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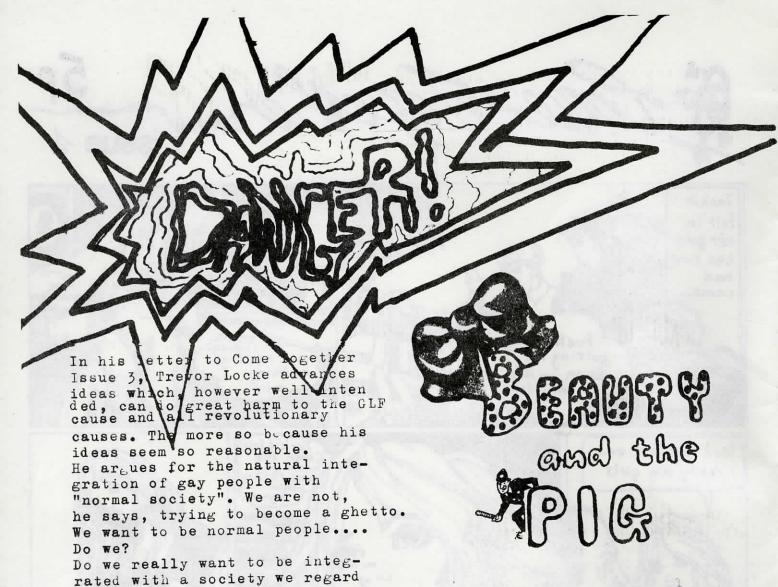












On February 4th., some members of Womens Liberation were on trial at Bow Street for their liberation of the Miss World Meat Warket. Street Theatre went along to tell it like it was. We held a 'Miss Trial - competition outside the court, but halfway through the performance police hassle became the threat of real arrest and we split to a room in the court with sisters and brothers from GLF and WL. We got a big response from the press and the public, including tomatoes from the Covent Garden people and, as the man from Auntie said, "Chat remember o much". when I've enjoye

When society grows well the word normal will cease to be meaning-ful.

as sick? Do you really want to

diseased the ghetto is sanctuary.

ghetto are diseased too. But the

symptoms of the disease are recog-

nisable- in the "Screaming queen"

the "leather queen" the "skinhead

queen". The sickness being ident-

treatment. But the sickness of the

stockbroker, banker and lawyer is

society. Like syphillis, it is a

sickness that is most dangerous

when the symptoms are not seen.

ifiable, becomes susceptible to

hidden from the individual and

be accepted by so-called normal

No. When the outside world is

True, the inhabitants of the

people? On whose terms?

ERIC ELPHENBEIN.

BUST to SMOW THE FLAG

I was out of love that night. Well fuck it, if it's a drag I can always get pissed, or maybe even high. That was the state my head was in when I arrived at the Prince of Wales in Hampstead Rd. where the GLF disco was being held on Friday 22nd. January. I don't go to pubs very often, and rarely can I get into dancing, so I wasn't too keen on this idea of a disco as the only alternative scene that GLF (i.e. WE) had managed to come up with. But it was really nice to walk into the pub and be confronted with a few friendly, familiar faces, and the offer of a drink from a guy who wasn't trying to pick me up. This was a Gay pub for the night, but happily without the hallmarks of the gay pubs and clubs that I ve been into before. Here were PEOPLE. Happy, smiling, touching, talking, and not walking away with the impression of having talked to just "nice fitting pants" or "pretty face". Sure there were plenty of nice fitting pants and pretty faces. I saw them. But I could also feel the nice vibes that came from these people. So together we danced, we talked, we touched, and we DUG IT. We were digging # KNOCK KNOCK who's there KNOCk KNOCK who's there

ME who's that ME oh well you'd better come in then

Evening all, we have reason to believe that there are drugs on the premises. Who's in charge?

No-ones in charge.We're a group of people who've come together TOGETHER.

Alright, men over there, women over here. And they went through our pockets, and they went into

our bags, and into our hair, and la la la was there anywhere they didn't look? Well, it seemed that everyone was clean....not a nasty reefer in sight. One thing though, I and several other people who were there have been searched for drugs several times before, and they were always very much more thorough than that. I don't think that's why they were there at all do you? They dian't even bring any lady policemen with them, so the sisters underwent an extremely tepid handbag search. But I did hear a policeman say something about "showing the flag" ...don't know what he could have been talking about. the only flag I could see was ours.... we're homosexuals and proud to be SO.

During the search the policemen asked some sisters and brothers for their names and adresses, (among other things). They have every right to ask, but you have every right to refuse .. and you should do so. This is just one point that all GLF members should be aware of and REMEMBER.

After the raid the police had a little chat with the landlord, intimidating him to the extent that we can no longer hold any functions at his pub. Up until this point the landlord, who was a really nice guy, had been very keen that we continue to use his pub. So we find another place. I'm sure we can see to it that it's bigger than the last and that more people will be able to get together and smile and dance and touch and DIG IT.

POWER TO ALL OPPRESSED PEOPLE

PAUL

CRIGHT ON ?

We believe
That apathy and fear are the
barriers that imprison people
from an incalculable landscape
of self awareness

That they are the elements of prejudice, and the enemies of truth

That every person has the right to develop and extend their character and explore their sexuality through relationships with any other human being, without moral, social or political pressure

That no relationships formed by such pressure, or not freely entered into, can be valid, creative or rewarding.

To you, the others, we say

We are not against you, but for you

We do not fight you, but the prejudice that warps your life, and ours

It is not love that distorts, but hate.

On your behalf, and ours, we demand

The same rightto public expressions of love and affection as society grants to expressions of hate and scorn

The right to behave, without harm to others, in public and private, in any way we choose, in any manner or style, with any words or gestures, to wear whatever clothes we like or to go naked, to draw or write or read or publish any material or information we wish, at any time and in any place

An end to the sexual propaganda that distorts the innocence of children, conditions their image of human relationships, and implants guilt and nurtures shame for any sexual feelings outside an artificial polarity

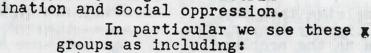
An end to the centuries of oppression and prejudice that have driven homosexuals from their homes, families and employment, have forced them to cynicism, subterfuge and self hate and have led them, so often, to imprisonment or to death

In the name of the tens of thousands who wore the badge of homosexuality in the gas chambers and concentration camps, who have no children to remember, and whom your histories forget

We demand honour, identity and liberation.

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GLF's first priority is to defend the immediate interests of gay people against discrim-



(a) the women's liberation move -ment. The roots of women's oppres -sion are in many ways close to mour own (see 2).

(b) black people and other nation
-al minorities. The racism that
these people are affected by has
a similar structure of prejudice
to our own, but on the basis of
racial instead of sexual difference.
They are socially and economically
the most oppressed group in our

(c) the working class, i.e. all productive, manual and mental workers. Their labour is what the whole of society lives off, but their skills are misused by the profitoriented economy, and their right to organise and defend their interests is under increasing attack.

(d) young people, who are rejecting the bourgeois family and the roles and life-styles offered them by this society, and attempting to create a non-exploitative counterculture.

society.

However the roots of the oppredsion that gay people suffer run deep in our society, in particular to the structure of the family patterns of socialisation, and the Judeo-Christ an culture. Legal reform and education against prejudice, though possible and necessary, cannot be a permanent solution. While existing social structures remain social prejudice and overt oppression can always re-emerge.

part of the wider movement aiming to abolish all forms of social oppression. It will work to ally itself with other oppressed groups while preserving it's organisation

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peoples oppressed by imperialism, who lack the national, political, and economic independence which is a pre-condition for all other social change.

We don't beleive that any existing revolutionary the ory has all the answers to the problems facing us. GLF will therefore study and discuss all the relevant wxxi critical theories of society and the individual being, to measure them against the test of our own and histopical experience.

## AND WE DEMAND

- that all discriminations against gay people, male and female, by the law, by employers, and by society at large, should end, - that all people who feel attracted to a member of their own sex should know such feelings are good and natural,

- that sex education in schools stop being exclusively heterosexual, - that psychiatrists stop treating homosexuality as though it were a problem or a sickmess, and thereby giving gay people senseless guilt

complexes,

- that gay people be as legally free to contact other gay people, through newspaper ads., on the streets, and by any other means they want, as are heterosexuals, and that police harassment cease right now, - that all gay people in mental

hospital by reason of their homosexuality should be freed and given

reparation,

- that all other gay people in gaol should have re-trials where their homosexuality does not prejudice their case,

- that employers should no longer be allowed to discriminate against any one on account of their sexual preferences, - that the age of consent for gay men be reduced to the same as that for heterosexuals. - that gay people be free to hold

hands and kiss in public, as are

heterosexuals.

Of source We Homenhiles

On January 5th., John D. Stamford. editor and proprietor of Spartacus (a magazine that portrays men and boys solely as sek objects) was summoned to appear in court at Brighton to defend his magazine against allegat fons of indecency. In a letter to subscribers, calling for their support, he stated that for many years leaders of the homosexual community, including himself, had fought for "freedom and equality for homosexuals". This may be true, but it has been reported that the RollsRoyce and Mercedes cars that he runs were not :: bought out of his own pocket as he claims, but from the profits of Spartacus. Therefore one cannot but feel that John Stamford has fought a very profitable fight, :: and then begin to wonder how any-one can fight for an oppressed : section of the community whilst profiting from the causes of their oppression.

Of course we Homophiles wish to be accepted by the community, this cannot be denied, but at the same time we wish to be accepted as people, and not as queers. The rapid growth of a Gay Liberation Front in this country refutes his belief that militancy can only cause isolation. One only has to look at the PUBLIC dange we held on December 22 when we had to turn away 500 men and women (gay and strai ht), because the place was so full. It is a pity that Stamford, who claims to be 100 of Homosexual. could not channel his energy into helping to put an end to the sexual exploitation of people, b, helping to liberate his sexually oppressed

and pornography, are not totally to blame. Society at large, with all its hangups, must shoulder an equally large proportion of the blame there should be no need for laws relating to vice and pornography. Liberation will not be complete until there is no demand for such services



We were always out. We were the contorted public face of all of you and you were our good quiet uncle tom brothers.

In being queens, unmistakably, we have always been the everyday confrontation with outside the gender role. We gave up our personal humanity for Reality based on Plastic: Gucci and Revlon. Our comedy was a very total refusal of control of our souls, wherever they may hide now. We died for that truth.

But you, homosexual Men, and Women, you are the splitting image of the Manmale and female -who puts us all down. Then I hear you speak of consideration for your dear parents, I am anory. You refuse to honestly reject their controls deny them obedience, passivity, confront their goddam decaying fantasy world. Strike your fucking parents; theyand their, you and your trashy sensibility are my oppressors, and that contrived lifestyle pushes us-all into a dark corner. The way-it-is is based comfortably on our every 'Yessir', our every letting the control myth pass without speaking up. Every easy lying silence is a viscious and selfish act.

If you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem. You are an uncle tom and a pig, and you have nothing real to lose, except both our disgust at you.

You must kill the old society within your own self and your own life, or it will take you with it in its endless grey cage. You are a free agent, and slavery exists only in your head. You and only you, perpetuate our past and make our present.

edsel

At 7.10 p.m. on a damp, cold, grey evening, a procession of royalty, with fantastics and aggressors in attendance. slowly filed down a narrow four-storey-high winding staircase in one of the more deliciously seedy mansion blocks of Kings Cross, to the streets and people of London. Golden banners announced and leaflets proclaimed that the gay liberation front street theatre were on the march into the minds of all who beheld and marvelled. Gorgeously bedecked in flowing gold and silver sparkling skarlet, opulant feathers and jewels, with beautiful sounds, harsh sounds, sharp sounds and the melody of human sound, they went past, and into, unbelieving eyes and expanded minds of those that were bedazzled by their TARSUS splendour.

while hight through the night

Slowly pacing the street?
The pavement wet
Reflects the clare of a neon
Light -

Sad mind against the moon a silhouette.

Lonely stranger wandering
Tears in your eyes
Troubled mind wondering
Remember the lies Remember him,
Remember him.
Remember his life and fears
For a thousand years of rain
Could not wash away your tears
Or bring him back again.

Centle snadow shivering
Life passes by
Silhouette shimmering
Against the night sky.
Remember him
Remember him.
And hide in the dark embrace
Of the sleeping city's heart,
Moonlight playing on your face
hough grief tears it apart.

why do you walk lonely through the night Slowl pacing the street?

The pavement wet Reflects the glare of a neon light - Sad mind against the moon a silhouette.

HOWARD WARELING.

## The Importance of participation of the base in GLF

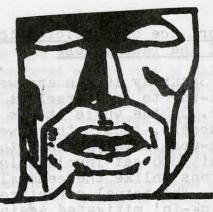
On Saturday 16 January we had a 'think-in' to get ourselves more together. On the whole it was a great success, though there were a few hang-ups. Everyone had the opportunity to get involved in the discussions unlike the general meetings. The actual structure of the 'think-in' mitigated against it's domination by the experienced and over-articulate. One sad thing was that not many sisters attended.

It consisted of three sessions. each one devoted to a specific topic. the topics were, education and awareness; dealing with the media; and our campaign; and organisation and premises etc., However, we never really got round to discussing our campaign, though one thing that was heavily discussed was the role that straights should play in GLF. During each session we split up into small groups, and after a set time we all came together to iron-out and collate the decisions of the smaller groups. The whole thing was done in an atmosphere of friend -liness and commitment, though it must be admitted that there were tensions between certain more conservative members and the more radical brothers and sisters.

The 'think-in' recommended that an education, or discovery and remearch roup should be set up, that central premises be found, preferably to the form of a shop front a d offices; and that groups should be set up to deal with finance, the law, and to handle the press.

Not all of the recommendations of the the 'think-in' were well





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Who are you?
I don't know, can you tell me?
Yes, coming back to my place for coffee?
Instant?
Of course dear boy, you have a beautiful smile, one of your most noticeable attributes.

Why aren't you looking at me when you say that?
I'm sorry dear boy, I was sent adrift by your thick leather belt, that reminds me I used to be in the army once.

That's impossible, what as?
Oh, the camp sargeant. You see,
as a boy I always fancied myself
as one of the heroic lost,
in the battle of Waterloo. That's
how come I've seen you down here
as often as I have.

I know a lot of people from Waterloo. Most of whom I've conquered at some point or other.

But unlike the real battle no blood was spilled, only the jissomic overflow of Humanity fell to the floor and was covered with small squares of paper and engraved by footprints of passers-by.

TREVOR.

of poems by Howards

catch

broken peres

Catch broken butterflies
And fold their wings.
Screw up your eyes
And think of things
That'll make you forget
That you're covered in blood
And caught in a net
And trapped by the flood.
Break down the barriers, throw down your gun.

Catch broken butterflies and run.

Try to thread the beads of hope
On silken strings
Not on the rope
That whips and stings
And that's filling your head
with the torrents of hate now many dead?
And is it too late?
Catch all the butterflees - pull
them apart.
Somebody's hate has found its mar

Bathe in icy mountain streams
And catch the sun.
Naked in dreams
So hide and run
For a shiver of fear
Is a scream in your head
The stream is a tear,
The pavement's your bed.
Play with the butterflies - go for a ride.

Play on the mountain slope and hide.

Hear the screaming sirens' song
And hold your breath.
Knowing they're wrong
You dream of death
For though freedom is just
It's the world that's afraid.
There's no one to trust
so how is love made?
Catch all the butterilies, climb on
their wings

Find the reality love brings.



knew we had to stay. we took a look at the audience and -ments or the producers attitude, we did'nt like the special arrange from GLF went along, and though -sexual. Ten sisters and brothers both invited and exclusively homo -ject, the audience of fifty audience of 300, but because of is usually a public show with an show, Speakeasy, on January and sympathy on the Jimmy Saville the 'delicate nature' of the Gay people were offered tea · It sub Was

Official speakers for the straight gay world were Humphry Berkeley (ex-MP who proposed the BILL of 1967), Michael Delanoy, (Albany Trust) and Sheila, editor of Arena Three, and wait for it, Curious! They put the usual homo-sexual plea for tolerance, Jimmy Saville asked the usual questions and the striaght gays gave the usual answers.

"What is a homosexual? What makes a person homosexual? When did you first realise that you were homosexual? What is your favourite homosexual joke?"

Basically everyone played ball The producer played heavy school master(I'm the boss, Jim) Jimmy Saville played patronising Social Worker, the straight gay humble case histories, and GLF unruly student hippies. Jimmy Saville controlled the discussionasChatr-man, ignoring GLF members when he could, encouraging the straigght

three memorable songs. And the lovely Lois Lane sang -bourto dinner and integrate, Trust plan - invite your neigh might help 'the different child' -itioning by Media and Schools; Homosexuals as an appressed mino H.M. Forces and Government; cond gay to enlighten 'the ignorant folk in the provinces who don't Samaritans and social workers who was time to hear about kind priests -rity group. Fortunately there m trivia such as Aversion Therapy hid obligation to Lord Reith and understand' 'sexual problem', and the Albany to come to terms with their nausea torture 'Good Radio' by cutting dull (Behaviourist electric shock, , the producer fulfilled Homosexuality in

It was a valuable lesson in the media's control of information, and respect for the myths of bourgeios unreality.

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ormation

Liberate other people and most of all liberate YOURSELF
I don't want to come back for coffee. Old queens and hustlers
FUCK OFF

Cock is nice, but so's my head and if yours is and if we come together,

we do. I can say a lot with words and with my body but they both go together and you can't have one WITHOUT THE OTHER

Bodies are nice but bodies and minds are nice. This is ME I'm not telling you how to be,

be yourself by yourself. You're such a nice boy zip half-way down, two fingers probing to find my cock.

away from you, and myself, and being QUEER.

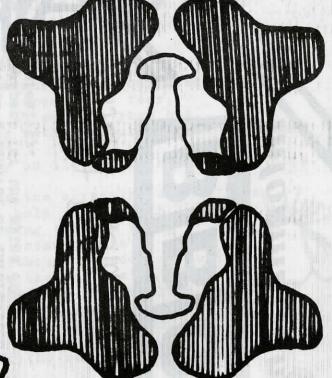
Do you know his name when you wake up or JUST THE SIZE OF HIS COCK

Some things you know without words but we too know.

So now you know we know TOU.....



Sexism is a belief or practice that the sex or sexual orientation of human beings gives to some the right to certain privileges, powers, or, roles, while denying to others their full potential. Within the context of our society, sexism is primarily manifested through male supremacy and heterosexual chauvinism. Since in the short run sexism benefits certain persons or groups, in the long run it cannot serve all the people, and prevents the forming of complete social consciousness among straight men, sexism is irrational, unjust and counter-revolutionary. Sexism prevents the revolutionary solidarity of the people.



nice one by Trevor

received by the llowing general meeting. Some people by n voiced the opinion that the thin - 1 had no right to come to deci ic 1s, but at the same time blaming the steering committee for the think-in recommen -dations and for not being strong enough to handle decisions themeselves. It often seems that those who say the steering committee is nt strong enough, also complain about manipulation by the same.

It would seem that all these host -ilities are du; to two basic views of what gay literation is all about. On the one hand are those win would like to see GLF as a strong, centrally organised, national body, complete with central executive committee, etc. formulating all the major decisions, with a full - time staff and perhaps annual elections of officers etc. On the other hand there are those of us who see GLF as having a more organic structure, where the real power and decision-making lie at the base with the small group local, functional, or whatever, where here is no real national executive but instead a national office whose aim would be to provide the necessary co-ordination services etc. Too may come along to GLF meetings expecting that the steering committee are going to run things for them. But sait, the point of gay liberation is to get gay people to run things and their own lives themselves. For too Tong we've sat back and expected Bishops and other notables to to things for us, we must begin to rely on our ownefforts. A peoples organisation like GLF must build up real base particip -ation. Groups such as the theatre group, the discovery and research group, the media workshop, the action group, are far more important than the steering committee. Many people blame the steering committee for not running the general meetings in a better manner, but the responsibility

for the general meeting does not on lie with them but with you and me as individual members of GLF. Too often the general meetings are the scenes of individual ego-trips which, however articulate, are geared to making sure the meeting works only to making sure that the individual has his say.

That's why the think-in was such a refreshing contrast. All superstars or potential superstars should be out down and highly criticised because they limit the possibilities of GLF and intimidate the less articulate. Ego tripping is part and parcel of our oppressive society and must be overcome. No one person should carry more weight than any other, no matter how much 'experience,' they've had.

One way of dealing with the problem of ego tripping is the setting up of awareness groups. This was recommendi--ed on a trial basis by the think-in, but met with heavy opposition from many people at the general meeting. They said that we were nt ready for them and that we were ignorant of the methods, Mao says 'Dare t struggle dare to win', and we should follow this maxim. So what if we are ignorant of the correct methods, we must learn by our own mistakes and successes. If we have a real commitment, then we will succeed despite the warnings of 'the better informed'.

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KEEP ON TRUCKIN

On February 21, one of the most massive demonstrations that this country has ever seenm will take place in London. Thousands of workers will be on the march from Trafalgar Square to Hyde Park in opposition to the Government's anti-trade union bill.

Should we involve ourselves in this demonstration? I say yes because one of GLF's principles is that "GLF sees itself as part of the wider move -ment aiming to abolish all forms of social oppression. It will work to ally itself with other oppressed groups, while preserving it's organ -isational independence".(GLF prin -ciple No.3.)

In effect, we see amongst these groups, all productive, manual and mental workers (gay and straight), and we must realise that their right to organise and defend their interests to ally ourselves, as gay people, is under increasing attack - espec -ially form the Governments Industrial Hope to see you all on February 21. Relations Bill.

At the previous demonstration against this bill, on January 12, I talked to individual workers and also groups of workers and one of the main questions that I asked was that if a person was given the sack because of race or creed would they not, as trade unionasts, be up in arms about it? Their answer, in nearly cases, was 'YES'.

I would then ask that if a person was given one sack, simply -- because that person was a homosexual, would they also be up in arms about it? the answer again was 'YES'. I wantexthenxank In fact the majority of the demonstrators, that I spoke to, agreed that it was about time discrimination against homosexuals should cease. This was very encouraging because it is widely beleived that workers are often the most prejudiced about sexual matters. But by demonstarting, as gay workers, against the Indutrial Relations Bill, we were also demonstrating

against all forms of prejudice, discrimination, and oppression at work.

The Government, together with big tusiness and the mass media have combined to make the trade unions out to be the villains of the peace, but as gay people, we realise that thereis also another side to the coin, because have we not often suffered from the same sort of misrepresentation?

As there nearly one million gay trade unionists, we should be there, aas membersof GLF, to support our gay sisters and brothers and at the same, would be showing the straights that we are all involved in this struggle. We would also be letting the world know that we are not just wrapped up in our own fight for liberation, but that we are prepared with all other oppressed groups.

TONY.

## COME OUT!

Every one of you will be needed, whether you are trade unionists or not, to participate in the FEB. 21 Demo. The Gay Liberation Front needs banner bearers, placard carriers, leaflet distributors, GLF badge sellers, Come together sellers and people who just wish to march. There will be a job for everyone. A final briefing will be given at the meeting on Wednesday, FEB. 17.



Sisters and brothers we are deeply concerned. We are concerned about the brutal murdef of a gay man a few weeks ago on Hampstead Heath behind the Spaniards Inn. This is a well knowngay cruising ground. ARE WE GOING TO TAKE MUCH MORE OF THIS SHIT or are we going to sit back and say, we all know there's a risk involved in going cruising, and besides some people are into the fear bit'.



It should be obvious that this is nt good enough, we've got to put an end to the systematic murder of gay and to the systematic murder of gay people by sexually and socially frustated people by sexually and socially frustated in the sexual sexual

Another suggestion has been that we start our own peoples patrol force, to patrol lonely cruising grounds and to warn crusers of the dangers. However our forces are as yet a little thin for this. Another idea is that we leaflet ruising groundstelling people about by liberation and self - defense groups.

But whenever we see cases of brutality towards gay sisters and brothers we should go immediately to their aid. Only when gay people start to stand up for themselves will the 'queer-bashing' lot begin to have second thoughts about their activities—no doubt the phenomenon of 'queer-bashing' is a result of uncertainty over masculinity and a secret fear of their own homosexuality.

