

**LESBIANS AND HOMOSEXUALS
COME OUT
Saturday 25th June**



Assemble 1 p.m.

Temple Place

Victoria Embankment

March to Hyde Park

for Picnic at 3 p.m.

LESBIANS AND HOMOSEXUALS

As homosexual women and men, we are facing increasing hostility. The number of people who have come out as gay and kept their jobs is offset by sackings, increased police harassment and organised queer-bashing by right-wing groups. In becoming more visible, we have become more vulnerable to victimization in an anxious, crises-ridden society.

This victimization goes almost unnoticed. Bradford police have boasted that they have enough evidence to bring charges against 1,000 gay people; a recent police purge of gay men in Cornwall has resulted in a number of prosecutions; the Royal Ulster Constabulary have seized over 1,000 documents, including personal letters and diaries, in a recent wave of anti-gay activity all the more sinister when one considers that under the laws prevailing in Northern Ireland and Scotland, homosexuality remains totally illegal and carries a maximum penalty of life imprisonment. The media in general ignore these events, and exposure of such contempt for the civil-rights of millions of gay people in this country will be even less easy if Mary Whitehouse succeeds in her attempt to purge the nation of blasphemy by destroying Gay News.

The law provides no safeguards from this reaction against us. Even the liberalization of the conspiracy laws does not extend to homosexuals. We are still liable to prosecution for 'conspiracy to corrupt public morals.' Lesbian mothers find the prejudice of judges an added obstacle in child access and custody cases. 'Administrative charges' which remove the right to trial by jury on importuning charges threaten to limit what little protection we have against such laws. The absence of any legally enforceable rights for homosexuals means that physical attacks on our persons, our homes and our meeting places go on with virtual police approval.

Gay identity has, however, continued to grow, as has a sense of community. Gay switchboards and community centres function throughout the country. A number of 'come-out' homosexuals have maintained and strengthened their position at work, sometimes with trade union involvement. They have begun the long process of ridding work situations of prejudice and discrimination — a source of insecurity for most homosexuals.

The N.U.J., N.A.L.G.O. and local branches of some major unions such as A.S.L.E.F., C.P.S.A. have adopted clauses against discrim-

ination on the ground of sexual orientation. Parallel to this union activity are the beginnings of gay rights campaigns in the Communist and Liberal Parties, and groups working within the Labour and Conservative Parties, the International Marxist Group and the Socialist Workers Party.

Recent direct action has made it clear to gays that our rights will not somehow be delivered from on high, but must be fought for. For example, in June 1976, hundreds of people at the Coleherne pub in Earls Court successfully resisted police attempts to intimidate them. The squatting of houses and gay centres has demonstrated to local authorities that we have needs which are largely unsatisfied by their present family-oriented provisions. Some concessions have been won from television companies confronted by gays who were incensed at the insulting homosexual stereotypes appearing on the screen. This could go further until their derogation of us is replaced by positive images of ourselves, a process which has hardly yet begun. Education is at present almost unconscious of homosexuality, and neglectful of the needs of gay children, though the coming out of a few gay teachers is beginning to change this situation.

With all this in mind, the Gay Pride March on 25th June begins a week of meeting and celebrations intended to give our movement renewed strength and impetus for another year of positive growth and action.

GAY PRIDE COMMITTEE. 5 CALEDONIAN ROAD, LONDON N1.

GAY SWITCHBOARD 01-837-7324

GAY PRIDE WEEK 1977

TOWN HALL
HAMPSTEAD

Friday 24th.

- 8-12 p.m. Disco & Rock Band: Fulham Town Hall
- 8-12 p.m. Icebreakers Disco: Prince Albert
- 8 - 1 a.m. Disco (Bexley, Dartford and Bromley CHE) The Black Prince Ballroom, A2 road, Bexley

Saturday 25th.

- 1.00 p.m. GAY PRIDE MARCH AND PICNIC. Temple Place, WC2
- 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Liberties Disco, The Hanover Grand, Hanover Street, W1
- 8 p.m.-12 Gay Pride Rock Disco, Ladbroke House, North London Poly, Highbury Grove, N5
- 8 p.m.-12.30 a.m. Sappho Disco, (Women only) Sols Arms, Hampstead Road, NW1

Sunday 26th.

- 2 p.m. Picnic on Wimbledon Common, (WAGGS) Alexandra Pub, Wimbledon Tube
- 2 p.m. Picnic in Greenwich Park, (Lewisham CHE) meet at General Wolfe statue

Monday 27th.

- 7.30 p.m. Clapham Common Camp Supper, (Southwark and Lambeth CHE)
- 8.00 p.m. Workshop: "Gays and Fascism" University of London Union, Malet Street WC1

Tuesday 28th.

- 8.00 p.m. Workshop: "Gays and Trades Unions," University of London Union, Malet Street WC1

Wednesday 29th.

- 12 noon. Lunctime Picnic (Lambeth CHE) Centre of Waterloo Roundabout
- 8 p.m.-12 ULU Gaysoc Disco, Sols Arms, Hampstead Road, NW1. 60p
- 8.00 p.m. Workshop "Gay Teachers Group" University of London Union, Malet Street, WC1
- 7.30 p.m. Public Meeting (Women only) "Who Holds the Baby," Womans Centre, 138 Drummond Street, NW1. Creche available

Thursday 30th.

- 8.00 p.m.-12.15 a.m. Disco (August Trust) Sols Arms, Hampstead Road, NW1
- 8.00 p.m. Workshop "Gay Action and Gay Lifestyles," University of London Union, Malet Street, WC1

Friday 1st July.

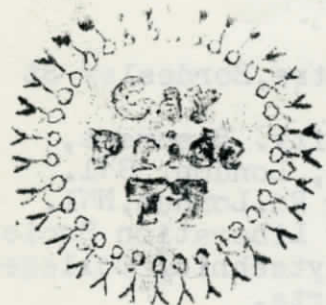
- 8.00 p.m.-12 Gay Pride Disco: Bradford Gay Theatre Group Against the Witchunt of Lesbians and Homosexual Men. Live Music and Disco.

LAMBETH TOWN
HALL

Saturday 2nd.

- 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Gay Left Conference. N.U.F.T.O. Hall, Jockey's Field, London, WC1
- 8.00 p.m.-12 Gay Pride Disco, Prince Albert, Kings Cross. 40p
- All week at the Battersea Arts Centre: GAY SWEATSHOP
- Up to date information available from Gay Switchboard Tel. 837 7324

GAY PRIDE ALL THE YEAR ROUND



REVISED LIST OF EVENTS

Friday June 24th

- 8pm-12 Disco: Icebreakers, Prince Albert, Harfedale Rd London N1
8pm-1am Disco: (Bexley, Dartford & Bromley CHE) The Black Prince
Ballroom, A2 road Bexley.
All night party, West London Gay Centre, 13a Acklem Rd W10

Saturday June 25th

- 1pm GAY PRIDE MARCH AND PICNIC. Temple Place, London WC2
8pm-1am Disco: Liberties, The Hanover Grand, Hanover St London W1
8pm-12 Disco & Rock Band, Hampstead Town Hall Rosslyn Hill NW3
(With Bar) (30min Play) (Nearest Tube: Belsize Park).
8pm-12.30am Disco: Sappho (Women only) Sols Arms, Hampstead Rd London NW1

Sunday June 26th

- 2pm Picnic: Wimbledon Common (WAGGS) meet at Alexandra Pub,
(Bring food & drink) (Wimbledon Tube)
2pm Picnic: Greenwich Park (Lewisham CHE) meet at General Wolfes
(Bring food & drink) statue
3pm Picnic: Hampstead Heath (Bloomsbury CHE) meet at top of
(Bring food & drink) Parliament Hill.
3pm Service of Celebration, St Botolph's Church, Aldgate EC3
Preacher: Rev. Malcolm Johnson.

Monday June 27th

- 12noon Picnic: (University of London Gaysoc) meet at Russell Square
(Bring food & drink) W1
7.30pm Camp Supper: Clapham Common (Southwark & Lambeth CHE) meet
(Bring drink, food provided) at Clapham Common tube.
7.30pm Workshop: "Gays and fascism" (North London Gay Socialist Gp)
participants: Martin Walker (Guardian), Val Rennie (East
London anti-fascist group), Miguel Garcia (CNT-
-FAI)
University of London Union, Malet St W1.
8pm Quiz: East London CHE & Bloomsbury CHE. Quaker House
Bush Rd Leytonstone E11.
8.15pm Play: "Latecomer" by Eric Presland. Benefit performance at
Birmingham Gay Centre.

Tuesday June 28th

- 12noon Picnic: (Westminster CHE) Victoria Gardens, St Margaret St SW1
(Bring food & drink)
8pm Workshop: "Gays and Trade Unions" (CHE Trade Union Group).
University of London Union, Malet St, London W1.
8pm Meeting: (Sappho) Speaker: Wilmette Brown (New York. Wages due
Chepstow Arms, Chepstow Place. London. W2. Lesbians)
8pm Meeting: (Young London CHE). Speaker: Trevor Thomas.
The Crown, 200 Edgware Road, London. W1.
8pm An Evening of Words and Music: (Streatham CHE) Bedford Park
Pub, Streatham High Road, London SW16.
8pm Meeting: "The Fight Ahead" (Leicester GLF) Basement, The Hing
Hotel, Leicester.

Wednesday June 29th

- 12noon Picnic: (Southwark & Lambeth CHE) inside Waterloo Roundabout,
(Bring food & drink). at South end of Waterloo Bdg
5.30pm Workshop: (Gay Teachers Group) ULU, Malet St, London. W1.
7.30pm Meeting: (Women only) "Who Holds the Baby?". Womens Centre,
138, Drummond St. London NW1. (Creche available)

- 8pm Cheese & Wine Party: Birmingham Gay Centre, Bordesley St Digbeth Birmingham.
- 8pm Meeting: (Westminster CHE) Mystery Celebrity. Basement, Westminster Arms, Storey's Gate, London. SW1.
- 8pm-12 Disco: ULU Gaysoc. Sols Arms. Hampstead Rd. London. NW1.
- 8pm-12 Disco: Hatfield Poly. Students Union, Gay Liberation Society. Hutton Senior Common Room, Hatfield Polytechnic. College-Lane, Hatfield Herts.
- 8pm Play: "Care and Control". Gay Sweatshop. Battersea Arts Centre.

Thursday June 30th

- 12noon- Picnic: (CHE Monday Group) North Side of Holland House (Bring food & Drink). Holland Park, Kensington W8.
- 8pm Workshops: "Gay Action & Gay Lifestyles" (South London GLF). "Gays in the Revolutionary Party" (SWP Gay Group). University of London Union. Malet St, London. WC1.
- 8pm-12.15pm Disco: (August Trust) Sols Arms, Hampstead Rd London. NW1.
- 8pm Musical Evening: (WAGGS). 36 Southampton Rd, London. SW17. (Check by phone 542-8488 Evenings 7-10pm)
- Folk Concert: Birmingham Gay Womens Group. Contact - Birmingham Gay Switchboard for details.
- 8pm Play: "Care and Control". Gay Sweatshop. Battersea Arts Centre.

Friday July 1st

- 12noon Picnic: (City University Gaysoc), Finsbury Sq, London. EC2. (Bring food & drink).
- 8pm-12 Disco: Gay Pride Week Disco with Bradford Gay Theatre Group and Live Band. Lambeth Town Hall, Brixton. SW2. (Nearest Tube; -Brixton)
- 7.30pm Social: (West End CHE) CHE London Office, 22 Gt Windmill St (Wine and Speaker. CHE members only). W1.
- 8pm-1am Disco: Gay Pride Week Disco, Solent Suite Southampton Guildhall.
- 7.30pm Film: "Girl/Boy". Birmingham Gay Centre. Bordesley St Digbeth.
- 8pm Play: "Care and Control". Gay Sweatshop. Battersea Arts Cen.

Saturday July 2nd

- 10.30am-5pm Conference: (Gay Left). "Gays and the Socialist Experience". N.U.F.T.O. Hall. Jockey's Field. London. WC1. (Creche avail)
- 8pm-12 Disco: Gay Pride Disco, Prince Albert Wharfedale Rd N1.
- 8pm-12 Disco: (Enfield CHE) Angel Community Centre, Angel Rd. N18.
- 8pm-12 Disco: (Croydon CHE) The Star, London Rd West Croydon.
- 8pm-12.15am Disco: Nippers, Sols Arms. Hampstead Rd London. NW1.
- 8pm Play: "Not in Norwich". Young Peoples Gay Theatre Group. Jacksons Lane Community Centre. Archway Rd London. N6. (Nearest Tube: Highgate).
- 8pm Play: "Care and Control" Gay Sweatshop. Battersea Arts Cen;
- 3pm Jumble Sale: Birmingham Gay Centre. Profits to the Centre & Friend.
- 3pm River Trip: on the Avon, depart Bristol Bridge.

<u>Cost of Tickets</u> : Disco's,	Plays,
Icebreakers 35p	Jacksons Lane 80p (50p OAP &
Liberties 75p (50p CHE mem)	Claimants).
Hampstead 80p (50p Claimants)	
ULU Gaysoc 60p	
Lambeth. 100p (60p Claimants)	

All through the week there will be a 24hr Vigil outside the Home Office at 50 St Ann's Gate London. SW1. Contact CHELO for details.