

CARRYING THE WAR TO MACY'S

HO-HO-HO-MOSEXUAL?

"Ho-Ho-Ho-Mo-Sexual" chants echoed through the concrete canyons of downtown San Francisco this week surprising tourists, putting police up tight, and making Macy's madder'n hell.

"It's marvelous," a tall black man told me last Saturday afternoon when 50 pickets first hit the bricks on the Geary Street side of Macy's.

"I work in Macy's," he said, "and I think it's gross for this store to trap homosexuals in their men's rooms, then bust them on felonies."

"I just think there should be more pickets out here considering the number of homosexuals in this city," he added. "Then they'll get the respect they deserve!"

40 TRAPPED

During a two-weeks "morals blitzkrieg" in June, using plans developed in part by the SFPD sex detail, Macy's private pigs busted some 40 Gay Brothers using "techniques which violated their right to privacy," according to the AD-Hoc Committee "Homosexuals Mobilized Against Macy's."

"The normal procedure in San Francisco has been for persons arrested on felonies public sex charges to 'cop-out' to misdemeanors," Bill Plath of the San Francisco Tavern Guild told the press during an impromptu side-news conference.

Bill described himself as a "CO-Co-Chairman of the Gay Coalition, he was also a picket captain.

"We want the felony charges either dropped or reduced," Plath added. "We believe Macy's can get it done."

POLARIZED

"But there doesn't seem to be any communication" between the

Gay Community on one side, and a coalition of Macy's, the District Attorney, and the police on the other side of the polarized controversy.

"This (picketing Macy's) is our only recourse," Plath emphasized "to save those arrested from prison."

"Macy's is being punitive against the homosexual community," Plath continued; "while the District Attorney is using all this to beef up its staff."

One greying, crew-cut reporter at the news conference was upset.

"I wish this had never happened. I see I'm in trouble now. They (Macy's) are a BIG advertiser, and now I've got to ask them some questions."

A fairly "straight" account of the Saturday picketing appeared the following day, but buried on page 26 of the Sunday Examiner well after three full pages of Macy's ads.

Macy's tried to clamp a lid of secrecy on the troublesome controversy when it first broke in the BARB three weeks ago. But word from inside the store is leaking out.

"Some at Macy's are sympathetic to your cause," reads one letter I received (at BARB office) from inside the store (using Macy's stationery.)

"(We)...do not care for Austin and his 'Mod Squad,' the letter says, referring to the ex-L.A. pig who runs Macy's Security Department, and calls homosexuals "perverts."

THE EXECs

"Why does Macy's persecute your people and leave 50 percent of their own top execs without criticism when they are known to be of the same inclination?" the letter asks, suggesting the author is heterosexual.

And "...what of SFPD Inspector William Bigarini of the sex detail who works as a paid consultant with Macy's Security, and his actions should be subject to the restraints put on regular pigs, the write asks.

"And two other Macy's security people were at the time full-time paid military police, moonlighting. They should also be subject to Constitutional requirements."

PEEPIGS

That's reference to court prohibitions against law enforcement officers from using peeping-tom techniques (voyeurizing people in locked toilet stalls through ventilator screens) to collect their evidence.

Military rule at Macy's? A union organizer and former Macy's employee called Beesen passed this about Macy's executives to Roger Green; Chairman of Gay-Lib in San Francisco, and a CO-Co-Chairman of "Homosexuals Mobilized Against Macy's."

"The top brass of Macy's are (mostly) all formerly top brass in the military."

PUBLIC SUPPORT GROWS

Like a tiny Little-Old-Lady who walked up to Folksinger Don Burton, assisting as a Picket Captain Wednesday afternoon.

"What's this all about?" she asked him.

Don went through the trip of some 40 homosexuals being trapped and busted by the store and heading for prison.

The little lady mentioned Don to get closer. She whispered: "My Grandson is one." (meaning homosexual), not a Macy's victim).

"Do you love him?" Don asked her softly.

"Yes," she whispered. "Well, Macy's is about to wreck the lives of 40 of his brothers," Don explained.

"Then I won't shop there," she whispered, smiling as she scurried off.

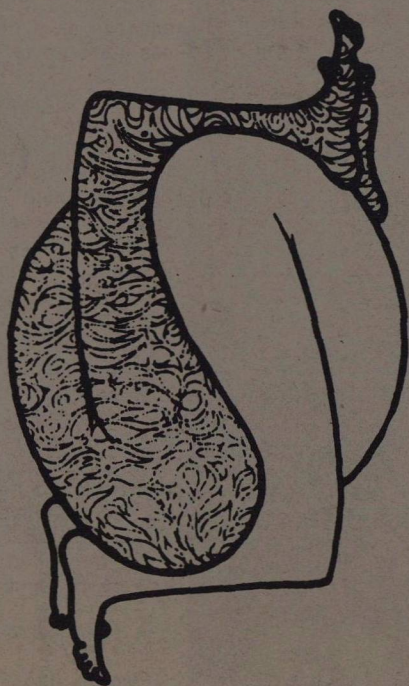
THE "MOD"GENERATION

One young woman in a mini-skirt really got mad at Macy's after she had read a leaflet from the picket line. She dug out her Macy's credit card, and held it high for all to see.

"See this! See this!" she shouted as she ripped the card in half. Then she marched into the store, threw the pieces on a sales counter, did a smart about-face, and marched back to the street, with a big smile on her face.

There were a few up-tight people who muttered things like "...damn queers..." under their breath as they passed the line, but they kept moving and caused no

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PIG HOSPITALITY

You can get busted, but DON'T get any bones broken. BARB has been told about the procedure for handling police custody cases at Herrick Memorial Hospital by a reliable source who has seen the procedural memo.

The police have two contracts with the hospital:

One requires the hospital to maintain a 24 hour emergency room and provide first aid to any person brought to the hospital

The second contract concerns extensive medical care required by persons in custody of police.

FIRST AID

The hospital will continue to give first aid. But it will not give "extensive treatment such as X-rays, serums, anesthetics, setting bones, prescription medicines," without the patient's agreement to pay or written authorization by a police officer.

"Prior to providing more extensive treatment than routine first aid to injured persons in our custody, the hospital will ask for police authorization."

The policeman is then supposed to call his supervisor, explain the case, and then get the supervisor's authorization.

"If authorization is not given, the injured person will have to make his own arrangements for treatment, or we will take him to Alameda County Hospital."

As evidenced in the recent police beating of Richard York, pastor of the Free Church it can take hours and the help of a city councilman and the City Manager to

even register a complaint with police supervisors.

Pity the poor victim of police pacification who must lie bleeding,

waiting for policemen to diagnose his injuries and decide whether he deserves treatment at city expense.

GAYS & GOD

"I've never felt so good in my life," the lead singer of a rock band told the people at the Unitarian Church, on Franklin at Geary in San Francisco during last Sunday's "celebration".

It was the first trip with heavy rock music for that church, "although we've used folk-rock before," the Rev. Dr. Harry Scholefield told me.

For one hour, that church was liberated. The people applauded the sermon (by Rev. James Stoll) about Gay Liberation. And there was singing and dancing in the aisles.

It was so beautiful that I almost cried with joy.

Rev. Scholefield seemed a bit nervous as he went through some simple liturgy and talked about the band, (mostly gorgeous young musicians.)

But his nervousness was so real it made him so human. With him, I really felt welcome, loved as a Homosexual.

The regulars of the church crowded into a classroom adjacent to their fellowship hall to rap

about homosexuality and revolution.

One "negro" was worried about children seeing homosexuals kissing each other. A balding Scottish Rite Mason said our "body 'electricity' was meant for only man-woman relationships.

Brothers from Gay Liberation erased most of these fears by showing that homosexuality is love, love between two men or two women. And love, our most important emotion, never needs to be hidden, or feared...including homosexual love.

The Rev. Dr. Scholefield told me he wanted to develop some new Gay-Lib programs this fall, and said he was convinced his people would welcome homosexuals warmly.

Feedback from his members? "Generally positive," he said. The only problems came from some older people who were "unhappy" about the Decibel level of the rock band."

Sunday's sermon on Gay Liberation didn't seem to bother them, he said.

by Leo Laurence

LOTS A LUCK

The report states: "The desired object is to avoid whenever possible obligating the City for the medical services of arrested persons and never to obligate the City for treatment of persons not in our custody."

Note the capitalization of "City and lower case 'persons' puts the situation into as clear a perspective as the report.

COPOUTS

The memo suggest some cop-outs:

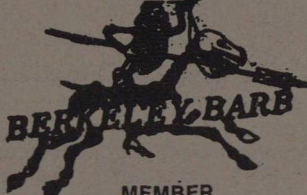
- (a) Was the person injured prior to taking him in custody?
- (b) Does the person have insurance or can he pay?
- (c) What is the extent of necessary services?--this will give indication of cost involved.
- (d) Could the person be released from custody and a complaint sought at a later time, or could he be released on a citation? He could then make his own arrangements for treatment.

SHUCKS

In other words, the procedural memo gives every excuse and dodge the policemen could need to avoid treating a person in serious need.

Even the stupidest porker is now able to save the "City" money with written instructions that only take payment in blood and suffering, but save the important thing--money from the city to help suffering people, often the victims of the police who take them in.

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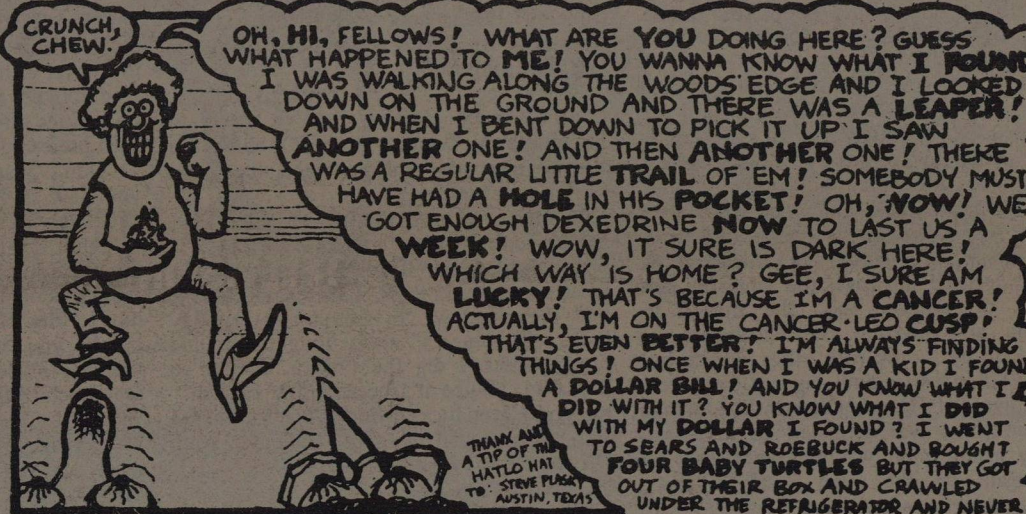
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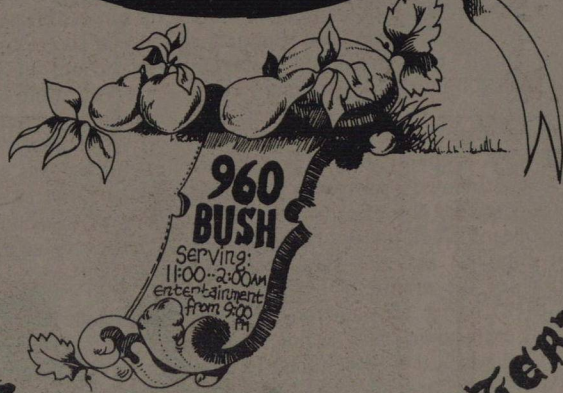
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HO-MO

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troubles.

FILMING

San Francisco police have been playing it cool. Two uniformed officers stayed with the line on Saturday, and occasionally during the week.

Plainclothes Bigot Raunchy was busy with a movie camera. And the Tac Squad hassled hippies in Union Square.

Most of the people on the line this week were from the Gay Liberation Front. Some from Chicago, New York, and Boston. But each day, "more and more from the Gay establishment shows up," reports Green.

"It's a heavy thing," one SIR (Society for Individual Rights) member told me. "Five years ago, I'd never thought a second time of picketing."

But now I'm here, and I'm feeling GOOD!"

NEED 500

50 showed up for picket duty last Saturday. But several entrances were untouched. To put pickets at every door from morning to night throughout the summer will require a manpower pool of about 500.

That kind of pressure in the streets will put an economic squeeze on Macy's as potent as the toughest union strike.

(Of course, there will always be a few prissy queens who will hide behind their delicate respectability and snub their noses at anyone who might go into a T-Room. "I neither compre-

hend nor condone people who have sex in public places," says one who refuses to support the boycott.)

TACTICS

"Homosexuals Mobilized Against Macy's" is asking the public to BOYCOTT MACY'S! "Mail

back your credit card. Picket with us." To Macy's employees:

"We intend to remain until Macy's guarantees not to discipline any employee who joins our picket lines." (a standard union tactic)

The Gay coalition says "the pickets will remain until the lives are saved."

Further information: 781-1570 and 626-9557.

AVENUE

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day in D.C. If the fop rednecks didn't get you, Congress would pass a new law.

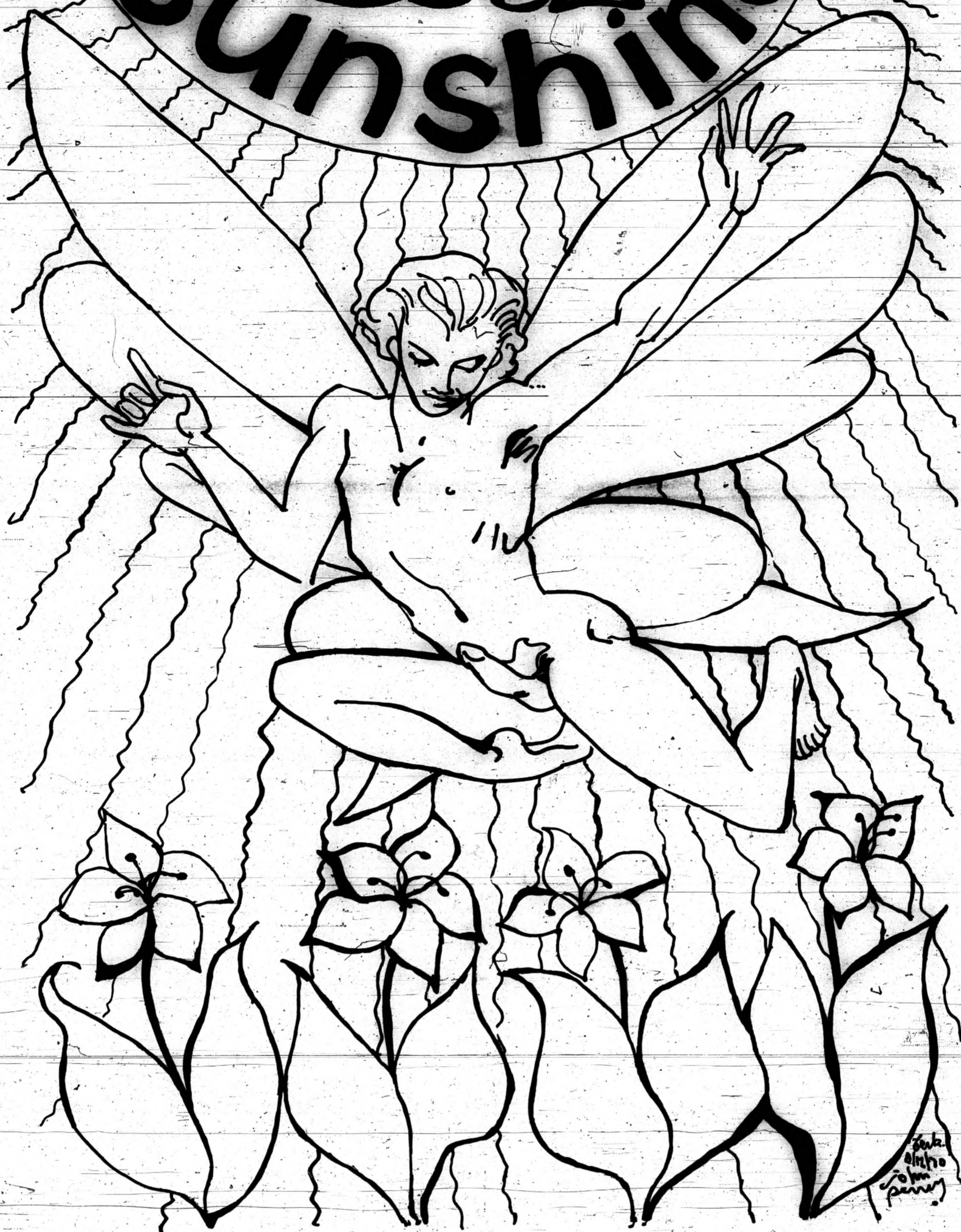
real estate people, Chamber of Commerce types and Sundry other reactionary elements in the area would love to see the current Telegraph Avenue scene fade into history. But a conscious conspiracy on their part will not be necessary. The scene will die because economic concentration by chain stores will inexorably squeeze out the individual, the artisan, through simple capitalist laws of survival.

A microcosm of where it's at nationally and internationally.

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John
Perry

what's this shit?

It's all about the pogrom being carried out against that POOR COCK-SUCKER. I mean that kinda creep that doesn't have the BREAD or MOXIE or CLASS to avoid this kind of SHIT— in other words, you know getting busted for some kind of sex charge, and having the neighbors and friends and JEEZ employer find out you're QUEER (the touchy fruits call it GAY). Wondering? Well, honey! Let MOTHER lay it on you. It's those busts at Land's End and the Park (Golden Gate Park). Y'see COMRADES—(Latin CAMA, Medieval Spanish CAMARADA, BED or CHAMBER MATE, Modern English, COMRADE or FELLOW TRAVELER).

But don't ya get uptight all you LEFTIES and MOVEMENT types about the trip this concept has come thru— y'don't hafta be GAY, BUT IT HELPS!

But back to the main drag, about this STRAIGHT CAPITALIST DAISY CHAIN, this cat that owns the access to the NUDE, "FREE" beach at Devil's Slide, y'know, the place where you pay a dollar (if you have it) to park in the BULLDOZED-OUT mountainside, and fifty cents to get in; well, this cat also owns the LINCOLN-MERCURY DISTRIBUTORSHIP (piss-elegant, huh?) for San Francisco—our own GAYBAY-CITY! And, funny thing, isn't it weird that another transportation agent or perhaps a dummy fronting for the same, donated those HONDAS to the PIGS to vamp on the fags—meaning us, honey. Y'know, for stripping to sun at Land's End or blowing dope or tripping a little Red Mountain (contributing to the delinquency of) or sucking a little cock in the bushes (strictly CLOSET, DISCREET, y'know). SO,

this HONDA dealer gave these HONDAS to the PIGS which are to be used "free", gratis, until mid-summer when either Proposition I (which failed) or an appropriation by the Board of Supervisors pays for these greasy, joy-riding bikers and their bikes.

What all this shit boils down to is: 1) Fags are ultimately the best scapegoats. So therefore a mono-maniac or powermonger may (until GAY PEOPLE STOP THIS SHIT BY ANY MEANS POSSIBLE) use QUEERS as VICTIMS by having their stooges, the MORLOCKS rip the beautiful PEOPLE off and then use these arrests to prove via inflated statistics (of victimless crimes) in the Examiner or other such rag;

2) SOME STRAIGHT CAPITALIST CHICKENSHIT is making \$\$\$\$\$ off the agonies of GAY PEOPLE and are doing so thru the ignorant support of the straight middle-classes (who could care less even if they knew).

3) The PIGS are the real criminals, along with their super-pig king-pins.

4) Only the middle class, rich and informed GAY PEOPLE have the MOXIE to beat this crap. The lumpenproletarians (unemployed or penniless) and proletarians ("insecure" workers) are fucked by that big steel sharp dildo.

5) Marx, though straight, wasn't wrong in his ideas about the "haves" and "have nots". It is obvious that the "poor" cocksuckers that don't have the bread or MOXIE to go to Devil's Slide or San Gregorio—\$1 a head, please; ACCOMPANIED CHICKS free (in other words, no DYKE couples) or, to pay court costs, or fines after copping to a lesser, or are not able to



M Henry

defend themselves—all these "poor cocksuckers" are gonna get fucked by that aforementioned Establishment steel dildo.

6) We "poor fruits" have not had, do not have any choice in this matter other than to OFF THE PIGS, OFF HONDA, OFF THE OPPRESSOR POLITICOS, GAY POWER TO GAY PEOPLE GAY POWER TO GAY PEOPLE GAY POWER TO GAY PEOPLE

Pat Brown

WHO NEEDS IT?

What is the value of a gay newspaper?

I mean, is the mere instance of homosexuality enough of a common purpose around which to create a newspaper? If homosexuality is really nothing different than something like lefthandedness, then the creation of a paper for homosexuals makes no more sense than a newspaper for lefthanders.

And where a newspaper for lefthanders would be of special value only to tell its readers where to find the appropriate kind of monkey-wrench, so would a newspaper for gays really be good only to tell where the hottest sex books are sold and where most other gays are getting together.

Maybe there's a need for that sort of thing. But I used to think a gay newspaper would also serve another purpose—that of being an exercise of a basic component of freedom. Gays, I felt, need a free press to protect their rights.

Since all gays are oppressed by the society, I thought, a gay newspaper would be a powerful tool in the homosexual fight for equal rights, as it would be a catalyst that could call forth the political potential of a sub-

culture such as the one in San Francisco that constitutes more than 10 percent of the total population.

Such a newspaper could wield a substantial amount of political power, the kind of power that is needed to protect the rights of the citizenry against the blatant kinds of atrocities that are common to come down on homosexuals.

Existing gay publications—such as the San Francisco Free Press on one end and SIR's vector magazine on the other—almost deliberately appeal to only one sector of the total gay community in the area.

That's the way the powers-that-be want it. They want to keep the city's 90,000 homosexuals divided amongst themselves so that they can't be of any noticeable political importance.

Such publications that play into the hands of this mentality—that perpetuate the stupid haggling over whether or not "gay" is an appropriate word or whether or not a naked body is fit material for the expense of printer's ink—are not newspapers in the sense of actualizing the right to free press. They are really only what is known in the trade as "house

organ" publications that serve the interests not of the total populace, but of an esoteric club, organization or splinter group.

The question remains whether or not a genuine gay newspaper is a possibility.

I have come to feel that it is not—not, that is, simply as a gay newspaper.

My thinking goes like this: —Freedom, equality and justice are all political categories.

—Homosexuality is not a political category, any more than lefthandedness is.

—Oppression is a political category.

—Not all homosexuals are oppressed. They all are, but then, many refuse to believe it. By living double lives, accepting themselves as sex freaks therefore obligingly hiding their activities from free and public exercise, many feel they can function as "free Americans" like anyone else, and they are content with this. They claim they are oppressed because they are gay (the gods, or fate, or their parents are the evil oppressors), so they believe that the unhappiness they experience in the homosexual dimension of their lives (loneliness, fear of

aging, superficiality) is due to the inevitability of their lamentable condition, rather than due to a social, political mentality of across-the-board oppression of all things not white, straight, middle class, pro-establishment.

—Therefore, a newspaper trying to serve the interests of the total gay community could not be a newspaper that speaks to the political categories of freedom and justice.

—What is needed is a newspaper that will represent those who understand themselves as oppressed—politically oppressed by an oppressor that not only is down on homosexuality, but equally down on all things that are not white, straight, middle class, pro-establishment. Such a newspaper should call together—all those who would see themselves as oppressed in this way. It should resist the divisive tendencies to split over little words, tastes in art or the manners of small groups of individuals. It should harken to a greater cause—the cause of human liberation, of which homosexual liberation is just one aspect—and on that level make its stand.

Nick Benton



Macy's 1964 Christmas, \$1.95 P.H.

I was really excited about working there making all that bread. During the Christmas Rush it's really hectic and busy, so time flies. I was there for two months and it was like it almost never happened except for a few memorable events—walking through the employees mezzanine just past the two way mirror that overlooks the first floor; a stockboy says to his friend, "Hey, look at the fairy!" I looked around—it was me! I kept walking, as it sunk in my eyes watered. I was a little stunned. —Do I look like a queer? I didn't know yet, so it was a mindblower.

After Christmas they laid me off. I went to L.A. to go to college and came out there. I learned what Gay really was. I returned to S.F. just in time for the Christmas Rush 1965 and was rehired by Macy's at \$1.99 P.H. — a four cent raise for my experience.

That Christmas I saw the guy who called me a fairy in a neighborhood bar cruising. And I thought I had problems! I also learned how Gay the store really was. All those friendly guys weren't friendly just cause they thought I was a nice guy. Still being new to Gay life I was really amazed every day by finding out so and so — in personnel or — in management was Gay. Everyone knew but sort of didn't talk about it.

That Christmas they asked me to stay on. I stayed there over a year, as the real insanity of all sunk in: Do a good job Dan, tomorrow I'll give you more to do! Turn in a fellow employee for shoplifting and you get a \$25.00 Bonus—only \$5.00 for a customer, so watch your friends. Did you see the guards dragging those colored kids through the mezzanine? Yeah—at Macy's we care!

Help me escape—I transferred to the warehouse tired of being a department store faggot: well dressed, cut your hair,

shine your shoes, got to impress what's his name, you know. So to the warehouse I went where I could relax. There was less tension there—well, at first.

That year they built a wall along the end of the floor with little holes along each aisle so the guard could watch to see if anyone was pocketing any merchandise. The building was a huge cement block with wired windows and barred doorways. Show him your purse when you leave or your lunch box or your ass; can't have anyone taking out any merchandise, you know. Don't scratch your ass—the man could be watching you through the peep holes you know. So after two years I flipped out one day and walked off.

Why was I there, I hated it? For security to pay the bills I made while working there. Life has to be more than that, if survival means kissing the man's ass! ripping off my brothers, locked in, guarded and watched like an animal. "You punched in six minutes late Dan—got to dock your pay—Don't let it happen again—Got to raise your production, for what? I didn't need it! Do you?"

So now 1970 Macy's is ripping off the Gays. That's like the guy who called me a fairy. I wonder what he felt like when he found out he was Queer too! If all the Gays in Macy's would stop work, the store would have to close! They won't though. They got to pay for the color TV plus interest!

So you work—
You get paid—
You pay the Bills—
and you keep working—
You get no where! But the man gets Bigger and Bigger and now he can strangle you—and you'll die— Nowhere
Danny

JACKSON'S MOTHER SPEAKS OUT

TRANSCRIPTION BY PAUL CANTOR

Her eyes were red from lack of sleep and suffering as Jonothan Jackson's mother answered the following questions at a press conference following her son's death. The conference took place August 11 at Soledad House in the Mission.

The courage, the beauty, and the strength of the sorrowing woman was evident as she gave such coherent responses to inane, irrelevant--often asinine questions so soon after her youngest son was slain.

Following are selections.

- Q. What's your reaction to what's happened?
- A. Well my reaction would be normal for any black person after watching Judge Campbell conspire with the prosecutor to send them (the Soledad Brothers) to the gas chamber. How could anyone who's ever sat in that courtroom think that anybody would get justice? I don't see how anybody could expect it. Not if you're black and poor.
- Q. Do you think that's what Jonathan was thinking?
- A. I think that's what he was thinking. I know he was very depressed about the way the courts were--my son Jonathan had a lot of faith in the way the courts were until George came up to the court. We all had faith in the courts. You know there are many black people in this country who have faith in the courts. They BELIEVE they can get justice. I used to believe it myself. But not any more.
- Q. Did you ever have the feeling that Jonathan was extremely discouraged about his brother's chances for a fair trial?

A. Yes, I did. Everybody was discouraged. I mean, the lawyers were working their heads off and everybody around was working their heads off and everytime we'd go to court everything would be denied. And I THINK JONATHAN DID WHAT EVERY BLACK MAN AND EVERY WHITE MAN WHO CARES ABOUT THIS COUNTRY SHOULD DO--TRY TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

A. What do you think about the reports that Angela Davis gave your son guns?

A. I think its ridiculous. I don't think Angela Davis would give a 17-year-old a gun. I mean everything that comes up Angela Davis or the Panthers are accused of it. There are more people black in this country than Angela and the Panthers. And there are more people aware of the way they're treated than Angela and the Panthers.

Q. Where do you think he got these guns?

A. I don't have any idea where he got the guns.

Q. Were you aware at any time that your son Jonathan was interested in the current case (his brothers case)?

A. We often talk about prisons. Everybody's interested in prisons. You know most of these black men go to court and nobody's ever there that knows them. There may be the judge, the attorney that the courts have appointed--no relatives, no friends.

You go in the courtroom a lot of times you see these black men and these Mexican men just standing there alone with nobody there that loves them or thinks anything about them. We often go to places like that. Because I know my son was taken to court three times and nobody even notified me that he was accused of anything. And that's a terrible feeling to stand there like that and nobody out there behind you. Nobody at all that cares whether you live or die.

And people don't think about these things. And usually they bring these people up five or six of them at a time and they run'em through the court just like its a washing machine doing clothes--just as fast as they can get'em through they'll send'em someplace and keep'em nine or 10 years--and nobody there at all to represent'em.

Q. Did I understand you to say Jonathan was acting as he was in order to achieve justice?

A. He felt like it was, yes. That's what everybody should feel like. If you can't get justice one way take it another. Nobody will listen to you. Nobody listens to you when you're black and poor. I am very upset because they took my son over there and gave him an autopsy and embalmed him even before they told us he was dead. We weren't even notified he was dead and they did these things and I think that's very wrong.

Q. Mrs. Jackson you described your son as a good person. Why would he have this weapon in his hand?

A. There are plenty of good people with weapons in their hands.

WOMEN'S BOAT

A group of women got together and rescued the abandoned hull of a 30 foot wooden boat (9 foot beam) from a mud flat. They now have it in dry dock and have begun patching, caulking and repainting it.

They would like your help in finishing the repairs so they can install the chrysler Marine Engine they've got and then everybody can go out into the bay and fish. They hope to form a fishing cooperative to supply the food conspiracy. If you are interested call 647-4205.

SGT. PEPPER WONDERS IF CAMELSHIT OR OIL BLURS VISION OF U.S. U-2's OVER SUEZ...

by Sgt. Pepper

The US is flying U-2 "spy - planes" over Isreal and Egypt, thus entering the Mideast war - on whose side is not yet clear. However, the way the story is being handled it becomes quite obvious Isreal is getting fucked.

KPFA opened its Tuesday night broadcast with the news of American overflights, giving it top priority. The SF Chronicle buries this news in the 12th paragraph of a long rambling story that is a masterpiece of confusion.

At this moment, the whole thrust is that we believe the Russians and not the Israeli's. "US officials are red-faced at the gap in its photo coverage immediately before and after the cease-fire, which may account in part for their anger at the Israeli government's 'demands'....", reports the Chron in its 13th paragraph.

All previous paragraphs indicate our frustration over why the Israeli believe their own photographs instead of the God Bless American 100 percent U-2's.

In the multi-millions we have spent on our spy-satellites and U-2 planes that can "take a picture of a shadow of a pin from 500 miles i n space," apparently we can't even develop a photo of a Russian missile - unless of course, diplomacy has fogged up the negative. We have thus moved from U-2's sypping AGAINST the Russians to U-2's sypping FOR the Russians.

In short, all you in Berkeley who expect America to back Isreal better start forming your 'Israeli Day Committee' because if Israel tries to cross teh Canal by itself we'll zap them like North Vietnam.

BRODNIK'S NIECE FOR LOS SIETE

The trial of Los Siete was in recess last week. Los Siete are seven politically active Latino youths who were charged with murdering San Francisco patrolman Joseph Brodnik. Six of them were caught and are now on trial.

The following is an interview with Colleen Crosby, the niece of the slain patrolman. The interview was held the week before last outside the courtroom where the six are being tried.

by Paul Cantor

Q. Have you had any trouble from your family for being down here?

A. Well, uhm, to begin with my aunt (Mrs. Joseph Brodnik) phoned up the home and like any other pig--you don't have to be in the pig department to be a pig--she bitched about somebody else, you know, calling for the freedom of somebody who's been oppressed all their lives.

Q. She's been down here. Have you seen her down here?

A. I haven't been down here to meet her yet, but I'm planning to.

Q. I don't know if it would be a good idea to get in a confrontation with her?

A. The way I look at that is, ah, I don't desire a confrontation with her but I don't think it can be avoided in the situation. If she can talk and reason out with me, like, that's right on but I don't think she will.

Q. Why is she down here?

A. Why is she down here? To carry on her pig attitude towards the courts try to get Los Siete convicted by any means necessary in regards to her mind.

Q. She wants revenge is that it?

A. Exactly. You know that breeds in a pigs attitude towards anyone else. The pigs have a pig fraternity in which if one pig gets offed all pigs stick together and they seek revenge for any pig that's been offed. The people seek revenge for any people that have been offed by the pigs too.

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MACY'S FOES FALTER

"There is no brotherhood in the Gay Community," a studdish bartender at the Orpheum Circus said, talking about the disappointing picket lines at Macy's.

"It's all money," he said. "The bars want money. SIR wants money. People only help if they can make money."

Maybe he's right. There's only about six or eight selfless people who are the backbone of the Macy's picket line. Marching six hours a day, they are doggedly determined to "hold together," (one picketer walks the line day-times, then works eight hours at night).

The so-called Gay "coalition" called "Homosexuals Mobilized Against Macy's" is a name only. Its leadership has lost interest. Picket captains are untrained. Leaflets remain vague and confusing.

NO MOBE

The massive gay mobilization never materialized between the Gay Establishment (SIR & TGFSF) and Gay-Lib of San Francisco. None are putting many members on the line. Some show up for their own head trips, naive to the political potential of ripping off the Amerikkan corporate giant called Macy's.

"I wanted to prove to myself I'm not a baby," one S-M leatherman told me. "I'm picketing to break away from my mother... and my father." He knew very little about the 40 gay brothers that Macy's wants to send to prison this year.


P olice have tried to intimidate the line. One threatened to arrest two guys who were kissing on the line. . .they did NOT stop. . .they were NOT busted.

The line has been forced by police into a tiny area 10 paces long next to the gutter, "clearly in violation of the US constitution" says an attorney.

The gay lawyer working on the case says he hasn't the "time or

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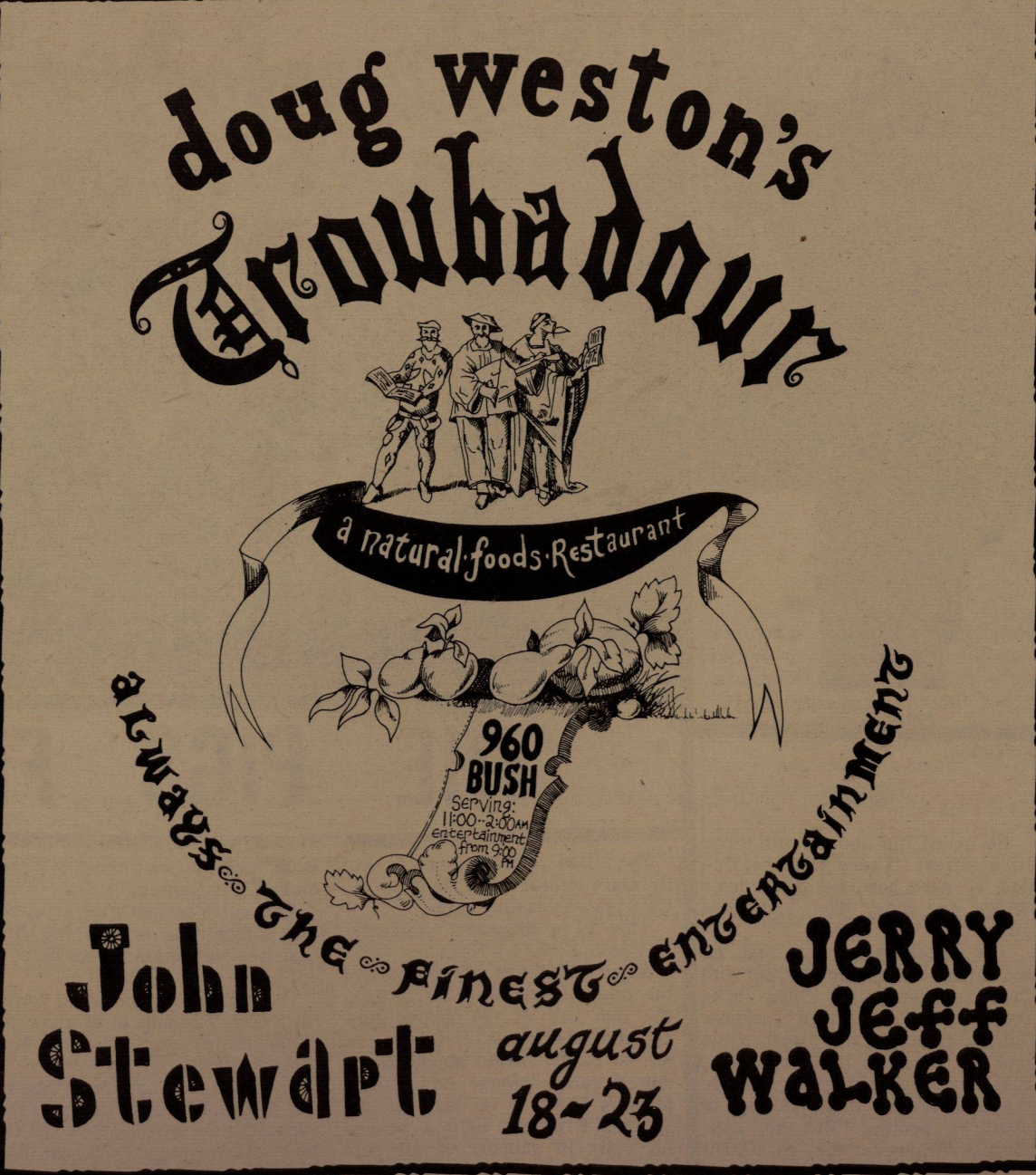
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MACY'S IS STUPID

by Leo Laurance

Macy's is stupid. Nothing else can explain their dogmatic determination to conspire with the District Attorney in San Francisco to "off" some 40 homosexuals and ship'em to prison.

Pickets have been posted outside the store everyday for over a week, organized by an ad-hoc committee called "Homosexuals Mobilized Against Macy's." They'll remain until felony charges against the gay brothers busted inside the store during a "Morals Blitzkrieg" in June are dropped or lowered to misdemeanors.

So far most of the picket lines have been unimpressive. Only eight people were marching in a small circle outside the Geary Street entrance this Wednesday

afternoon. Last Saturday, however, bigger numbers provided man power to post picket lines at EVERY entrance to the store.

PICKET POWER

When every door is covered, everyday, everyhour the store's open, then Macy's will start to sweat. Right now, they're still expecting the pickets to peter out, especially since they've got the saue Elliott Blackstone (Community Relations SFPD) working hard behind the scenes for their side.

But the line has been there everyday. About half from Gay-Lib and half from SIR (Society for Individual Rights.) And if you want to see some good-looking people, take a look at that line. (I wanted to kiss them all)

"PERVERTS"

Some SIR people are comfortably middle class and see little or no reason to complain, let alone picket. But when Macy's started calling homosexuals "perverts" and with homosexual harassment throughout the city rapidly escalating in recent months, SIR members went through some head changes.

Sir endorsed the Macy's boycott and picketing at its regular membership meeting Wednesday Veterans in the Gay Community predict other organizations (Daughters of Bilitis, Tavern Guild and Council on Religion and the Homosexual) will soon take similar action.

It blows my mind to see these homosexual brothers and sisters really getting together for something other than bitch fights, cruising, or boozing.

ALCATRAZ BRIGHTER- BUT PIGS SCHEME ON

The Coast Guard has agreed to turn the light and forhorn back on at the Alcatraz lighthouse. This coupled with the fact that the Indians now have their own boat has considerably lightened things around the island.

It took pressure from Washington--as well as an almost universal plea from unions connected with the harbor to bring the light back into service.

Congressional Representatives Phillip Burton and William Mailliard were said in the Chronicle to have even "enlisted sympathy of the White House."

To make sure that their "sympathy" isn't taken as a wish to help the Indians, the Coast Guard is looking for a way to get power to the island without letting the Indians get any. "Maybe we can bury the cable or something," a Coast Guard lieutenant reportedly said.

One imagines that the money the burial will take could easily provide a lot of water to the Indians whose water supply was terminated at the same time that the electricity was shut off in May.

The water situation, however isn't as desperate as it was. Creedence Clearwater Revival came up with \$4500 so that the Indians could buy the Bass Tubb, the boat that the Indians had been renting until the Coast Guard hassled Captain Cliff Atkinson out of the business three weeks ago.

And Buffy St. Marie continues to support her people. Most recently she donated 3500 gallons of bottled water.

And it ain't only the stars: according to Leo Leach, at the Alcatraz office, Pier 40, "if it wasn't for the Hippies, we wouldn't be able to make it."

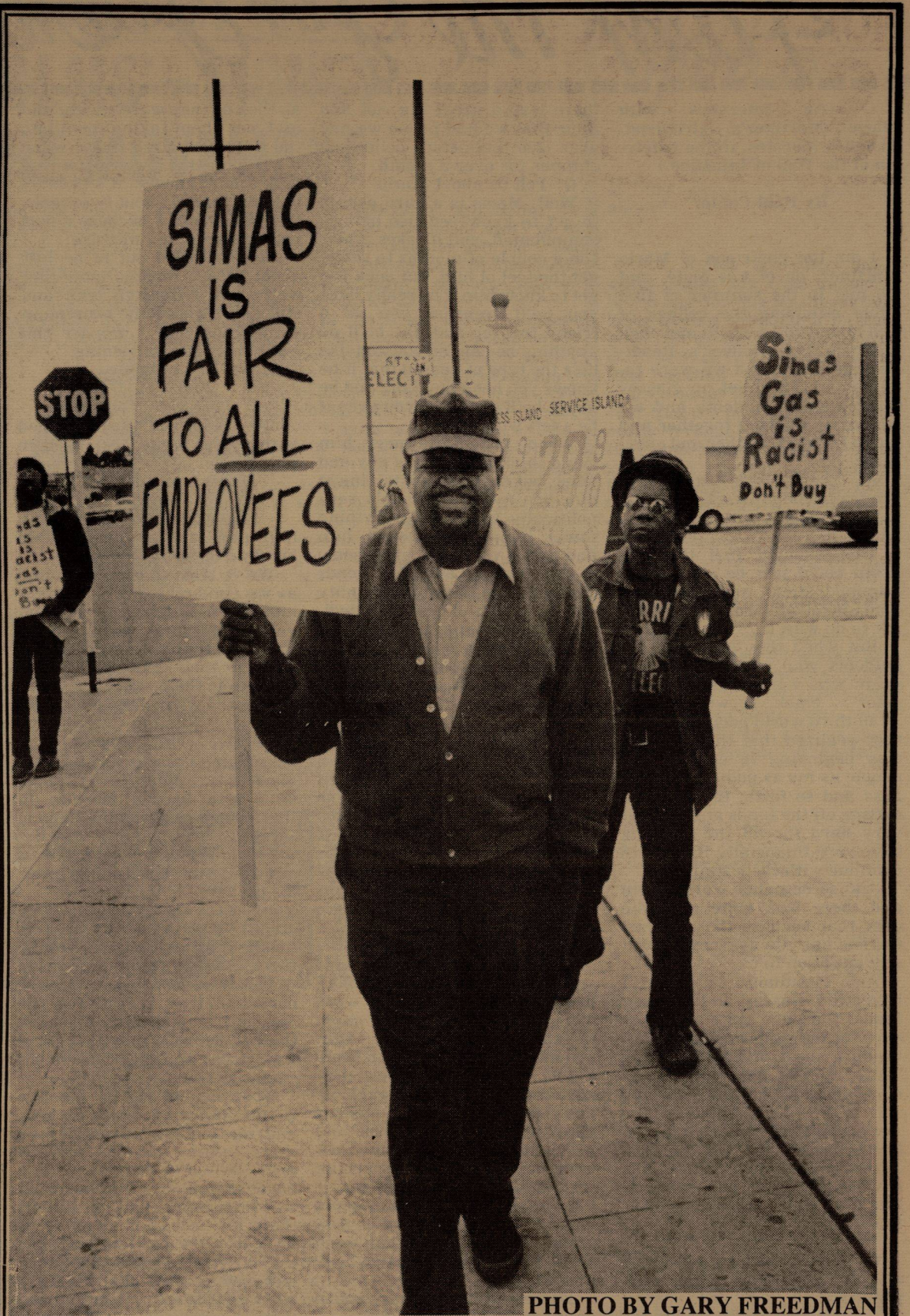


PHOTO BY GARY FREEDMAN

RACE BIAS CHARGE FOR SIMAS BROS.

by Gary Freedman

"Don't buy gas at Simas Bros.," say the workers. "Bullshit!" says management.

Unfortunately one of the more reasonably-priced purveyors of farmobile fuel is embroiled in a labor-racial dispute.

Apparently one shift came up short of bread at counting time. As a result, two members of the four man shift were fired -- both black, two whites on the

same shift weren't hassled. Simas claims it was a simple case of theft (only blacks steal?).

The workers say it was book juggling and faulty equipment.

The station manager backed his crew and was fired. Orders then came from higher up that there would now be an all white crew on that shift.

Another black employee was demoted and a white worker quit in solidarity with his black brothers. Then the picketing started. It was an interesting

scene to say the least. There were also several counter-pickets with signs proclaiming Simas as an equal-opportunity employer.

These men all turned out to be Simas station managers from San Francisco and other parts of the Bay Area.

There were also two district managers photographing everything in sight with some nice shiny white Polaroid "Swingers".

For a final absurd touch, there was Walter Simas with a colorful sign stating that he treated all people the same, whether black, brown, red, yellow, or green.

He then rushed about in rush hour traffic in the middle of San Pablo Ave. to let everyone know that a fair sort of cat he and his brothers are.

Picketing will stop when the following demands are met:

- Simas rehire any workers who still want their gigs.
- Simas disavow agreement with the racist statements of the district manager.
- Simas submit to an investigation of its labor practices by an equal opportunity agency.
- Simas agree to be checked by the Dept. of Weights & Measures for discrepancies in gas pump readings.
- Simas immediately cease their practice of not allowing breaks in an eight hour work day.
- Simas open their books to the public.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE WOMAN SUFFRAGE WOMAN SUFFRAGE

A Women's Rally is going down in S.F. August 26, the 50th anniversary of women's suffrage.

The rally -- at Union Square -- will unite Bay Area women around demands for free voluntary abortion on demand, equal opportunity and equal pay, and free 24-hour child care centers.

Jean Crosby, temporary chairwoman of the August 26 Women's Day Committee, announced: "We want to make this the kind of action that all women can participate in around their own demands." The rally, planned for 11:00 AM

to 2:00 PM, will include speakers representing a cross section of Bay Area women on a broad range of issues. A spokeswoman for the committee said: "We expect that Mayor Alioto, along with city and private employers, will allow women workers time off so that they may attend the activities."

The committee has asked interested women for help on publicity, further program planning, art work, arrangements and fund raising. An office has been established at Glide Church, 330 Ellis, San Francisco, telephone: 771-6300.

A GAY DISSENT ON SEX

Editor BARB

The leaflet put out by "Homosexuals Mobilized against Macy's" (BARB, July 24), is contrary to the views of most homosexuals, and contrary to the official policy of the Gay Liberation Front, and most other Gay groups.

The leaflet as quoted in the BARB says, "We are not defending sex in public places. We say laws should be enforced..."

Most homosexuals do not believe it should be a crime to suck dicks in Macy's toilet. A men's room in a department store is no more public than a public steam bath, a Gay Liberation dance which is open to the public or any other place which is open to the public.

The official policy of Gay Lib is "All laws and practices that in any way discriminate against any person because of actions expressive of their sexual natures shall be abolished". Note that the policy does not specify "sex acts between consenting adults in private."

The policy stated is not only the official policy of Gay Liberation, but has been endorsed by the Sexual Freedom organizations, officially adopted by the Western Conference of Homophile Organizations, and adopted as a part of the platform of the Peace and Freedom Party, on motion of the Gay Liberation Front.

I don't know how many Gays agree with me, but I think it is most -- I see nothing wrong with sucking off a groovy guy at a bus stop while waiting for a bus. It helps pass the time, brings pleasure to two people. Any "offense" that passersby feel is caused by problems and hang ups in their own minds.

Public sex does not harm them and is none of their business. They should see psychiatrists, maybe they can be cured.

I can fully endorse the White Panther Party Platform, "What we want is rock music, dope and fucking in the streets."

Peace, love and joy,
Don Jackson

TELLYTUBED

KQED - Channel 9 will present a report, in color, on Berkeley's Telegraph Avenue -- attempting to capture what the street means and what its current re-vamping may presage.

The report, by reporter Trevor Thomas and filmmaker Rick Wise will be shown twice: Friday, August 7 at 8 PM and Thursday, August 13 at 10:55 PM.