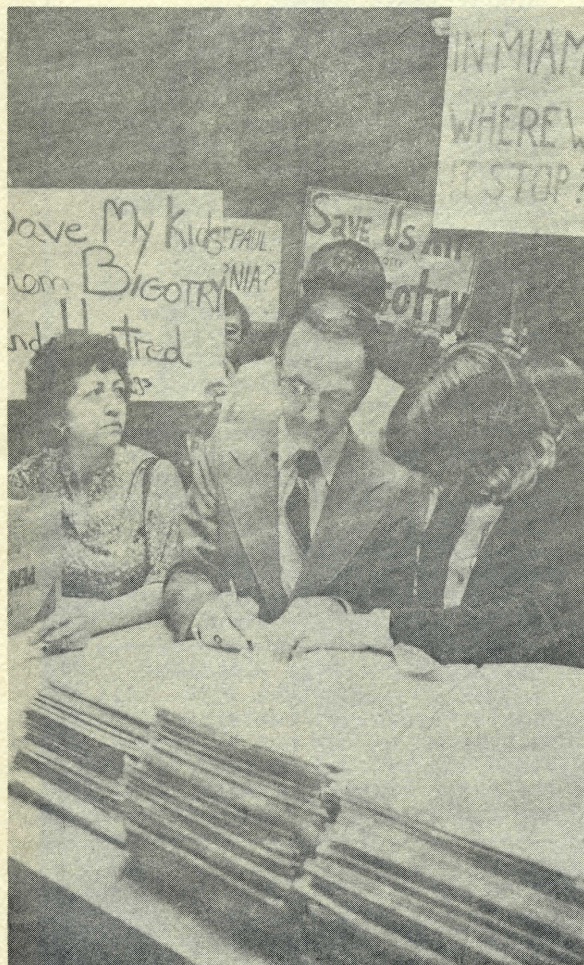


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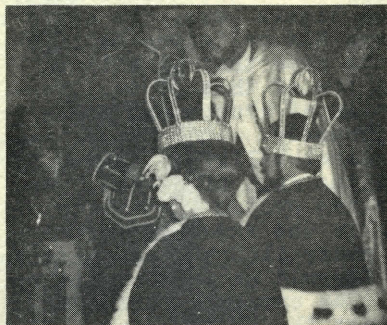
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Briggs Submits Signatures for Anti-Gay Initiative



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PHOTO AT LEFT:
BRIGGS COUNTING PETITIONS AT
SAN DIEGO REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

EDITORIAL

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our new Emperor VII de San Diego, Ashtray David, and our new Empress VII, Jimmie. I intend to keep in close contact with both. I will report on the activities of our new court and hopefully they will appoint a staff member to submit an article to keep the people of San Diego aware of their functions. The Inside Scoop will do its best to make this a successful court. We stand behind them 100%.

My discussion with Senator Briggs was enlightening. It made me more aware of the need for a strong united Gay Political movement. This man is dangerous to the United States Human Rights Laws. He dares to preach his religious beliefs in the hope that it will be made law of this state. Separation of church and state is in jeopardy. When the religious and moral beliefs of a few dictate the fate of others, our American system is threatened, much in the same way Germany was controlled by the religious and "moral" beliefs of Hitler.

The current court case against the churches challenging their tax exempt status is long overdue. The heads of our churches are becoming more involved in our political process, which is a violation of their requirements for tax exempt status. The legal rights of individuals is not a question of religion or morality.

It is a question of what is fair to all citizens of the United States. No one has a right to subject others to their religious and moral beliefs. This in effect would be an immoral act against the creators of our Constitution. We would cease to be a Democracy if we fell under the political press-

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Boy prostitute ring probed by grand jury

BALTIMORE — An investigation of a prostitution and child pornography ring which delivers young Baltimore boys to Massachusetts and California could result in indictments next month, it was reported.

A federal grand jury here is reportedly centering its investigation on three men who are considered the ringleaders of the Baltimore-based prostitution and child pornography business, sources told the Baltimore Sun.

If the grand jury hands up indictments, they would be the first under a new federal law signed by President Carter in February that prohibits such sex activities involving minor males. Previous laws covered minor females but not boys.

One alleged arrangement involves the transportation of young boys from southeast Baltimore to private homes in Harrisburg, Pa. The youngsters are then met by men who escort them to Boston, the newspaper's sources said.

The second arrangement which involves the youngsters in pornographic films and prostitution links Baltimore to Los Angeles, according to sources quoted by the Sun.

"Some of the boys are on a circuit. They are moved from city to city so that the markets get some sort of variety," said a Los Angeles police investigator, quoted by the Sun.

"Apparently, the same men who organize the cross-country trips also have a hand in the pornographic film market, which is really a lucrative business now," the investigator added.

Marsha Ostrer, an assistant U.S. attorney in charge of the probe here, declined to confirm or deny reports about the investigation.

Dale Bible, an FBI agent in Los Angeles, said the FBI in Los Angeles and Baltimore served warrants last December to seize film and movie equipment allegedly used in the trafficking of sex films involving Baltimore boys.

Investigators are reportedly trying to get a number of boys from southeastern neighborhoods to testify before the federal grand jury about adults involved in the operation.

Meanwhile, in Boston, authorities said detectives visited Baltimore last year "for intelligence purposes" relating to their investigations of an alleged boy-sex scheme in nearby Revere, Mass. Two dozen men were indicted in that investigation last December.

SOCIAL REGISTER

After a month's vacation, the Social register by Empress IV Nicole will return in the next issue of The Inside Scoop.

Editorial (Cont.)

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ure of some religious fanatics. The Gay people must prepare themselves for this religious Crusade that is armed to the teeth with legislative weapons. They will strike a blow with the power of legislation as they march through this country, witness St. Paul and Dade County. We must fortify our castles against the destructive Crusade now approaching us. United We Stand; Divided, We Fall! Remember this in June and November when the battles begin.

Bruce Ingram
-Editor-



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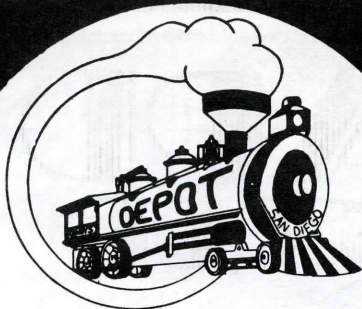
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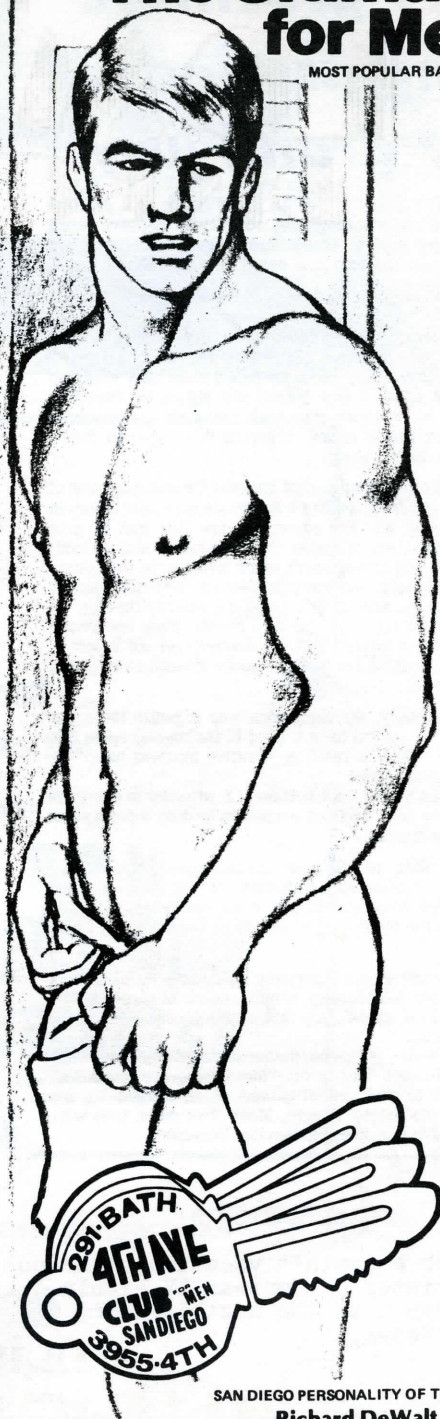
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By Thomas Warren

During the month of April, Many Americans had the opportunity to view the NBC miniseries, "Holocaust." Not surprisingly, more attention was given to its Nielsen ratings than to the importance of its contents. That one group of so-called civilized people could round up and slaughter another group of people on the grounds of ethnic differences was made incidental to comparisons of ratings achieved by "Holocaust" and the ABC production "Roots." What a world we live in.

The final solution to the Jewish "problem", Genocide, if you will, was brilliantly and quite accurately presented in this Herbert Brodtkin production. The subtle interweaving of hard historical fact in the fabric of life portrayed by two fictional German families created an astonishing ring of truth.

The focus of "Holocaust" was totally clear and correct, centering as it did on the middle echelons of power in Nazi Germany. If evil exists in government at all, it is most visible in the ministrations of the petty beaureaucrats, the unimaginative clerk, the typical banal official. Give a small-minded Beaucrat a modicum of power, and you will start a race of tyrants. Without the devotion of thousands of soulless middle management functionaries, the destruction of millions of European Jews would have been impossible.

The almost total capitulation of the Jews to their inexorable doom was likewise depicted with almost wistful clarity. The fact is that the Jews chose to believe, despite evidence to the contrary, that a regime built on "law and order" was incapable

of mass murder. I also suspect that Jews of that period were to some awful degree affected by the propaganda of the Nazis. If the entire power of the state were turned on the Jews, there must have been some concomitant guilt on a sub-conscious level, which impelled them to acquiesce like lambs to the slaughter. Had they come to feel guilty being Jews just because they were Jews?

This question is posed to make a point. I do not wish to imply that we homosexuals are the Jews of the seventies, but there are similarities of condition.

In reality, the great mass of our Gay brothers and sisters are victimized by a persistent and persuasive cultural propaganda designed to produce quiet. Quite aside from propaganda, there are powerful forces ready to imprison us-for the act of making

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love. Show me a homosexual who feels no guilt, and I will show you a deceased Gay. And there are forces, personified by Anita Bryant and her political friends, who are ready to manipulate this quiet so that Americans Gays, too, will capitulate.

Of course, the distressing fact is that most of us do capitulate. We are only willing to remain silent and discrete in the face of mounting reaction. We have only ourselves to blame. How else do you explain the influence of such a mediocre talent as Anita Bryant? And how else is it possible for such an undistinguished politician as John Briggs to garner the financial support enabling him to run for the governorship of California?

It would do well for the new court to consider that the anti-Gay forces are quietly marshalling. The recent repeal of Gay rights in liberal

Minnesota shows us the temper of the times. What is needed is something on the order of a Homosexual Defense League: a group willing to take political offensive against the enemies of human liberties and dignity.

Must Gays suffer a Holocaust too?

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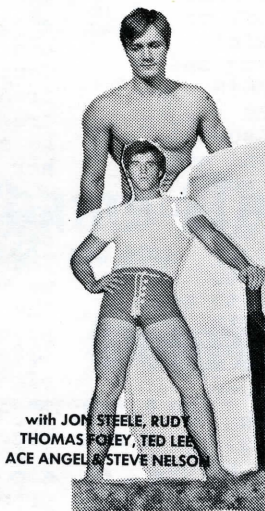
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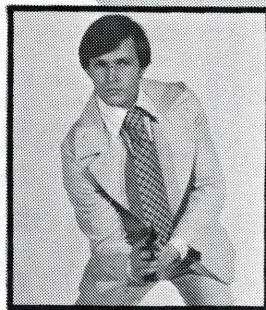
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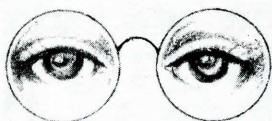


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Well, Aunt Snoopie was Eaves-dropping at the V.I.P. awards in L.A. and got a snootful. Seems Charlie C. and Robin attempted to put on a fun/camp number, and it fell flat on its ass. Honey was plucked, and LaRey looked like she had swallowed a 100 Watt light bulb. ...a Red one! Charlie looked like Greta Trash, John, Chris, and Robin worked on a backhanded compliment, and it BACKFIRED.. Know your adversaries better next time, Girl...I don't believe Clint Johnson is real--no one. Baby, no one could be that nice. He's Incredible. Shall we give credit to JOHNNY? Answer--YES...Lou snuck off to Pheonix, and J.C.too, takin' care of business and wining and dining at CONNECTION, MONK'S GARDEN, THE SPORTSMAN, and Diamond Lil's--KEITH was sooo pleased to see them go, and add MARK, WOODIE, BOBEY DEL, and JACK P. to the list of who really enjoyed LOU and JC's vacation... Well, we sanctimonious sissy sisters usually do not go to "such places", but we HAD to see the new movies at the STUDIO... ALL boys! How could we resist? There are some of the most titillating scenes we have EVER seen (Translation--so much peter you can't believe it...)

Seen at Depot-Mike W. the school boy with his beautiful BOBBY, DIETA being the PERFECT HOSTESS, owners MIKE and JIM just lovely, seems to be THE place to go for a lovely toddy-day or evening... How much did DICK of CHEE CHEE make at the gaming tables in Denver??? I saw him with literally THOUSANDS of \$\$\$ in his

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hands at one time, and BRAD chasing cuties all over, and REGINA just lolling (her BEST position) and TERRY T. taking it all in (and I mean ALL) at the Tubs... Do you know that JUDY is now JODY?!?!? What a transformation. Anita would just love it. Comment of the week-Whwn BOB HOPE was asked to lighten up on jokes about poor mistreated lil' ole ANITA, he gave the old gal a break by saying that he feels sorry for her and it's too bad that she "JUST GOT SUCKED INTO THIS THING..." Isn't he clever?!?...News-the raid on a L.A. bathhouse resulted in four (NOT 34) arrests and all were released since prosecutors office refused to file charges and will refuse any bathhouse charges in the future...WHO is the nice man from LONG BEACH who keeps donating money to our cause? Thank you FRED C. for the needed help! Seen in the NEWS--BRIGGS getting PHONY SIGNATURES!!!!...Nice to see Valerie back after her operation-looking a bit slimmer and in fine shape...Tragic denial of BABE's spirits license. Area too Dangerous?? DOUBLE tragic denial of WCPC's. To be contested... TONI RAYE losy her voice. But he does a VERY GOOD MIME...So, now that the elections are over, let's all settle back and get MILITANT!! The time for laying back is OVER! we will get nowhere relaxing, the ANITA's and BRIGGS's want us eliminated---COMPLETELY--- If you don't stand up for your rights now, you may not get another chance. Get your ass out there and vote-it only takes a few minutes-or else kiss your ass goodbye, because their oppressive forces have already mustered and will be there... Will you? If we don't see you at the polls, our wrath will be merciless...

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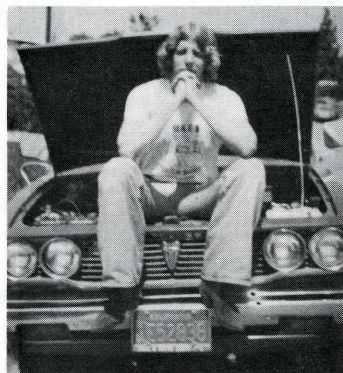
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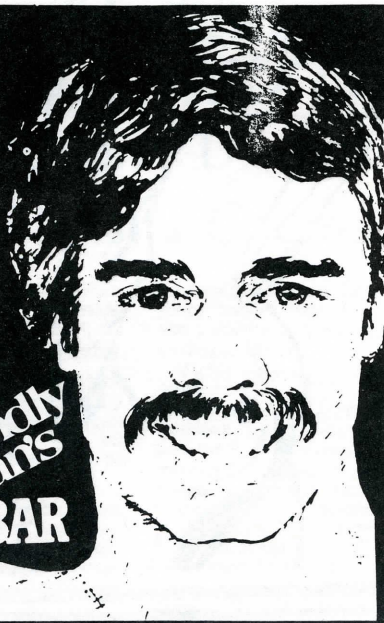
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Anti-Gay Groups

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Two rallies were held recently, one on April 29 and the other on May 1, 1978 concerning the bigoted and discriminatory Briggs Initiative.

The first, which was held on Saturday, April 29, started at County Administration building on Pacific Coast Highway at 10 a.m. A group of "morality" supporters gathered to hear Briggs speak and then to march to the U. S. Grant Hotel for a speech and luncheon. Briggs did not show up, and the S.D.P.D. refused to issue a parade permit.

The group was carrying American flags, and posters which expressed the following sentiments: "Give Ms. the Biz, Keep the Home Fires Burning," "Women's Rights Yes! Equal Rights NO!" "ERA Never, Families Forever," and other similar ideas. A speaker stated that they stood for "Righteousness."

About 25 Gays, wearing Pink triangles, stood by and watched, joining in for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the singing of the National Anthem. Proud and angry voices emphasized the words "Liberty and Justice for All."

The group adjourned to the Grant Hotel, walking along the sides of Pacific Coast Highway. A few stragglers of the Morality group, noticing that they were marching in close proximity to the Gay protesters, waited for the traffic light so that they could cross the street.

When the groups reached the downtown hotel, most of the Morality group headed inside for the \$10 a plate dinner and speech by a representative of Senator Briggs. A few stayed outside with their children to heckle the picketing Gays.

Forming a circular picket line, and being careful not to block the exits of the hotel as was directed by the police department, the Gays marched outside the hotel, chanting

anti-Briggs and pro-human rights sentiments. The picketing was led by Nicole, Empress IV de San Diego, and by Emperor VI Brad. Among those present were Roxanne, Ashtray David, and Danny of Bee Jay's, Queen Mother Sharon, and Reverend Howard of Oceanside.

An interesting conversation was being held at the side of the picket line between several Gays, including Editor Bruce, and a woman who had seen Germany during the reign of Hitler. The woman felt that there was no comparison and that the Homosexuals deserved to lose their jobs and be persecuted. She was constantly waving prayer pamphlets and saying that she would pray for the souls of the Gays. An elderly man, who was heterosexual, came over to see what was going on. When he heard the claims that the woman was making, he jumped in with full support of Gay teachers and Gays in general.

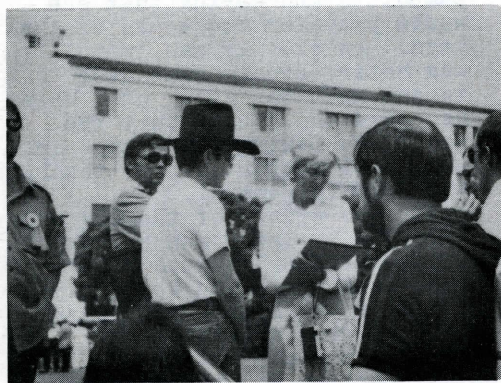
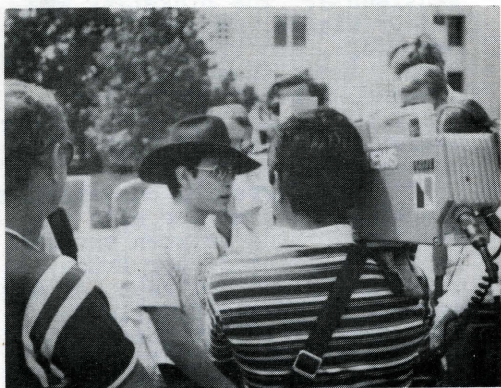
The events of the day were recorded by the woman editor of the "Christian" newspaper which was instrumental in keeping Human Rights supporter Evonne Schulze from attaining her political goals last year.

Briggs and the Gays met head-on at the office of the Registrar of voters in Kearny Mesa on Monday, May 1 at 3:00. Briggs arrived to pick up the petitions from local supporters of his infamous initiative and was greeted by about 75 Gay men and women, who were vehemently vocal in the dislike for his un-Constitutional politics. Senator Briggs was quoted as saying that he had accumulated approximately 500,000 signatures statewide. The required amount to put the Briggs Initiative on the ballot is 312,404, according to the Registrar of Voters.

Senator Briggs showed his

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DEMONSTRATORS PROTEST 'BRIGGOTRY'



Briggs files anti-gay petitions



true character by flaunting his petitions at the already angry Gays. This only intensified the wrath of the Gays who were there. A security officer who stated that he was a State Policeman and was not hired by Briggs but was only acting as a "concerned citizen" instigated a shouting match by pushing Gays out of the doorway of the San Diego county office. Several of those pushed were women. This "officer", who was in street clothes, refused to show his badge to the Gays and to Tom Lawrence of Channel 8 TV news. This, we feel, is a violation of citizens rights. He either should have shown the badge, or been considered impersonating a police officer, which is illegal.

Another example of the shoddy characters which Senator Briggs is surrounding himself with is his Public Relations Man, Emmitt Cronan. Cronan stated that "We do not condone some of the remarks of some petitioners," which in itself is an admission that some of the signatures might not be valid. He refused to reveal his name to The Inside Scoop, which did not keep us from finding his identity. When confronted by the fact that he was indeed the P.R. man for the Senator, and that it was somewhat unusual that a P.R. man would refuse his name to the Editor of a Gay paper, Cronan stated that he too was working in a volunteer capacity as a concerned individual.

When asked if he expected to have any of the signatures challenged, Briggs said that it was up to the voters and the courts. He also said that he expects Gay activists to spend immense sums of money to buy special privileges and thus to interfere with the principles of democracy upon which the laws of this country and state are based.

When asked if he paid his petitioners the rumored 35¢ per

signature, along with \$3.00 an hour to petitioners in the Los Angeles area, he said no. "We paid 10¢ per signature and a standard \$2.50 per hour." However, he stated in a later press release that some of the signatures were bought "toward the end."

ELSEWHERE IN THE STATE...

In the city of San Francisco, Senator Briggs collected a grand total of 1,000 signatures. He said that he chose that city to file his first petitions because it is the "moral Garbage Dump of homosexuality in this country."

Demonstrations greeted him in all three cities visited. The loudest and largest were not in San Francisco or L.A., as could be expected, but here in San Diego.

BRIGGS QUOTES...

"Homosexuality is a learned conduct. It's like playing golf. You can unlearn it just as fast as you learn it if you really want to."

"Homosexuals are threats to children in my opinion because children learn by example and I don't think this country's quite ready to subsidize immorality in the classrooms."

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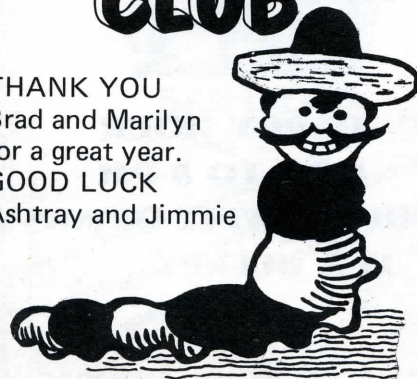
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Sheriff Won't Discuss Gay Activist's Gripes

A proposed meeting between Sheriff John Duffy and gay rights activist Nicole Murray apparently won't take place, it was learned yesterday.

In a prepared statement to be read "when Murray calls," Duffy said: "I do not intend to meet with Nicole Murray or anyone else from his organization since it would serve no useful purpose.

During an April 13 demonstration held in front of the jail to protest the treatment of confined homosexuals, Murray said a meeting between himself and Duffy was scheduled for the following Monday.

The proposed meeting was to discuss the lack of religious services for

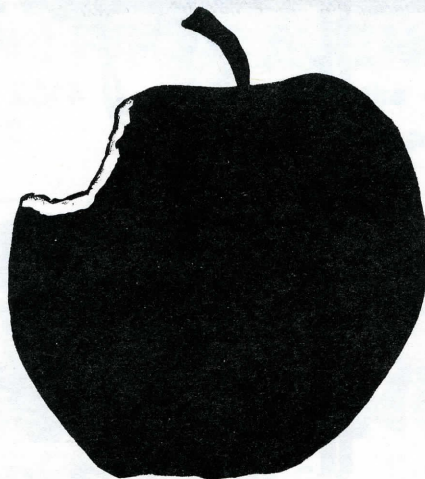
confined homosexuals and a sheriff's policy denying them trusty status and transfers to honor camps, according to Murray.

Murray could not be reached for comment.

Duffy called the April 13 demonstration a "media event" and denied that the April 17 meeting ever was scheduled. "Neither I nor anyone else in my office was contacted prior to the media event (demonstration).

"I will leave Mr. Murray to stage his media events and I will continue to do what I can within the constraints of the law and the severely cramped jail to make life as humane as possible for all the inmates in my custody," Duffy said.

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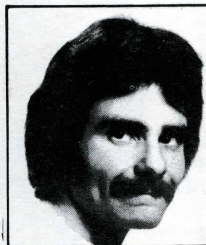
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CORONATION.

The Seventh Annual Coronation de San Diego was held at the El Cortez, in the International room on Saturday, May 6, 1978. It was a gala affair, marred by only a few minor incidents that seem to beset any large function.

This year's theme, Military Ball, was carried out regally by many of those involved, from the introduction of Brad and Marilyn through the presentations of visiting courts, til the crowning of the new Monarchs.

The evening was fittingly opened by the National Anthems of our sister countries, Mexico and Canada, and by our own National Anthem. Then the leaving monarchs were presented, and the Star and Dagger court de San Diego was introduced. The crown jewels were presented.

As soon as the call for voting had been made, the candidates were introduced, riding in imaginative floats and accompanied by campaigners. The voting was completed, and the courts of the ICC were introduced.

A special surprise came a few minutes before the intermission. Miss Hermione Baddeley, known for her performance as Mrs. Naugatuck on the TV series "Maude" was called out of the audience and introduced to the courts and members of the Gay community. We thank Miss Baddeley for attending our coronation and for her human rights stand.

The second entry of H.I.M. Brad VII was accompanied by a Scotch Highland style bagpipe corps, lending a truly regal air to the moment. Then Marilyn entered, looking regal and dignified for the presentation of the royalty from out of town courts who were not ICC members.

Some controversy was caused by the Imperial Proclamations. Brad proclaimed that all of Imperial county and of Mexico were considered part of the Empire of San Diego, and that the Emperor would also bear

the title of Don de Mexico. Several members of the audience, who were slightly inebriated, let loose with loud yells of protest to this.

There was also a proclamation made by Empress Starr that no future proclamations would have to be screened by the Privy Council. This was rebutted by Toby II, president of the council in an emergency Privy Council meeting.

Another problem arose toward the end of the program. Voices filtered in constantly from an adjoining area of the hotel, just audible enough to be annoying.

The staff of the hotel, disregarding a request by Royal Crown Productions, who own the Coronation, served Coors beer. Their supply was so inadequate that soon the only beer they had was Coors. This shows a disrespect not only to Ray Locke and Royal Crown Productions, but to the entire Gay community and to our out of town guests.

Following is the tally of votes:

Ashtray David	207
Danny	176
Craig	75

9 abstained from voting for Emperor.

FOR EMPRESS

Jimmie Mountain	202
Roxanne	132
Tawny Tann	123

Thank you, Brad VI and Marilyn Starr VI for a productive year.

The Inside Scoop wish to extend our fullest and sincerest congratulations to our new Emperor, ASHTRAY DAVID VII and Empress JIMMIE MOUNTAIN VII de San Diego.



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Suit aimed at churches

Churches and other religious organizations whose "published tenets and beliefs" imply that homosexuals are a scourge to society should be stripped of their tax-exempt status, according to a lawsuit filed in federal court here yesterday.

The suit was filed against the commissioner of Internal Revenue by former Naval Reserve Cmdr. Jeffrey D. Wowles, 42, of 689 Tyrone St., himself an admitted homosexual who resigned his commission in 1976 to engage in attempts to unionize the military services.

Wowles claims many Judaic and Christian groups have managed to insert into legislative acts "tenets and beliefs" defaming homosexuals, thus violating those groups' right to remain tax-exempt organizations.

The constitution, according to Wowles, prohibits tax-exempt religious groups and organizations from engaging in political and legislative activities.

Wowles, a divorced father of two, cited as an example Navy regulations which prohibited continuation of his career as an intelligence specialist stationed at the North Island Naval Air Station.

He also cited other laws that he says limit civilian job opportunities for homosexuals. These laws, he said, are based on moral standards advanced by religious groups.

Wowles said he has been unem-

ployed since leaving the Navy, partly because of religion-based tenets and beliefs that imply homosexuals are "some kind of criminals," to be regarded as a scourge in society.

Gay Brothers

A judge has ruled that Big Brothers Inc., may ask men seeking to join its program for fatherless boys whether they are homosexual.

Hennepin County Judge Robert Schumacher Tuesday overturned a decision by a hearing examiner who said Big Brothers could not ask applicants if they are homosexual unless all applicants were asked about their individual sexual preferences.

The examiner further ruled the group could not inform mothers of prospective "little brothers" that men assigned to their children were homosexuals unless the mothers of all children in the program were informed of the sexual preferences of their children's Big Brothers.

But Schumacher said applicants for membership in Big Brothers may be asked if they are homosexual and mothers whose children have been assigned gay "Big Brothers" may be told that their child's companion is homosexual.

He said parents rights to direct the upbringing of their children include the right to decide whether their children should be allowed to enter into a relationship with a homosexual.

ST. PAUL MARGIN HEAVY

ST. PAUL, Minn (UPI) — The people of St. Paul have voted to repeal the city's gay rights law by nearly a 2-1 margin in the first major election test since residents of Dade County, Fla., threw out a similar ordinance last June.

"For this we thank God," the Rev. Richard A. Angwin, pastor of Temple Baptist Church and leader of the repeal crusade, said last night. He said the repeal shows that, North or South, the majority of people are against homosexuality.

Homosexual leaders said they were "outraged." They said they "won't go back into the closet" and predicted a "new coming-out nationwide."

Democratic Mayor George Latimer, who supported the gay rights ordinance, said he still feels "every human being deserves equal protection under the law." He said: "I will abide by the voters' decision."

In complete unofficial returns, the vote was 54,090 to repeal and 31,690 to keep the 4-year-old ordinance. In addition, Tom Burke, a homosexual and Vietnam veteran, was defeated by a large margin in a bid for one of seven City Council seats.

"This is something many parents could not comfortably live with, if their children's schoolteachers ... were manifested to be homosexuals," said the Rev. W.B. Timberlake, head of a group called the Committee on Moral Concerns.

"Public schools would suffer greatly ... because whether it's right or wrong, a great number of parents would take their children to private schools."

Sen. Ray Johnson, R-Chico, said the bill would infringe on the rights of businesses and on freedom of religion.

"Let's say I have a business and my customers have a right to discriminate by not going in my store. I would go broke," he said.

"There are many Christians in this country who do not approve of homosexuals.... Suppose I feel this is immoral. Don't I have a right to choose which people work for me?"

Steve Badeau of Northern California Human Rights Advocates, a gay-rights lobby, replied that the same argument was used for years against hiring blacks.

"If your religion says I'm a sinner, it doesn't give you the right to discriminate against me," he added.

Panel Backs Bill To Ban Job Bias Against Gays

A bill banning job discrimination against homosexuals was approved by its first state Senate committee yesterday after California's most prominent gay politician said equal rights for homosexuals were inevitable.

"What is happening is the emergence of gay political power," San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk told the Senate Industrial Relations Committee. "It's no longer a taboo subject."

"...Some day, whether this year or next year or 10 years from now, gay people will be given the same rights."

The bill, SB 2053 by Sen. Milton Marks, R-San Francisco, passed on a 4-0 vote, the bare majority needed. Several opponents were absent when the vote was taken. The bill next goes to the Senate Finance Committee.

Only a day earlier, state Sen. John Briggs, R-Fullerton, said he had enough signatures to place on the November state ballot an initiative aimed at removing openly homosexual teachers and gay-rights advocates from schools. Later this month, the secretary of state's office will announce whether the measure has qualified.

Marks' bill would ban job discrimination based on sexual preference for any company or agency with at least five employees. Persons with records of sexual conduct involving minors would not be protected by the bill.

Foes from fundamentalist religious groups said that exemption was not enough.

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