

HOMO DEATH

Killer Cops at Large

GAY STRIKE TURNS GRIM

Homosexuals in San Francisco are planning more militant action against States Steamship Company as the gay strike by the Committee for Homosexual Freedom extends to Los Angeles.

"States Lines still refuses to even discuss our grievances," says Leo Laurence, CHF co-chairman; "so feeling on the line is that more militant action is necessary."

"Talk this week is for a sit-in," Laurence said, "and legal preparations and scheduling are already underway."

"If the Blacks and the Anti-War forces help us, we will stop States Line's ships from going to Vietnam from both San Francisco and Los Angeles," he said.

"Militant homosexuals in Southern California are being organized by Rev. Troy Perry of Huntington Park who has already fought boldly against the LA Vice Cops," Laurence reported this week to BARB.

CHF pickets are appearing every weekday noonhour at the 320 Calif. St. head offices of States Lines bringing public opinion down hard on the company for the alleged discriminatory firing of Gale Whittington, 21, after his picture appeared in the BARB being embraced by another homosexual. "Blacks should add their power to our cause, too," says Whittington, CHF co-chairman. "Homosexuals are not the only victims of States Lines discrimination."

"Anti-War groups should get involved," he said. "Perhaps they (Resistance, etc.) aren't aware that States Lines ships carry war supplies to Vietnam," Whittington added.

"When our revolution succeeds, homosexuals may decrease in number," the young gay revolutionary continued. "One of the attractions of gay life as it is now is the excitement of the underground element. The ritual of hiding is so well learned that homosexuals often become professional actors," Whittington explained.

"Hollywood is full of us," Gale said, "Gay people laugh when young girls swoon over the teenage idols. Almost always that Oh-so-perfect man prefers other Oh-so-perfect men."

CHF pickets include gays previously active in other battles: ie. Stanford Sit-In, SFSC strike, Anti-Draft groups, and veterans of the Yippy fight in Chicago last August.

"It's a matter of survival and pride in my people," said Charles Thorpe, a young homosexual explaining why he's on the picket line. "Homosexuals are stepping out of their ghetto-bars and double lives and into the power struggle. We must be freed from the chains of fear and death that have now repressed all but our sexual organs," Thorpe said.

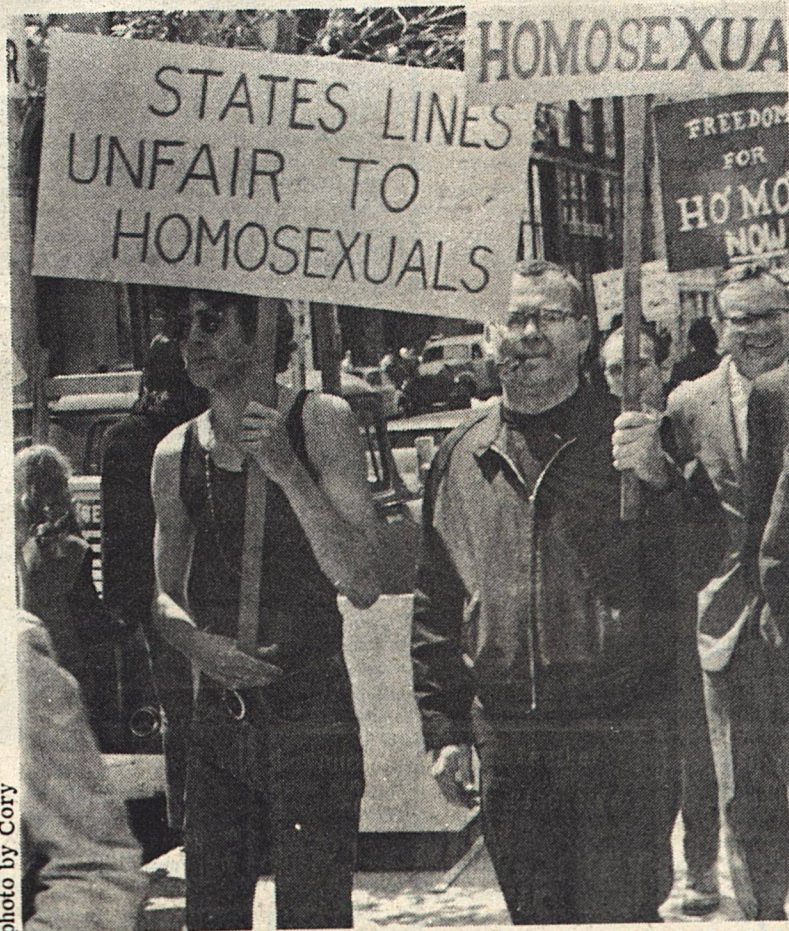
"We will take our freedom," Thorpe said to BARB. "We will burn our faces with tears and cover our hands with blood, but we will

ST. PAUL

Church of the Times, is holding a benefit church meeting for Good Times Monday night entitled "The Conversion of Paul (the Realist) Krassner."

It happens at 8:30 Monday night at Glide Memorial Church, 330 Ellis Street in the City, with a \$2.00 admission charge.

Inside, Paul Krassner will be converted and do what's right, there will be two bishops - no waiting, and two flicks.



GAY LINE WILL keep going while delegation pickets Berkeley police station in outrage against homo slaying. See stories this page.

get our freedom as homosexuals." "We will fight until our bodies no longer give blood, 'til we no longer exist, or until we can freely grow to our capacities without intervention by this murderous society. WE WILL FIGHT TIL WE ARE FREE" said Thorpe.

"It's a question now of a fight for survival, not just a fight for our rights," Carl Wittman, a veteran of anti-draft activities, explained. "The CHF is a mutual protection society. If Gale comes to us and says he's pissed because he was fired, and wants us to make them rehire him, I'm all for it; not because I (politically) believe in Fair Employment on Montgomery St., but because Gale is a fellow homosexual who has been put down."

Michael Cooke, 29, who got kicked out of U of Texas for a soapbox speech about homosexuality 8 years ago said: "Fear and intimidation have ruled the gay world for 2000 years. The only legacy this has brought me is the feeling I have precious little to lose. The time is ripe for some militancy."

"Spirits on the picket line are really high," adds Laurence. "People are singing freedom songs, more office workers are marching with us, and blacks driving by in cars are raising their arms in salute."

During Wednesday's lively picketing, a college student, Barry Capron, marched on the line by holding hands with Laurence as were several other gay couples.

When picketing stopped at one pm. Laurence embraced Capron, and gave him a long, warm kiss to the delight of photographers in front of the States Lines offices.

A grandmotherly woman was accompanying, meanwhile, two men in business suits who helped monitors hand out leaflets to passers-by. Nearly five thousand have been distributed so far, according to Pat Brown, Picket Captain.

A "Phone - In" organized by Steve Matthews "hopefully will show strength from people unable to picket."

"Dial 982-6221 daily from 9am to 10am asking for different departments to show our numbers are even greater than those on the picket line," Matthews said.

CHF meets Friday, 4/25 at 8:30 pm at the Cabaret, 260 Valencia St., SF, a non-profit place for movement people.

Contributions desperately needed for Newsletter printing costs, more picket signs, etc., should be sent to CHF, 15 Beaver St., SF. "Very little money came in this week," Laurence said, as he thanked six contributors from last week.

by Steve Haines

Murder charges will be filed against two Berkeley pigs involved in the death of Frank Bartley, a 33-year-old "registered sex offender" of Berkeley.

Bartley was shot in the head Thursday evening, April 17, in Aquatic Park by officer Weiker Kline. He died Tuesday afternoon from wounds inflicted by Kline's .38 service revolver.

Kline and his partner, Officer Frank Reynolds, of the Berkeley "park sex detail" were still on duty in the park late Wednesday, according to a caller to BARB.

The caller, who prefers to remain anonymous, said that Kline and Reynolds who, of course, operate out of uniform, were well-known to homosexuals who frequented Aquatic Park.

The caller spoke of a sex officer on duty there who would "spread his legs in an obscene manner and otherwise try and entice persons into committing sex offenses."

"Seeing them there on Wednesday after shooting that guy last week made me so mad that I sat down and wrote a letter to the police chief telling them of Kline and Reynold's behavior," he added.

The murder charges against the two pigs will be pressed by Berkeley Attorney Mary Montgomery, who has been retained by Bartleys family.

"I have used Frank Bartley as

a baby sitter, and I would use him again," said Attorney Montgomery.

"Our police state is really progressing. We have moved from the murder of alleged cop killers (who remarkably try to escape every time) to the murder of difficult-to-the-establishment blacks and now, apparently, to the murder of gentle, harmless homosexuals," she said.

"Frank was a friend of mine. He even lived in my house and if his family were not going to press murder charges, I would have done it myself," she told BARB.

Bartley was shot accidentally in a struggle following his arrest for an alleged sex offense in Aquatic Park, according to the local gazette's version of the police report.

The straight press report tells how Officers Kline and Reynolds were staked out near Bartley's car in the southeast corner of the park on a road surrounding the lake.

According to the report, Bartley asked Reynolds into his car where he made demands and sexual advances. The climax of the scene, in Reynold's version, came when Bartley harshly grabbed his groin

PROTEST KILLING

Homosexual organizations in San Francisco will protest the killing of Frank Bartley by Berkeley Vice Cops with a news conference today, Friday, April 25, at Glide Methodist Church and a mock funeral ceremony.

After spokesmen from the Society for Individual Rights, the Committee for Homosexual Freedom, Council for Religion and the Homosexual, and possibly other gay groups, meet the press in the morning, they will carry a coffin during the noonhour in a funeral motorcade from Glide Church to the Berkeley Police station.

Homosexual pickets from the Committee for Homosexual Freedom, however, will not be withdrawn from the States Steamship Company, 320 Calif. St. in SF, according to CHF Co-Chairman Leo Laurence. "Our battle in the Financial district is against the tyranny and oppression that allows such 'official' murders to occur," he said.

and told him that he, Bartley, was going to drive Reynolds to a San Pablo Avenue apartment.

Reynolds escaped from the car on the pretext of looking for a dropped cigarette pack and called to Kline, "Lets arrest him now."

Kline was reported to have said that Bartley's car lurched forward and struck both his legs with the right front fender.

Kline grabbed the car door with his right hand and drew his revolver with his left, it is reported. "We're police. You're under arrest."

Then, according to Kline, Bartley grabbed his gun hand and (as the cliché goes) "in the ensuing struggle, the gun went off." A .38 slug struck Bartley in the head.

This "official version" leaves many questions unanswered in the mind of Mary Montgomery.

For example, "how could Frank drive his car and fight with Kline on the other side of it at the same time?"

"If Kline was hit by the car, why doesn't he have any bruises on his legs?" Attorney Montgomery asked. (According to her sources of information, Kline had no such bruises, she said.)

And, if Frank Bartley had lived, there is the question of entrapment to be answered. An eyewitness to incidents surrounding the shooting told BARB that he has definite evidence pointing to entrapment by Kline and Reynolds.

Frank Bartley's family donated his body for organ transplants shortly after his death Tuesday afternoon, according to Attorney

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HOW U.S. HOMOS ARE HASSLED

To the editor:

Homosexuals are the second largest and most openly persecuted minority group in America.

Homosexual acts between consenting male adults are illegal in 49 states, and may be punishable by life imprisonment in 5 states (California, Idaho, Missouri, Montana and Nevada), and by maximum prison terms ranging from 10 to 30 years in 36 other states.

Homosexuals are categorically denied employment in the U.S. Civil Service and the Armed Forces and are fired or given dishonorable discharges if they are discovered in Federal service. Some psychologists and psychiatrists have made the pronouncement that homosexuality is a sickness and are widely believed by the general public in spite of much professional disagreement. Almost all western religions classify homosexual acts as sinful and either turn homosexuals away from religion or make them regard themselves as evil. The worst persecution by far is that almost all homosexuals have been raised by heterosexual parents and society to

hate what they have become.

The open persecution and harassment of homosexuals by the government and the police must end, and the public must be informed about homosexuality so that the prejudice based on enforced ignorance will end. Dedicated to this cause are the organizations of the Homophile Movement, one of which is the Student Homophile League.

The Student Homophile League has picketed NROTC and lectures derisive to homosexuality at Columbia University, and has sponsored public lectures, discussion groups and information services, as well as distributing leaflets and articles, at Columbia, Cornell and NYU.

Help us get rid of some of the stupidity and ignorance that society condones and even demands.

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CALLS GAY DEATH "OFFICIAL MURDER"

"Berkeley gays had better wake up before it's too late," Leo Laurence, Co-Chairman of the Committee for Homosexual Freedom told BARB in an exclusive interview, Wednesday.

"The uptight middle class gay establishment will talk about Frank Bartley's murder in their bars, but they won't get off their dead asses and DO something about it," said Laurence.

"Now it's a matter of survival. 'If the gays don't stop being too scared to act, they are going to get shot and killed."

"And Berkeley proved it this week," Laurence added.

"I call the shooting of Frank

Bartley an official murder.

"Gays must respond with the same militancy that the black community showed when it fought back against the killings of Bobby Hutton, George Baskett and Joey Linthcome.

"To be realistic about it, our revolution is now at the point where Martin Luther King was when he stopped the Birmingham buses.

"All gays have got to join the revolution and take a stronger stand," said Laurence.

Berkeley gays should picket Berkeley police headquarters, and San Francisco gays should get down to the C-H-F picket line at States Lines," he added.