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DEAR SISTERS,

THE LESBIAN'S PLACE IN THE WOMEN'S LIBERATION MOVEMENT IS VERY UNCERTAIN. EVER SINCE THE LAVENDER MENACE ACTION OCCURRED, THUS FORCING THE LESBIAN ISSUE TO BE NOTICED, THERE HAS BEEN MORE VISIBILITY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GAY WOMEN. OUR CHAUVINISTIC SOCIETY MAY SOON, WITHIN A FEW YEARS, GIVE THE WOMEN'S LIBERATION MOVEMENT A SUGAR-COATED PACKAGE OF SAFE DEMANDS, BUT WHAT HAPPENS TO THE LESBIAN??? DEMANDS SUCH AS FREE ABORTION ON DEMAND, NO FORCED STERILIZATION, NO CONTRACEPTIVE LAWS, AND FREEDOM OF SEXUAL EXPRESSION INVOLVE THE STRAIGHT AND THE GAY WOMAN. LESBIANS ARE NOW FIGHTING FOR SUCH DEMANDS ALONG WITH THEIR STRAIGHT SISTERS AND WILL FIGHT EVEN MORE SO IN THE FUTURE.

UNFORTUNATELY, THERE ARE THOSE WHO BELIEVE THAT LESBIANS DO NOT BELONG IN THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT. ANY AFFILIATION WITH THE WORD LESBIAN IS LOOKED UPON WITH A NEGATIVE VIEW. YES, THE LAVENDER MENACE ACTION LIT A SPARK AND BROUGHT LIGHT TO THE MOVEMENT, BUT SOON THAT LIGHT WILL BE CRUSHED BY THOSE WHO REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF LESBIANS IN THE MOVEMENT AND ARE AGAINST SOCIETAL CHANGE. THERE IS A DESPERATE NEED FOR COMMUNICATION BETWEEN WOMEN--GAY AND STRAIGHT

THE NEWSLETTER COLLECTIVE OF D.O.B. PUBLISHES THE LESBIAN NEWSLETTER. ITS PURPOSE IS TO COMMUNICATE TO OTHER GAY AND FEMINIST ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. DIALOGUE MUST SOON BEGIN BETWEEN SISTERS. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE OUR NEWSLETTER BECOME YOURS WHETHER YOU ARE GAY OR STRAIGHT. SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE WITH US--WE WILL SHARE OUR KNOWLEDGE WITH YOU.

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