

# GLF NEWSLETTER

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Revolutionary  
People's  
Convention

The Revolutionary Peoples' Constitutional Convention (R.P.C.C.) will be held here in Washington in late November. Convention dates are not as yet firmed up, however, though two sets of alternate dates are being discussed: Saturday and Sunday, November 21 and 22, and the Thanksgiving Holiday, November 26 through 29.

The GLF Commune will serve as the information center for all Gay Liberation groups attending the R.P.C.C. The Radical Caucus and the Commune will attempt to provide all of the necessary services needed for the Convention--Housing, Food, Legal Aid, Medical Aid and Transportation.

Convention notices are being sent out to all known Gay Liberation groups and other gay groups relating to the R.P.C.C. Inquiries from gay sisters will be referred to the Gay Women's Caucus of Women's Liberation.

The many services which GLF will be providing call for help from Washington brothers in a wide variety of ways:

HOUSING: The Commune will house as many gay brothers as possible. It will not be possible to put up the entire gay contingent which is expected, however, so auxiliary housing will be needed. If you have room for visiting brothers, please fill but the attached form or contact the Commune (265-2181.)

FOOD: Providing food for our visiting brothers is probably the biggest problem facing us. Cash donations and food (such as rice, soup, cereals, powdered milk, and other staples) are needed. Check the attached list or call Mike or Bruce at the Commune if you can help.

LEGAL AID: In addition to the legal-aid provisions being made by the Panther Party, GLF is providing for its own backup legal services. Contacts will be made with gay movement lawyers, Washington Mattachine Society and HSL. A bail fund is also in the works. Fill out attached form or contact Pat at 333-2017.

MEDICAL AID: A volunteer team of medical workers--doctors, nurses, and medical aides--is being organized. First aid training will be available for those who want it. First aid supplies and cash donations are also needed. Check the attached form or call Tom through the Commune and leave your name and telephone number so he can return your call.

TRANSPORTATION: If you are willing to transport people to and from the as-yet-unchosen convention site or transport food and other needed supplies, please contact David at the Commune.

The services which Washington GLF--as host--will provide visiting brothers will cost money, so activities have been scheduled to raise badly needed funds. A Halloween Party at the Commune will be held October 31 starting at 9 P.M. Come as you want. A \$1.00 minimum donation will be requested. Also planned at \$1.00 per head is an After Hours Party following the Mattachine--HSL--GLF Dance on November 14. More details on this in later Newsletters.

Those brothers who are will to help in any of the above activities or able to donate cash should call the persons listed above or fill out the form at the back of the Newsletter. POWER TO THE PEOPLE--GAY POWER TO GAY PEOPLE.

GLF's general meeting October 20 was dominated by two general discussions: (1) what to do about the new reports of police entrapments of homosexuals along Dumbarton St. in Georgetown and (2) whether or not to send a letter of support to Angela Davis and whether to do so in the name of GLF.

The report of entrapment activities was brought up by Paul Breton of HSL. Four or five gays recently gave been solicited by plain clothesmen on Dumbarton St. and the arrested when the plain clothesman's confederate arrived by car.

Entrapment has not been practiced in Washington for a long time. There was speculation that Georgetown residents, annoyed that their quaint Georgian precincts should be invaded by cruising gays, are behind the new tactics.

With all agreeing that GLF should fight police entrapment. Mike is forming a committee to lay strategy. A confrontation with the police department was suggested, as was a confrontation with the Georgetown Citizens Association. Publishing the facts through handbills was also suggested.

Chuck reported that there will be meeting with the barowners to talk over racial and sexual discrimination in the gay bars. At present, the prospects bode well for a productive discussion. Chuck asked that sketches of display stations for Gay Liberation literature, posters, etc., be prepared, so that he can present them to the barowners and request that they place them in the bars.

October 23, 1970  
1620 S St., N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20016

Angela Davis  
Women's Detention Center  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Angela Davis:

Your courage is an example and an inspiration to oppressed people everywhere on earth. Those who persecute you do so because they fear every voice demanding the end of their tyranny. But each savage act to crush freedom merely strengthens the determination and unites the oppressed in this unrelenting struggle for liberation. No matter what physical distances or physical appearances seem to separate us, we are one in spirit. You deserve and have won the love and respect of all those who cherish freedom.  
GAY IS GOOD. FREEDOM IS BEAUTIFUL  
ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE .....

October 20  
Meeting

The Infamous  
Letter

Washington Post  
October 19, 1970

### A Gay Threat

MARKLEEVILLE, Calif. —The top elected official of remote Alpine County in the High Sierra vows that residents will resist a possible political takeover by the Gay Liberation Front.

The militant homosexual organization has put out a

two-page, single-space document saying, "There is a county in California where 200 gays would constitute a majority of registered voters."

Alpine County has 367 voters and is along the California-Nevada border south of Lake Tahoe. The spokesmen said the group was trying to recruit homosexuals to move into the mountainous area and register to vote.

The two-page document from GLF listed advantages in a county controlled by homosexuals:

"It would mean gay territory. It would mean a gay government, a gay civil service, a county welfare department which made public assistance payments to refugees from persecution and prejudice.

"It would mean the estab-

lishment of the world's first museum of gay arts, sciences and history, paid for with public funds."

The front's promotion sheet also said that a district attorney, sheriff and judge elected by the gay majority could choose which laws would be enforced. It said such a community would also be a tourist attraction.

The Washington Daily News, Thursday, October 22, 1970

## HOMOSEXUAL INVASION

# Alpine County sends for Reagan

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (UPI) — The mountain folks of Alpine County aren't taking too kindly to rumors of a homosexual invasion of their territory.

They want Gov. Ronald Reagan to come to their aid.

A delegation of county officials yesterday made the 120-mile trek from their Sierra enclave next to the Nevada state line down to the capitol to present their case.

"The people are very upset," board of supervisors chairman Hubert Bruns said. "The homosexuals will receive a hostile reception when they come."

### CAMPAIGNING

Mr. Bruns met with Richard Turner, the governor's assistant legal affairs secretary, because Mr. Reagan was on the road campaigning for re-election.

Alpine County has about 450 residents, of whom 380 are registered voters.

What stirred the ire of residents was an announcement in Los Angeles by the Gay Liberation Front that its members would take over Alpine government.

The front said about 200 homosexuals could elect their own sheriff, judges and other officials. A recent court ruling permits only a 90-day county residency for voting privileges.

Morris Kight, a front official, said 480 members and sympathizers — including two doctors and two lawyers — were ready to settle in the northwest section of the county.

"We plan to move trailers, campers, Quonset huts" to settle in their own form of commune, Mr. Kight said.

Mr. Bruns, three fellow supervisors and county district attorney Hillary Cook got little hope from Mr. Reagan's lawyer. He said there probably was no legal action that could prevent the migration.

### LEGAL WEAPONS

Undaunted, Mr. Bruns said his next stop was the California attorney general's office where he would try to get the legal weapons necessary for defense.

Mr. Bruns said rumors started filtering into his county about two months ago. "We thought it was a joke," he said. "Today we don't think it is a joke.

Asked how he would identify the homosexuals, Mr. Bruns said: "We're going to make every effort to find out. I'm sure we'll know some of them."

The board chairman said there were no gay people in Alpine County. "We don't need that kind of business," he said.

# GAY

Resolved by the Columbia Gay Liberation Front: In order to avoid the male-role macho\* concept of "leader" and "spokesman," all use of media must be collective; no single radical homosexual in GLF will accept personal recognition for our collective struggle.

It's very hard for us to write an article right now on Gay Liberation. We've just learned that a close friend in the Movement here has been a State Law Enforcement Division agent for a year, assigned to do undercover work on dope and politics in the community and infiltrate "the homosexual ring" at the university. And another friend, who has been working in the New York Gay Liberation Front and writing for GLF's newspaper, Come Out, has been describing the division, antagonism, and infighting in the GLF there.

Coupled with the entire repression scene here, these are heavy things for us to deal with. Homosexuals are just beginning to get themselves together, to meet and talk as sisters and brothers. Everyone in this society is taught from the beginning not to work and struggle collectively, supportively. That lesson has been drummed into us, too, but we are trying hard to break down the barriers that keep us from being honest with each other, to work together as a collective entity instead of a bunch of isolated people. It's hard, but we are trying to avoid the macho-competitive games by which this society measures success.

And we are trying to understand the nature of the oppression under which we live -- a society which makes it a crime (punishable by death in some states) to love certain people, a society which stereotypes and insults homosexuals by calling us "dykes" or "fags," a society in which the "liberals" tell us we can do what we please so long as we don't do it in front of them. We are beginning to see our homosexuality in a radical context, attacking those who tell us we are wrong (or perverse, evil, sinful, queer, misguided, sick, psychotic) because we can love someone of our own sex.

At this point, we are not an organized group, but rather an informal group of women and men who are trying to develop enough individual and collective strength to fight back (finally!) against a whole system which has been killing us for centuries -- the same system which enslaved Blacks and Women, which is trying to destroy the peoples of Southeast Asia, and which blindly annihilates the environment for the dollar.

There is a line from "The Boys in the Band" (a play which insults homosexuals) -- "show me a happy homosexual and I'll show you a gay corpse." Gay Liberation is attacking the society which tries to make homosexuality loathsome creating an alternative which will some day free all homosexuals and all others who are oppressed.

*Columbia Gay Liberation Front*

\*"Macho" means acting out the roles of male supremacy which put down all those who don't follow the arbitrary stereotypes -- especially women and homosexuals.

You call me queer,

fagot, fairy,  
sodomite,  
cocksucker,  
ass-fucker,  
pansy, queen,  
fruit  
But never  
a man.

You call me dyke,

sapphic,  
Lesbian,  
tomboy,  
bull-dyke,  
But you won't let me be  
a woman.

I don't want to be your Man -  
killer, fucker of women, un-feeling,  
leader of those weaker and stupider  
than he, competitor for Success.  
And I refuse to be your Woman -  
slave of man, irrational, flighty,  
the little wife, great homemaker,  
bearer of unwanted children.

From now on  
Call me  
Free.

COMMITTEES,

COLLECTIVES,

AND GLONKS

GLF COMMUNE - 1620 S St., N. W. 265-2181

RADICAL CAUCUS - Call Commune

POLITICAL ACTION - Chuck Hall 234-7594

WAYS AND MEANS - \$\$\$\$\$ See Gary at the General Meeting.

WOMENS' CAUCUS - Gay and straight women. Get to know your sisters  
Sunday, 2:30 p.m. - 2900 Columbia Road, N.W.

MALE AND FEMALE CAUCUS - Gay men and women rap Monday nights at  
8:00 p.m. at the Commune

PUBLIC EDUCATION - Monday, 8 p.m.-The Commune. Info-Cade

PUBLICATIONS - Tuesday night after General Meeting.