

off the hacks

Off Our Backs, a national women's liberation newspaper originating from Washington, D.C., last week lost their printers. The printers claimed the paper was obscene.

Sitting in an office whose walls were covered with pictures of nude women, manager Tom Rietz and owner Doctor Kapalow, told the Off Our Backs staff that their proposed newspaper centerspread couldn't be printed locally at Com-
print.

The centerspread featured a dummy advertisement for mens' crotch perfume, somewhat along the lines of feminine hygiene deodorant spray. The two men running the plant in Montgomery County gasped at the indignity of their possibly having an odor problem; they quickly claimed the whole paper was pornographic and they couldn't print it.

However one of them did say that if an Off Our Backs staff member would fuck him, then "something could be worked out." No shit!

The staff members packed up their copy and split for another printer, far away, who printed the paper with no hassles.

In a statement hurriedly handwritten into this last Off Our Backs issue, the all-women staff says, "The women's movement has until now been immune from the political repression coming down on the rest of the movement. It seems this time of luxury is quickly drawing to a close. We must prepare ourselves for the long haul. LONG LIVE REVOLUTIONARY FEMINISM."

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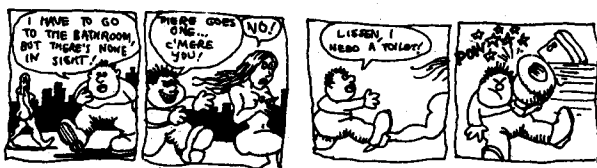
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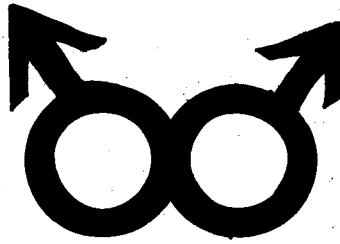
Gay brothers unite in rage

Twelve members of the Gay Liberation Front, including nine from other cities who were attending the Revolutionary Peoples Constitutional Convention, were arrested here after the "trashing" of a straight redneck bar which had refused service to four gay men.

All 12 were charged with assault, illegal entry, and destruction of property.

There was one major flaw in the police case however; the 12 were arrested in a Volkswagon bus blocks from the bar. Lawyers defending the 12 anticipate the prosecution will have a hard time pinning particular actions to particular people.

The incident began when 10 male homosexuals participating in the Gay Liberation workshop at the convention were told they would not be served at an all white bar. Two of the men were Puerto Ricans, one



was black, the fourth was white. One was wearing a small amount of make-up.

They went back to the chapel at American University where the Gay Liberation workshop was being held, and recruited about 50 gays who returned to the bar.

The manager recognized the four who had been there before. While the gay men combed through the bar, mix-

ing with the straight patrons, the bar manager attacked two gay blacks and a gay Puerto Rican.

As the fighting escalated to a free-for-all, the gay men held their own. Police arrived, arrested four people, but released them when reporters arrived.

It was only after the fighting ended that police stopped the van of gay men, some of whom had been at the bar, and arrested them. The men arrested were brought to central cell block, where police booked them while making snide remarks about the "fags" and "fairies." The gay men maintained unity however, and refused to be split into separate cells.

The 12 were released on their own recognizance, and a trial was set for Dec. 23.

The gay men were the only persons reported arrested during the convention weekend.

Paranoia strikes

The East Coast Conspiracy to Save Lives is a group of eleven people--priests, nuns, students, teachers, and former students--which has, in the past year, earned fame in "active unarmed resistance" to the war in Southeast Asia.

They have destroyed draft files and General Electric files in Philadelphia and in Washington.

Now they are charged by J. Edgar Hoover with "plotting to kidnap a government official and blow up power facilities in Washington."

J. Edgar Hoover, at a Senate Appropriations Committee hearing,



linked the Conspiracy to the Revs. Phillip and Daniel Berrigan, famed anti-war activists. And in a press

conference on November 27, Susan Davis, a nun, stated the group's denial of Hoover's charges, saying that they were "an attempt to instill in us and in others a paralyzing fear, and we refuse to be so paralyzed."

Herewith is just another instance of the government striking in the dark accusing Weatherpeople and Catholic war resisters of elaborate schemes. Fear is the driving force behind these accusations.

Zonk us again, J. Edgar, baby. Maybe you can come up with some more ridiculous incriminations. The points keep mounting for our side.

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