribution \$ _____

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SOLIDARITY GAY / LESBIAN LIBERATION STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

PREFACE

Solidarity - Gay / Lesbian Liberation is dedicated to involving the more than 100,000 Lesbians and Gay men of San Francisco in a massive visible campaign for Lesbian / Gay liberation. We defend the rights of all those who face discrimination because they do not conform to heterosexual norms. We demand an end to all oppression of Lesbians and Gay men and seek unconditional public recognition of our civil and human rights. We aim to build a co-sexual, multi-racial movement which must be reckoned with on all issues affecting the lives of Gay people.

1. SOLIDARITY WILL MAINTAIN ITS INDEPENDENCE FROM ALL POLITICAL PARTIES AND POLITICAL OFFICE-HOLDERS.

We will not endorse candidates for political office. To do so would needlessly narrow our base of support. We will not be bought off by the lure of political appointments. While we recognize the importance of Gay political power, we believe that our liberation depends on building a strong mass movement and not on the fate of individual politicians. Solidarity will take strong stands on ballot measures and support legislative reforms.

2. SOLIDARITY IS DETERMINED TO BUILD A MOVEMENT THAT TAKES DIRECT ACTION AGAINST EVERY ACT OF INJUSTICE AIMED AT GAYS AND LESBIANS.

Over the last several years, the collective power we experienced through direct mass action has given way to an almost total reliance on electoral politics. We are intent upon building a movement that takes to the streets once again.

3. SOLIDARITY INTENDS TO MEET THE MENACE OF THE NEW RIGHT AND THE MORAL MAJORITY HEAD ON AND WITH OUR FULL STRENGTH.

The New Right and the Moral Majority are currently attempting to roll-back a decade of advances made in the struggle for Gay / Lesbian liberation, as well as those made by other progressive movements. Solidarity will work to create a broad coalition in opposition to these attacks. It is imperative that we in the Lesbian / Gay movement stand together with the other groups targeted by the New Right and take the offensive.

4. SOLIDARITY AFFIRMS THAT THE STRUGGLE FOR SEXUAL FREEDOM IS CENTRAL TO THE LESBIAN / GAY LIBERATION MOVEMENT.

We support the right of all people to engage in any consensual sexual activity which is free of coercion, manipulation, or misrepresentation. Our enemies seek to divide us by attacking certain sexual minorities in the Gay and Lesbian community. We will strongly resist these attacks on sexual minorities, whether they come from the New Right or from those in our movement who feel they must appease the right to survive. We recognize that we, as Lesbians and Gays, are all members of a sexual minority. The attacks are ultimately directed at all of us.

5. GAY LIBERATION IS SOLIDARITY'S CENTRAL FOCUS.

Only by creating an autonomous movement against sexual repression can we realize victory. We believe that the struggles for economic and social justice cannot succeed unless coupled with a struggle against all sexual repression.

We reject the notion that Gay demands be put aside, whatever the pretext, because they will "embarrass our friends" or that they are "too advanced" or "won't be understood."

6. AT THE SAME TIME, WE RECOGNIZE THAT FREEDOM IS INDIVISIBLE.

We share common interests with other movements of the exploited and oppressed. We oppose all attempts to pit us against each other and will not only seek but create opportunities to combine our strength in joint action with the movements of the working class, women, racial minorities, youth, the disabled and the aged. An injury to one is an injury to all!

7. SOLIDARITY RECOGNIZES THE SPECIAL AFFINITY BETWEEN THE FEMINIST AND GAY MOVEMENTS.

The oppression of women and Gay people are both based on the imposition of predetermined sex roles within the nuclear family. Conformity to these fixed roles is thereafter reinforced by every institution in this society. For this reason, both the Gay/Lesbian and feminist movements demand the same fundamental changes in institutional power. We recognize that both the subjugation of women and the repression of sexuality are essential to authoritarian societies. Together we are enlarging the concept of family beyond the current bounds of hierarchy and restrictions on human growth and potential.

We realize that differences sometimes exist between sections of the feminist and Gay movements, but Solidarity is committed to actively furthering unity with the women's movement and to creating a dialogue when differences exist. Our common goals outweigh our differences.

8. SOLIDARITY STANDS WITH YOUTH IN THEIR STRUGGLE FOR ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE AND SEXUAL FREEDOM.

We seek an end to the economic oppression of youth. Lesbian and Gay youth, often alienated from their families because of their sexual orientation and out on their own at an early age, are met with seeming indifference in the Gay mecca. They are often forced into prostitution to survive. The few social service and employment agencies which serve youth find themselves increasingly underfunded. Jobs for youth must be made a priority in this city.

We further believe it is imperative that youth be extended the freedom to express the sexuality of their own choosing.

9. SOLIDARITY RECOGNIZES THAT THE GAY/LESBIAN STRUGGLE IS INTERNATIONAL IN SCOPE AND THAT MUTUAL SUPPORT IS NECESSARY IF OUR STRUGGLE IS TO BE WON.

Gay/Lesbian liberation knows no borders. Lesbians and Gays, whether in San Francisco, Mexico City, Havana, Toronto, Tehran, or Tokyo, deserve international support when they are under attack. We will oppose all attacks on the right of Lesbians and Gays to immigrate and travel. We demand that Gay people escaping repression be extended refugee status.

We also support Lesbians and Gays and others worldwide who are attempting to rid their countries of racism, sexism, and poverty and win self-determination and democratic rights. We oppose all U.S. attempts to control or determine the affairs of other nations.

10. SOLIDARITY DEFENDS THE RIGHT OF LESBIAN AND GAY BUSINESSES TO BE ACCORDED THE SAME TREATMENT AS STRAIGHT BUSINESSES. AT THE SAME TIME, WE EXPECT THAT GAY BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS RESPOND TO THE LEGITIMATE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY.

We realize that Gay and Lesbian business establishments serve an important function in our community. In the recent past, they were virtually the only places that isolated Gay men and Lesbians could meet one another. Gay businesspeople have fought, and some must continue to fight, to keep their establishments open in the face of harassment by city bureaucrats and police. Solidarity defends the right of all Lesbian and Gay businesses to the same treatment as their straight counterparts and demands that all harassment of Gay businesses cease.

At the same time, we are firm in our belief that these businesses must respond to the needs of our community. We will not condone any violations of fundamental human rights within Gay business establishments. Equal access and treatment must not be denied to anyone on the basis of race, sex, physical appearance, or age (except for legal requirements). Gay establishments also bear a responsibility to aid the Lesbian/Gay movement in its struggle against such forces as the Moral Majority and to support movement boycotts. We urge Gay business to avoid presenting race and class stereotypes as well as gross commercial exploitation of sex in their advertising.

11. SOLIDARITY WILL WAGE AN AGGRESSIVE CAMPAIGN FOR THE RIGHTS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS AT THE WORKPLACE, WHETHER GAY OR STRAIGHT OWNED.

Businesses, whether Gay or straight, should not be allowed to "cash in" on profitable ventures at the expense of their Lesbian and Gay employees. All workers are entitled to decent wages, benefits and job security as well as freedom from sexual harassment and racial discrimination.

Solidarity will support all efforts of Gay workers to gain union representation. We view unions as essential to raising the wages and improving the working conditions of Lesbian and Gay workers and as a means of gaining a voice in decisions which affect their work. At the same time, we will help organize Gay/Lesbian caucuses in unions to demand that the labor movement champion the struggle for Gay rights. We will also use the Gay rights ordinance to fight discrimination in hiring and promotions.

Lesbians and Gay men need to make their influence felt at the centers of production, distribution, communications and transportation, thereby adding a new dimension and strength to the struggles of the labor movement and working people as a whole.

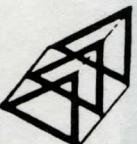
12. SOLIDARITY SUPPORTS THE RIGHT OF SELF-DEFENSE AND WILL AID ALL EFFORTS TO RESIST VIOLENT ATTACKS AGAINST INDIVIDUALS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

As Lesbian and Gay rights come under increasing attack by the New Right and straight media, physical attacks on Gay and Lesbian individuals increase correspondingly. It is obvious that we cannot rely on the police for protection. We must look to ourselves. Solidarity supports the activities of groups, like Community United Against Violence, which work to create a genuine feeling of Lesbian and Gay community and an understanding that each individual's safety is dependent on mutual aid and support.

13. SOLIDARITY SEEKS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE BUILDING OF A COHESIVE LESBIAN AND GAY COMMUNITY WHICH RESPECTS DIVERSITY AND TO FURTHER THE DEVELOPMENT OF A POSITIVE CULTURE.

We defend the right of all individuals to determine their own sexual, social, and cultural experiences free from group pressure or judgement. We reject the notion that any particular lifestyle is more "politically correct" than another. We both defend the existence of spaces for recreational sex and recognize the need to create places where we can get to know each other as total human beings. We support the recent growth of Lesbian and Gay choruses, bands, theater collectives, record companies, and myriad other social and cultural organizations. Solidarity intends to sponsor a variety of social and cultural events which reflect the diversity of our membership and the community at large.

SOLIDARITY
GAY / LESBIAN LIBERATION



"The Police can sweep the street of gays on Polk Street. Why can't they sweep the streets of gay bashers?"

—Ed Sebesta, speaking for Solidarity at City Hall rally, protesting the murder of Nicholas Ritus.

**FIGHT BACK!!
JOIN SOLIDARITY**

General Meeting

Monday, September 21, 1981

7:30 p.m.

766 Valencia Street (between 18th & 19th Streets)

Solidarity - Gay/Lesbian Liberation

San Francisco, California 431-1522 or 861-1610

Solidarity meets on the First and Third Monday of every month at 766 Valencia Street.

Recall Mayor Feinstein

Solidarity — Gay/Lesbian Liberation supports the recall of Mayor Feinstein because she has betrayed the interests of the majority of people in San Francisco — especially lesbians and gay men, minorities, women, renters and working people.

As Mayor, Feinstein has:

- **Vetoed** Sup. Britt's domestic partnership legislation using homophobic arguments such as the purpose of marriage is to have children.
- **Threatened** to veto any new legislation in which "the city would register and thus validate domestic partnerships."
- **Vetoed** a ban on condominium conversions.
- **Opposed** legislation providing rent controls on vacant apartments.
- **Hosted** Philippine dictator Marcos.
- **Vetoed** a resolution commemorating the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion
- **Vetoed** legislation providing comparable pay for comparable work for women and minority city workers.
- **Promoted** maximum highrise development.
- **Opposed** taxing downtown corporations while allowing Muni fares and parking fines to skyrocket.
- **Refused** to attend the annual lesbian/gay parade because she "does not like open displays of sexuality!"

Veto Mayor Feinstein!

Vote No Confidence!

Vote **Yes** on the Recall

on April 26

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Funds urgently Needed! Membership: \$12/year

Solidarity Forum:

Dump Dianne??

Speakers From:

Citizens For a New Mayor

Stonewall Gay Democratic Club

Haight-Ashbury Neighborhood Council

Harvey Milk Gay Democratic Club

San Franciscan Democratic Club

**Citizens For Representative Government
and other community groups**

Saturday, March 12th

7:30 PM

M.C.C.

150 Eureka Street

\$1.00 donation

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Everyone Welcome

MANDEL ATTACKS LEATHERMEN

May 2, 1982 S.F. Sunday Examiner & Chronicle

**Bill
Mandel**



Three all-bull patties

SACRED COWS MAKE the best hamburger. Here, then, are some mincemeat patties made from 100 percent pure Bay Area sacred cow.

Each of these sacred cows has enjoyed social and media acceptance far too long. It's time we took a second look at them.

LEATHER-FETISH HOMOSEXUALS, for example, have been protected by our "open city" philosophy for years. In San Francisco, there's no more sacred cow than the gay community. Let a newspaper writer breathe the slightest criticism of the homosexual population and within days the hate mail and death threats pile up.

The ignorant boorishness of leather-fetishists who cutely affect Nazi paraphernalia came home to me with a swift kick the other night at the opening of "Mephisto."

This intense, Oscar-winning Hungarian film deals with the early days of Hitler's Reich, when German intellectuals and artists were forced to abandon their crafts to serve the Nazi idea of "proper" art and culture. Those who didn't conform disappeared.

It was one of the most terrifying periods in world history. The German people were swept into a hate epidemic that culminated in World War II and the Holocaust.

At the opening of "Mephisto," I was revolted to see among the invited guests a pair of black-leather-clad homosexuals wearing jackboots and the black military caps of Hitler's elite SS shock troops.

Juxtaposed with the real horrors portrayed so powerfully in the movie, the dress-up games of these two jokers — and their tin-horn Nazi brethren in the South of Market leather-bar ghetto — were an insult to anyone who fought in or lost loved ones in World War II.

I don't really care what these people do with their bodies. But their infantile affectation of Nazi paraphernalia is obscene.

The deepest irony, of course, is that the two blithely unaware leather boys drinking and smoking their way through the screening of "Mephisto" would have been among the first "undesirables" shipped off to a Nazi death camp.

Write or call in your protests:

**Bill Mandel
S.F. Examiner
110 Fifth St.
S.F., CA 94103
777-2424**

Leathermen vs. Nazis

There is a drastic difference between consensual acts of harmless sexual fantasies and the forcible victimization of Nazi atrocities. Mandel does not look beyond clothing (leather boots and black caps do not symbolize fascism, they symbolize motorcycles) and try to understand the underlying dynamic of the leatherman's sexuality.

Myth of 'Sacred Cow' vs. Reality of Gay-Bashing

Are homosexuals the 'sacred cows' or is this title more deserving of the non-gays who indulge in gay-bashing with token opposition from law enforcers and little coverage in the non-gay media?

Article Promotes Homophobia and Violence

A year ago, a sensationalistic article about South of Market clubs provoked a gang of youths to brutally assault a gay man outside one such club, knocking out one of his eyes (talk about Nazis!).

Articles like this — even when written by a nominally sympathetic columnist who writes positive stories about gay bankers (some of whom are leathermen, Bill), — **only fuel hatred and add to the climate of violence.**

**WE, AS HOMOSEXUAL MEN AND WOMEN
SHOULD CONDEMN THIS ATTACK ON A
SECTION OF OUR COMMUNITY. AN INJURY
TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL!**

DEMONSTRATE!

**THURSDAY, MAY 13, 5-7 PM
S.F. EXAMINER — 5th & MISSION STREETS**

Solidarity — Gay/Lesbian Liberation
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Suggestions, comments, contributions always welcome!

LESBIANS & GAY MEN

Demonstrate Against Reagan's Attacks

on

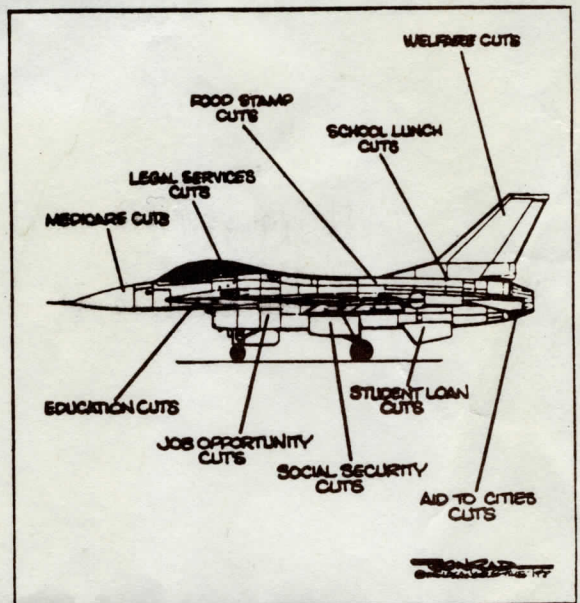
Our Rights, Our Jobs, Our Living Standard, Our Environment

Behind the innocent-looking smokescreen of reducing "big gummint" the Reagan administration is conducting a massive attack on working class and poor people. Reagan's phony "supply side economics" is simply a cover for a gigantic transfer of the public income to the Pentagon and multinational corporations.

The destruction of CETA and massive cuts in social services have already wiped out Jobpower and other programs for gay people. Gay community centers, health, alcoholic and counseling programs and a host of other services to benefit our community are next on the hit list. Other legislation aimed at depriving us of our elementary rights, such as the sexist and racist Family Protection Act is next on the Reagan agenda.

Reagan's recent union-busting actions against the air traffic controllers is a hypocritical denial of the very rights widely applauded for Polish workers. An administration prepared to deal so ruthlessly with trade unions will hardly "go easy" on those it views as perverts.

The time to fight back is now. Join with us and thousands of other victims of Reaganism on Solidarity Day. Make the gay and lesbian presence big and visible. Wear a lavender or purple arm band. We will be gathering under the red and yellow Solidarity banner at 11:30am.



RALLY!!!

TIME: 12 Noon, Saturday, September 19

PLACE: Villancourt Plaza

(Embarcadero - Foot of Market Street)



**Gay/Lesbian Liberation
San Francisco
431-1522 or 861-1610**

Dianne:

- Stop Police Harrassment and Brutality in Collingwood Park, the Castro and elsewhere in the City.
- Remove Captain Taylor from his Command, and all other homophobic officers at Mission Station.
- Stop the Beatings of prisoners at Mission Station.
- Change Police Priorities to combat Violent Crime.
- Support the Office of Citizens Complaints Initiative on the November Ballot.

Rally

Saturday, August 21

2 pm - 4 pm

Harvey Milk Muni Metro Plaza

Castro and Market

Coalition to Stop Police Harrassment

Endorsed by: Alice B. Toklas Memorial Democratic Club, Executive Committee of the Harvey Milk Gay Democratic Club, Solidarity—Gay/Lesbian Liberation, Stonewall Gay Democratic Club Executive Board (partial list).

SOLIDARITY FORUM SERIES:

S/M AND THE LESBIAN AND GAY COMMUNITIES

A FORUM TO DISCUSS:

- SAMOIS AND THE BAY AREA WOMEN'S MOVEMENT
- GAY COMMUNITY'S REACTION TO THE FOLSOM STREET FIRE
- STRAIGHT COMMUNITY'S RESPONSE TO GAY S/M
- THE N.O.W. RESOLUTION ON S/M

**SWEDISH AMERICAN HALL 2174 MARKET
THURS. APRIL 8, 7:30 \$1.donation**

Solidarity is an activist group for gay/lesbian liberation and we see sexual freedom as an important part of that struggle. This is the first in a series of forums on issues that affect lesbians and gays in San Francisco. Our next forum will be in May on Central America. Solidarity has meetings the first and third Monday of every month at 7:30 pm at 766 Valencia St., S.F.

Fight Back Against the Ultra-Right: **BOYCOTT COORS BEER!**

WHEREAS, Adolph Coors Brewing Co. of Golden, Colorado is a wholly family-controlled corporation, and

WHEREAS, the Coors family and officialdom constitutes one of the most powerful economic and political dynasties in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Coors dynasty has played a central role in establishing and bank-rolling such influential ultra-right organizations as The Heritage Foundation and The Committee for Survival of a Free Congress; and

WHEREAS, thousands of dollars of Coors money has gone to such explicitly anti-gay organizations as the Eagle Forum, the Moral Majority and the John Birch Society; and

WHEREAS, Adolph Coors Co. has a long record of anti-gay prejudice; and

WHEREAS, Coors Company continues to subject their employees to lie detector tests, illegal searches and seizures and other offences against civil liberties; and

WHEREAS, the Coors Co. is presently attempting to end the Coors boycott through a multi-million dollar public relations campaign and attempts at buying off the leadership of minority communities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT this conference join gay, feminist, consumer, environmental, racial minority and labor organizations throughout the U.S. in affirming a continuation of the Coors Beer Boycott;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this conference opposes the intrusion of Coors advertising in the gay press and Coors "sponsorship" of gay events.

— Passed unanimously April 26 at the Founding Conference of the
National Organization of Lesbians and Gays

COORS BOYCOTT COMMITTEE, AFL-CIO

and

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Please Don't Drink Coors Beer!**



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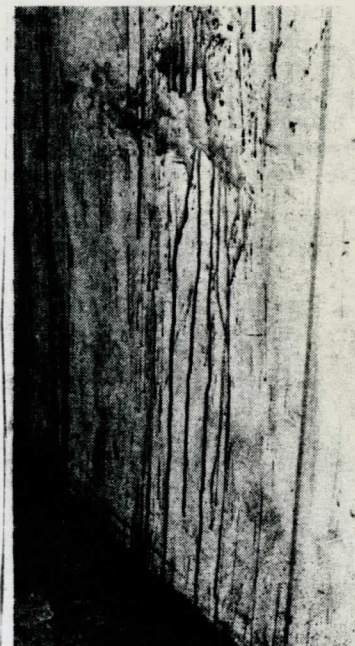
ANTI-GAY AND RACIST POLICE RIOT IN N.Y.

On September 29th, over 30 uniformed New York City cops entered Blues, a Black gay bar in Manhattan. For more than an hour, the cops indiscriminately used billy clubs, blackjacks and fists to brutalize Blues' patrons. As a result of the rampage, nine people were hospitalized with serious injuries and the bar was in shambles.

The New York Times, which is just up the block from Blues and which, according to reports in the Gay press, had been the source of complaints about the bar, refused to cover the story.

On October 15th, 1000 people demonstrated in New York to protest the Blues raid.

On Monday, Oct. 25, there will be a picket of the New York Times office in San Francisco. PLEASE JOIN US IN A STRONG SHOW OF SOLIDARITY.



Bob Nelson
Blood stained the walls of Blue's after the police attack.

- *STOP POLICE HARASSMENT and BRUTALITY AGAINST GAYS and LESBIANS FROM N.Y. TO SAN FRANCISCO!
- *DEMAND THAT THE NEW YORK TIMES PRINT THE BLUES STORY!

PICKET:
MONDAY, OCTOBER 25
FOX PLAZA - 5 TILL 7 PM

1 (Out and Market) sponsored by: Solidarity - Gay/Lesbian Liberation

'White Night' Remembered

By John Kyper

SAN FRANCISCO — A crowd estimated at 500 people attended a rally on Thursday, May 21 on City Hall steps to commemorate the second anniversary of the "White Night" riots.

Two years ago police and demonstrators clashed on this same spot during a demonstration called to protest the unusually light involuntary manslaughter verdict given former Supervisor Dan White for assassinating Supervisor Harvey Milk and Mayor George Moscone (see *GCN*, Vol. 6, No. 44). The riot resulted in the burning of a dozen police cars and the police invasion of hitherto peaceful Castro Street, during which police brutalized patrons of the Elephant Walk Bar.

During the rally, emcee Sal Rosselli announced that the California Supreme Court had just rejected Dan White's bid to reduce his seven-year eight-month sentence. Twenty-eight people had been arrested during the riot, 19 of them for felonies (see *GCN*, Vol. 7, No. 8). Some of those charged with multiple felonies could spend more time in prison than White himself. After two years, the cases of seven of the felony defendants have yet

to be resolved.

The rally, sponsored by the newly-formed gay activists group Solidarity and by the three gay Democratic clubs, was non-violent. Demands included the dropping of charges against the remaining May 21 defendants, investigation and prosecution of police involved in the attack on the Elephant Walk, an elected civilian police review board, full representation for lesbians and gay men in all aspects of city government and an end to police harassment of the gay and minority communities.

The Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Committee (L/GFDD) had declared May 21 the beginning of Lesbian/Gay History Month, which will end on June 28, the date of the annual parade. Conservative elements in both gay and straight communities tried to bury the rally by ignoring it. One speaker noted that the May 21 issue of the *Bay Area Reporter* included on a back page a small item about the demonstration which failed to mention the time it was to take place. The San Francisco *Chronicle* mentioned the event in a couple of sentences after an item about the Supreme Court's decision on Dan White.

"A lot of people did not want this rally to take place today, people in high places," declared Howard Wallace, long-time gay and labor activist and organizer of Solidarity. "We did it anyway."

Like many of the speakers, Wallace saw the rally as evidence of a new and growing militancy in the gay community. "We can't be a conservative movement any more, we can't be a patronage movement any more," he said. "We have to be a militant and radical movement. Otherwise we're all going to go down the drain."

Wallace was particularly critical of the tendency among the gay political clubs to curry favor with party politicians in exchange for promises of support, a few jobs and the "honor" of a handful of appointments to "powerless" city commissions.

Amber Hollibaugh, who had spoken at City Hall the night of the riot, described her feelings "about the revolt that we partook of two years ago" as "one of the proudest things I've ever been a part of." Her words were greeted with enthusiastic cheers. "One of the things that really struck me," she said, "was how much, in the last two years, the fact that Harvey and Moscone were shot by Dan White was a crime against gay people has been lost in the media. It always appears as a 'tragedy' against city officials, rather than the murder of a homosexual and a man who fought around homosexual rights. It's very interesting to see how much it gets, shall we say, white-washed in the papers."

Hollibaugh criticized what she saw as an attempt to "white-wash" gays into a "respectable" invisibility. "It's when we define ourselves outside of a heterosexual society, when we proclaim ourselves actually the possessors of our own erotic needs for people of the same gender — it's exactly at that point that we lose so-called 'credibility.' Well, that's a credibility that I'd just as soon lose. My oppression comes from other people's misunderstanding of that



Spinstar: "That '38 was aimed right at all of us."

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for when equality and justice come too close to being really possible," by democratic means."

L/GFDD co-chairs Barbara Cameron and Greg Day read a poem together. Day saw San Francisco as "a very large closet which has, in a sense, siphoned off the energy that comes from our rage at not being accepted in society. It is not enough to have token representation on these city boards of San Francisco; it's not enough to have lesbians and gay men elected to high office or to serve within the Democratic or Republican Party. That should not be our objective as a movement."

"It is meaningless," he said, "to be involved in the city government of San Francisco if that means continuing the politics of that government, including continued police harassment. What good are gay police if they have to whisper under their breath, and only in private, that they are gay? We have to take back our movement from the smoke-filled rooms of power and money. If we do not take the needs of all our people to the forefront of this movement, it will die in apathy."

Day was not the only speaker to offer implicit criticism of the recruitment of gay police. During his speech Spinstar dramatically asked any gay officers willing to announce their commitment to defend gay people to come forward. None did.

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