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stonewall

by Joseph R DeMarco

June is the month of Gay Pride Festivals. Most of us know the reason for this fact is that the Stonewall riots occurred in June. But, what were the Stonewall riots all about? And, what is it that makes them so significant?

In 1969, the New York City police carried out a policy of brutal harrassment against gay bars culminating with the raid on the Stonewall Bar on Christopher Street.

FRIDAY JUNE 27, 1969

It was Friday in summer, nearing midnight and the Stonewall had its usual crowd of gay men and women. Deputy Inspector Pine and eight men came crashing into the bar. Considering the types of raids going on everyone was frightened. Most of the patrons, ushered out by the police, stayed on the sidewalk to see what would happen to those trapped within.

The onlookers cheered as some of those caught inside were released. Three transvestites were shoved into a paddy wagon and began to pound on the inside of the van as the crowd seethed.

Next the police pulled a lesbian from the bar. As she fought tenaciously they pushed her into a squad (Please turn to STONEWALL, p. 5)

OPEN MEETING ON HARRISBURG

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A committee of three gay activists and three state officials met May 23 in Harrisburg to consider proposals for an official statewide "task force" on gay rights. The state was represented by Barry Kohn, of the Community Advocate Unit; Dolly Shuster, Human Relations Commission; and Carol Schechter, of the Health Department.

Tom Wilson attended from Philadelphia; the other two gay members were from Harrisburg and Pittsburgh. In addition, the committee was addressed by a member of the Commission on the Status of Women and a member of the Affirmative Action Council.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

by Tommi

Gay Pride: what does it mean? Some have said, "Why march?" Others: "Marches are things of the past. Forget them." But the Gay Pride March is important.

The march gives US an awareness of ourselves as a community. When else can all of the diverse parts of our movement come together to celebrate the joys of our gayness? Most of the time we're segregated; either by choice (separatism) or by force (bar carding policies).

The Gay Pride March gives us a renewed pride in ourselves. Anyone who has

The committee will meet once more before submitting formal recommendations for a proposed structure at the June 4 meeting of Gov. Shapp's present Task Force on Gay Rights, in Harrisburg.

Interested Philadelphians will have an opportunity to provide input to the committee at a special Community Meeting, sponsored by the Gay Community Center of Philadelphia, on Tues., June 3, at 7 P.M., at the Christian Association (36th & Locust Wk., U. of P.).

Wilson will report on the committee's first meeting, answer questions, and accept recommendations from the floor regarding purposes of the task force and proposed membership. A consensus by vote of those present will be sought if necessary. The meeting will last only one hour; promptness is strongly urged.

marched knows the feeling of joy (even euphoria) that comes over you when you are caught up in the wave of cheers, laughter, and that sudden rush of pride. 20,000 people marching on the streets of New York --what a high!

Marching also allows the movement to reach people who ordinarily would not be reached. After every march there has been a resurgence of people into the movement. You can't stop it--Gay Pride Marches do that.

But most of all Gay Pride Day is OUR BIRTHDAY as a liberation struggle. Come out 'an wish US a Happy Birthday JUNE 1. Give everyone a birthday kiss.

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

by John Wiles

Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, that real-life embodiment of Stanley Kubrick's Dr. Strangelove, has been seeking to mollify his pesky gadfly critics by assuring them (us) of the rightness and restraint involved in the Marines' recent rescue of the Mayaguez. Denying charges that the U.S. may have flexed a bit too much, flamboyantly unnecessary muscle in its handling of the operation, the good Dr. Kissinger has contended -- with elaborately patient patronization -- that no, the country is not out to prove its "manhood" on the neighborhood block of nations.

I urge anyone with an ounce of trust in such pronouncements from our gung-ho, macho-hawkish chiefs of war and deceptive government to be sure to see the stunning "Hearts and Minds," Peter Davis' riveting documentary on American involvement in the Indochina War. The film not only brilliantly, brutally decimates such lies

as Gen. Westmoreland's incredibly pompous assurance that human life is cheaply valued in Eastern cultures; it also packs an unflinching, penetrating indictment of the grass-roots support built into the American culture for the perpetuation of the martial arts and mind-sets.

The film offers painful evidence of how corrupt and perverted a healthy spirit of competition can become in a society which sanctions and reinforces a macho ethic of pure strength without sensitivity. Victory and superiority -- whether in the game of football or the game of war -- guarantee manliness and pride; technical prowess is a single-minded goal completely overshadowing considerations of potential for wreaking death, destruction, and human misery.

I have a mild hunch that Henry Kissinger has probably not seen "Hearts and Minds." It is a film with real value for gay people (especially gay men), as well as for the country at large. We all need to be reminded not only that war is hell, but also that happy warriors are full of shit.

CHURCH NEWS

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Acting for Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, its Representative Committee recognized a Committee on Homosexuality, on May 22, the first such action for any religion in the country. The Committee was budgeted \$200 to carry on educational activities. Its representatives spoke to one fifth of the Monthly Meetings obtaining letters of support for Bill 1275 from three of them. Last month Yearly Meeting authorized the then unofficial Committee on Homosexuality to testify in their behalf at hearings on the federal gay rights bill. The Committee has lobbied local members of the Friends Committee on National Legislation to make gay rights one of their priorities. This grassroots work is important because many Friends are still ignorant of the gay life style.

Committee member, Larry Butler sees its ultimate goal as adoption of a list of "queries" on homosexuality by the Yearly Meeting. A list of "queries" (questions among Quakers framing a concern for thought without requiring an answer) dealing with gay Friends and their relationship to their Meetings was formulated by the Committee.

The General Assembly of the 3-million-member United Presbyterian Church has refused to recognize a gay caucus as an unofficial organization of the church.

Meeting last week in Cincinnati, the 700 commissioners, or delegates, overwhelmingly rebuffed the efforts of the Presbyterian Gay Caucus to "gain visibility" by seeking recognition under provisions of the church's constitution.

The Assembly action confirmed a committee report which included the following statement:

"Though the committee appreciates the representatives as Christian persons, and affirms that there is no condemnation for anyone in Christ Jesus, the committee feels that the Scripture as understood in our Reformed tradition does not condone their sexual orientation and life-style."

The Presbyterian Gay Caucus was formed a year ago, and has grown to more than 120 members. Rev. David Sindt, Caucus coordinator, affirmed the group's intention to pursue official recognition, saying, "It's our purpose to remind the church that homosexuals exist and must not be shunned."

The Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church, meeting recently in Minneapolis, has stated that "we do not advocate or support ordination for prac-

ticing homosexuals."

At the same time the bishops asserted that "the Church is a ministry to homosexuals as to all persons. We believe that the love of Christ is all inclusive and is offered to all mankind without any exceptions."

Unanimously reaffirming the official position of the "Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church," the bishops added the following commentary:

"Homosexuals no less than heterosexuals are persons of sacred worth, who need the ministry and guidance of the church in their struggle for human fulfillment, as well as the spiritual and emotional care of a fellowship which enables reconciling relationships with God, with others, and with self.

"Further we insist that all persons are entitled to have their human and civil rights ensured, though we do not condone the practice of homosexuality and consider this practice incompatible with Christian teaching."

Concluding their statement rejecting the right of gays to ordination, the bishops stated:

"We urge our people to be compassionate and understanding; to be prayerfully devoted to Jesus Christ in all His offices; and to be united in His mission to every dimension of society and to the whole world."



The GAYZETTE STAFF MEETINGS will now be held on Monday evenings at 6:30PM in Room E, in the basement of the Christian Association, 36th and Locust Walk. All interested persons are urged to attend.

GAY PRIDE MARCH ** 4

* JUNE 1st 1:30pm

RITTENHOUSE Sq.

A GAY DAY FOR ALL

SCHEDULE

- 11AM-1PM Free Lemonade and pastries at Roscoe's at 15th & Spruce Sts.
- 1:30PM Assemble in Rittenhouse Sq. for short rally
- 2:00PM March leaves Square, proceeds to Spruce, east on Spruce to 13th, north on 13th to Walnut,

3:00PM

3:15PM

3:30PM

3:45PM

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4:15PM

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4:45PM

5:00PM

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6:00PM

6:15PM

6:30PM-7PM

east on Walnut to 5th, north on 5th to Market and into Mall

Street fair begins. Gay groups will already have set up tables, displays, booths, etc.

Mall program begins with a speech by ELAINE NOBLE.

MARK SEGAL

LADY will provide some dance music in the boogie spirit

JEAN DEVENTE

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LADY

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ANTHONY LEWIS

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LADY

DOSHIE POWERS

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Closing activities, announcements, etc.

RESOURCES

ALEXANDRIA BOOKSTORE, Feminist Bookstore
2041 Walnut Street, 567-7340

AMAZON COUNTRY, Lesbian Feminist Radio
WXPB-FM, 88.9, Alternate Sun. at 1PM

AMERICAN BAPTIST GAY CAUCUS
c/o 712 S. 49 St. Phila, 19143

AMER. CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, Legal aid for
arrests & cases of discrimination, 735-7103

AMER. LIBRARY ASSOC. TASK FORCE ON GAY
LIBERATION, Box 2383, 19103

BETH AHAVAH (Jewish Group) Call Gay Swbd.

DELAWARE CO. GAY WOMEN'S COFFEEHOUSE-
Call Deana at TR 8-7928

DELAWARE CO. GAYS, Call Gay Switchboard

DIGNITY (Catholic Gays) KI 5-6345

DREXEL GAY GROUP, Call John at EV 7-4788

EPISCOPAL GAY CAUCUS, Box 13231, 19101

EROMIN CENTER, INC. (Professional counseling
for sexual minorities) 732-3212

GAY ACADEMIC UNION, Lee KI 6-5386

GAY ACTIVISTS ALLIANCE, Box 15786, 19103

GAY ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 735-3781

GAY ALTERNATIVE, c/o Giovanni's Room
232 South Street, 19147

GAY CIVIL SERVANTS, D. Rolla, c/o PA
Social Services Union, 210 S. 13 St. 19107

GAY COMMUNITY CENTER, Box 15748, 19103

GAY COFFEEHOUSE, 60 N.3 St., Th, Fri & Sun 8-12

GAY MEDIA PROJECT, John EV 7-0716

GAY NURSES ALLIANCE, Box 5687, 19129, VI 9-1171

GAY PARENTS, Call Gay Switchboard

GAY RAIDERS, Box 15786, 19103, 248-2228

GAY ROOMMATE SERVICE, Call Gay Switchboard

GAY SOUTH JERSEY, (Brad) 215-985-0845

GAY SPEAKERS BUREAU, 248-2228

GAY SWITCHBOARD, 978-5700

GAY YOUTH NAT'L CMTE, Box 15786, 19103

GAYZETTE, Box 15786, 19103

GAYS IN GERMANTOWN, Call Gay Switchboard

GAYS IN HEALTH, Call Gay Switchboard

GAYS IN THE NORTHEAST, Call Gay Switchboard

GAYS UNITED (Lancaster) Call Gay Switchboard

GIOVANNI'S ROOM, Bookstore, 232 South St, WA 3-6097

HEALTH RIGHTS ADVOCATE, Deals with health care
complaints, 238-7502, 7599

HARRISBURG GAY SWITCHBOARD, 717-234-0328

HOME LITURGY, Anglican & Catholic Gays, WA 5-9149

HOSANNA CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY, David, VI 9-1171

IMAGE, Transsexual group & Publication
Box 13271, 19101

LAMBDA TRAVEL, PE 5-2535

LESBIAN ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, Call Doris at
277-0204 or Diane at 345-7380

LESBIAN CENTER PLANNING COMMITTEE, c/o Wicce
Box 15833, 19103

LESBIAN COFFEEHOUSE, 60 N.3 St., Wed 8-12, Sat 9-1

LESBIAN HOTLINE, SA 9-2001

LESBIAN MOTHERS PROJECT, Nat'l Lawyers Guild
Rosalie Buck, IO 3-3055, 56

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH, Box 8174, 19101
WA 2-3967

NAT'L ORG. FOR WOMEN, 1915 Walnut, 561-7185

PHILADELPHIANS FOR EQUAL JUSTICE (assists
victims of police abuse) IO 3-1388

RADICAL QUEENS, 787-7902, Pub "THE RADICAL QUEEN"

S/M COMMITTEE, 3rd Mon. 7:05PM, 501 S. 12 St.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON HOMOSEXUALITY
1520 Race Street, 19102

SUNSHINE GAYDREAM, Gay Men's Radio, alternate
Sundays at 1PM, WXPB-FM, 88.9

SWARTHMORE COLLEGE GAY LIBERATION, Rush,
KI 4-7900 x 360, or Jack 328-2628

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST GAY CAUCUS, c/o Nancy
Krody, Box 6315, 19139

WICCE, Lesbian/Feminist Journal, Box 15833, 19103

WOMEN ORGANIZED AGAINST RAPE, 823-7997

WOMEN IN TRANSITION (divorce & separation
counseling) SA 4-9511

WOMEN'S SWITCHBOARD, IO 3-8599

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SATURDAY JUNE 28, 1969

car. Inspector Pine ordered his men to take their prisoners to the stationhouse and to hurry back. The crowd sensed the fear in the police and became more daring.

Then it happened. A shower of coins, bottles, and glass rained down on the cops from the onlookers. The officers yelled to each other, ran inside, and bolted the door behind them.

The mob outside wanted more. They pounded the building with bricks. The boarded windows were smashed and the boards broken through. Suddenly, the door smashed open; another hail of bottles, bricks, and coins flew in. Three cops ran to the door to scare the crowd, but were again pelted. Someone was grabbed, dragged inside, and beaten.

The crowd was angrier than ever and new efforts were mounted to smash open the door which had been tightly closed again. Someone uprooted a parking meter and using it as battering ram to smash the door open again. More things were thrown in. At the same time, a side door was attacked and began to give way. The police, not knowing what to expect, readied their guns.

Through a hole in one of the boarded windows someone squirted lighter fluid. Then a match and a whoosh of flame! That second carloads of police reinforcements arrived and the crowd was dispersed.

It was early Saturday morning. Something different had happened.

All day streams of curious people came by the Stonewall. In the evening crowds gathered again. Bar regulars, street people, transvestites--everyone was there! "Gay Power" cheers rang through the huge, restless throng. As it moved down the street, the crowd was met by the Tactical Patrol Force. The crowd set up a chorus-kick line to taunt the police.

At this point accounts begin to differ. Some say the police were able to disband the crowd. Others say madness ensued and people ran around all night causing chaos.

SUNDAY JUNE 29, 1969

The rioting had stopped, but the people were back. Gays were everywhere on Christopher Street: kissing, hugging, and laughing. A new resolve had come about. A new spirit was buoying up the people: militancy! For the first time gays fought back for themselves. This was new. This was different. Everyone was together in anger that weekend. Transvestites, street people and other segments of the gay community all united to fight the forces that oppress us even now. Within weeks new and more militant gay organizations arose. From that point on, the Gay Liberation Movement could never be the same.

Gay Radio

WXPB-FM will double its time allotted to gay radio programming beginning Gay Pride Day, June 1. The station's two gay programs, "Sunshine Gaydream" and "Amazon Country," will each air a special hour-long program to inaugurate the new policy.

"Sunshine Gaydream," produced by male gays, will air a special retrospective on gay liberation at 1:00 P.M. The program was originally broadcast a year ago by WXPB and WUHY-FM.

At 2:00 P.M., the lesbian/feminist "Amazon Country" will air the Main Point performance of Deadly Nightshade, a feminist country band which has recently released an album for RCA.

Producers of the two programs will share the two hours over the summer, airing separate two-hour shows some weeks and weekly shows on other dates. The shows, Philadelphia's first continuing gay radio series, were begun last Sept. as weekly half-hour programs devoted to

gay affairs. The increasing popularity of the music-talk shows, plus WXPB's extra commitment to the public interest and gays' particular programming needs, have prompted the larger time allotment.

Summer schedules for both shows will be announced in the near future. Weekly program details are available through the Gay Switchboard. Individuals interested in participating in actual programming production are encouraged to contact John Zeh (386-8388) or Rose Weber (243-5110).

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MCC NORTHEAST DISTRICT CONFERENCE
for info, call WA 2-3967

8:15PM DELAWARE COUNTY GAYS-Theatre
Party following "Mid Summer Nights Dream"
at Hedge Row Theatre on Swarthmore Campus

SATURDAY, MAY 31

1:30PM DELAWARE COUNTY GAYS PICNIC
Ridley Creek State Park, meet at Infn. Center

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

1:30PM GAY PRIDE MARCH, Rally at Rittenhouse
Square, Street Fair at Independence Mall

8PM JIM LABIG CONCERT, St. Mary's Church
3916 Locust Walk, \$2.00

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

8PM Open Meeting, Gay Media Project Committee
for a Gay TV Series, Hamilton Village Hall
(behind St. Mary's, 3916 Locust Walk)

8:30PM MCC ROLLER SKATING PARTY
Elmwood Rink, 71st & Elmwood, \$2.50 at door

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

MCC SPIRITUAL REVIVAL WEEKEND

8PM Rev. Freda Smith will speak at the First
Unitarian Church, 2125 Chestnut Street

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

MCC SPIRITUAL RAVIVAL WEEKEND

Picnic at Valley Forge, tickets avail thru MCC

8PM Rev. Freda Smith will officiate at the
installation of the new Pastor, Don Borbe

2PM GAYS IN THE NORTHEAST, Burholme Park
Cottman & Central, at the Pavilion

2PM MASTERBATTERS PRACTICE, Hill Hall
Field, 34 & Chestnut Streets

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calendar

REGULAR EVENTS

FRIDAY

8PM-12 GAY COFFEEHOUSE, 60 N. 3 St.

SATURDAY

7PM GAA WOMEN'S COMMITTEE, 60 N. 3 St.

9PM-1AM LESBIAN COFFEEHOUSE, 60 N. 3 St.

SUNDAY

1PM GAY RADIO PROGRAM, WXPB-FM, 88.9

2PM MASTERBATTERS PRACTICE, Hill Hall
Field, 34 & Chestnut Streets

2PM (1st & 3rd Sundays) GAY WOMEN'S COFFEE-
HOUSE-Delaware County, Call Deana TR 8-7928

7PM DIGNITY (Catholic Gays) Christian Assoc,
3601 Locust Walk

7PM HOSANNA CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY
Christian Assoc, 3601 Locust Walk

8PM METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
2125 Chestnut Street

8PM-12 GAY COFFEEHOUSE, 60 N. 3 St.

MONDAY

6:30PM GAYZETTE MEETING, Rm E, bsmt
Christian Assoc, 3601 Locust Walk

8PM GAY ACTIVISTS ALLIANCE, 501 S. 12 St.

8:30PM GAY ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 735-3781

TUESDAY

7PM GAYS AT DREXEL, Call Gay Switchboard

WEDNESDAY

8PM-12 LESBIAN COFFEEHOUSE, 60 N. 3 St.

8PM GAY ALTERNATIVE MEETING, Rm E, bsmt
Christian Assoc, 3601 Locust Walk

8PM (Alternate Weds) GAA EXECUTIVE COMTE
Christian Assoc, 3601 Locust Walk

THURSDAY

7:30PM MCC WOMEN'S GROUP, Call Gay Swbd.

8PM GAY COFFEEHOUSE, 60 N. 3 St.

8PM DIGNITY PRAYER GROUP, Call KI 5-6345

8PM (2nd & 4th Thurs) GAY MEDIA PROJECT
Christian Assoc, 3601 Locust Walk

9:30PM SWARTHMORE GAY MEN, at the
Cloisters, open to non-students

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Powelton Village. EV7-2019, 4-10 p.m.



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