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IT A WEEK! -STONEWALL, 1984.

The 30 saw about 200 people gather in the City Square, despite the rain, to celebrate Stonewall '84. We were treated to a truly inspiring speech by Emu Nugent on police harassment of gays and other oppressed people and the stark reality of the Delta Task Force's activities. Delta were there spying and recording as Emu pointed them out and the newspapers the next day so gladly reported.

The Age headline "Homosexual Rally draws police attention to child-sex forum" sensationalised the event and completely missed the historic significance of the first lesbian/gay rally in Melbourne for four years. After the rally we marched to Melbourne University along Swanston Street chanting loudly slogans like "Stop Police attacks on gays, women and blacks". For as speakers at the rally had pointed out the struggle for liberation is not an isolated one but is linked with the struggles of women, blacks, ethnic groups, workers and all the poor.

The week long celebration had shown these things with a range of activities. It was indeed as the organisers had billed it: "A Political/Cultural Extravaganza". Women and men, people of all ages, classes and ethnic backgrounds participated convivially in each event. These events ranged from the disfigurement of the Stonewall rock with accompanying cyclists to a forum on Lesbians, Gay Men and Trade Unions. Fitzroy City Council declared it Gay Pride Week in their municipality and a pink triangle was strung across the grand old facade of the town hall well at least for a day, when it had to be removed for an ABC period drama filming here. But it was another first for gay liberation in Australia that was ignored by the media. The rock was well received along the parade and was the centre of media attention in Sheparton. As the weary group arrived back in Melbourne they were greeted in the Burke Street Mall by a small but enthusiastic group of supporters. The Salon-A-Muse special evening of Lesbian culture was well attended and provoked

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much discussion. The film festival at the Grierson Cinema and the book launch of *Gays in Indonesia* were also well attended and extremely successful. The art exhibition which was on all week, gathered together an impressive array of lesbian and gay male art in many mediums.

The festival and dance on Saturday were both well attended by about 500 people each. They were real times of fun, celebration and solidarity. The festival had stalls from a number of gay groups- including an interesting display of posters and badges by the gay archives. There were also several very well attended forums on AIDS, paedophilia and lesbian/gay counselling services. At the dance we bopped away to the music of Six of One and Right Furniture and then Fran Kelly spun the discs into the early hours of the morning.

Apart from the rain, the only real disappointment was the forced postponement of the Victory Party (for the dismissal of the ludicrous "conspiracy to corrupt public morals charges") due to media sensationalisation and harassment.

The success of the week and the diversity of its activities shows the vibrancy of the lesbian/gay male communities in Melbourne. However the presence of Delta and the response of various sections of the media shows that Gay Liberation is still a long way off and needs to be fought for in the Stonewall tradition.

The Stonewall collective will reconvene, after a short break, to start making preliminary plans for next years celebrations. We know that liberation means more than law reform and that so much more needs to be done. So there is no way that we will wait another four years before we take to the streets shouting and singing, just as our sisters and brothers did 15 years ago as they fought back against police harassment at the Stonewall Inn.

If you want to become part of this dynamic group write to The Stonewall Collective, PO Box 334, Fitzroy, Vic. 3065 and we will notify you when the next meeting is.

Gayzette Collective is: Bill Calder, Gary Jones, Marcus O'Donnell, Steve Oram, Helen Sacker and Alison Thorne.

The Tenth National Conference of Lesbians and Homosexual Men will be held on Friday 31 August to Sunday 2 September this year in Brisbane.

The theme of the conference is 'Common Ground', with the aim being to strengthen the gay community by accepting diversity within our various groups.

The deadline for papers and workshop proposals has been extended to 17 July, and the programme will be finalised at the collective meeting the next day. Any material and enquiries should be addressed to 10 NCLHM, GPO Box 2030, Brisbane, Qld. 4001.

A brochure detailing travel arrangements, the fare pool and the bus leaving Melbourne on the morning of Wednesday 29 August was issued with Gayzette no 3. Anyone who wishes extra copies of this can obtain it by writing to 10 NCLHM Melbourne Collective, PO Box 108, North Carlton, 3054.

GAYS IN INDONESIA LAUNCHED.

About 60 people - a mixture of gays and gay-sympathisers of both sexes and differing nationalities - attended the book launch for *Gays in Indonesia*, a book with translations of 46 articles from the Indonesian print media. Alison Thorne gave a speech, cut the ribbon and launched the book. There was piles of Indonesian food for supper - enough for everyone and lots left over as well.

Helen Pausacker performed an abbreviated *Wyang* (Javanese shadow puppet play), based on Alison Thorne's victimisation. *Wayang* performances have often traditionally been used as a vehicle for political comment, being used as a communication in the Japanese occupation of Indonesia.

Everyone enjoyed the occasion and you can see the insert with this *Gayzette* for further details of the content of the book, price and where it is available.

CLOUD NINE.

Cloud Nine by Carol Churchill, who also wrote the popular *Top Girls*, is a play which deals with the issues of racism, sexism and homosexuality. It is a near disturbing farce written in two acts; almost complete plays in themselves. The first act, set in Victorian Africa during the 1890's, is being performed as a student devised project at Rusden State College from Tuesday 24 July to Saturday 28 July. The performance commences at 7.30 pm. This play explores events that arise in a firmly structured, male dominated society, where individuals are attempting to, or being forced into complying with the roles that seem to have been established for them. Tickets cost \$2 and are available by ringing 542 7345.

With this issue of *Gayzette* we are issuing a leaflet and petition about the Kendrick Dean Case. Allan's case is very similar to the Mervyn Bright Case. He is currently in jail for consensual sexual activity but when he has done his time the government wants to throw him! This is obviously unjust.

The Gay Legal Rights Coalition is coordinating the Melbourne section of a national campaign to prevent the deportation of Allan Dean. Please get your petition filled up and mail it back to GLRC. More petitions are available at request.

We won the Mervyn Bright Case by putting pressure on the government, with your help we can win this one too! **NEW JOURNAL.**

Power & Desire: a journal of sexual politics is a new idea. It has a collective of three - two editors, Sheri Berkovitch and Derek Payne, and a proof and fiction editor, Colin Jones. The aims of the journal are outlined on the leaflet enclosed with this copy of *Gayzette*.

If you are interested in contributing to the journal, here are the guidelines for articles.

- * Fiction: word length 5,000.
- * Poetry: no word length, but be realistic.
- * Reviews: (films, books theatre and on) - up to 2,000 words.
- * Feature articles: up to 3,000 words.
- * Analysis/Theory: up to 5,000 words.
- * Graphics: (Photos, drawings etc) - black and white only.
- * All written contributions typed double spaced on A4 paper, one side only. Send a stamped, addressed envelope if you want manuscripts returned. Send two copies or more if possible.
- * Do not send original drawings unless required. We cannot accept responsibility for negatives. Send stamped, addressed envelope if you want them returned.
- * Deadlines: October 1 for November 1984, January 1 for February 1985, April 1 for May 1985 and July 1 for August 1985.
- * Contributions must reflect the objectives as stated in the leaflet. Contributions with broader perspectives will be considered on merit included if space permits.
- * Donations are desperately needed. They can be forwarded to *Power & Desire*, PO Box 334, Fitzroy, 3065. Cheques should be made payable to *Power & Desire*.
- * Advertising will be accepted as it is also in line with the aims & Objectives of the journal. We especially welcome exchange ads with other publications.

GLRC SEMINAR

Sunday 7 October, 12 - 6 pm
at the TTUV "Barn", Budd St, Collingwood
(near corner of Keele Street)

For a long time the Gay Legal Rights Coalition has been campaigning for anti-discrimination legislation for gay people, and we are that, as the HLRC, for equality for gays under the criminal law. These battles are not fully won, especially in the workplace, but it is also clear that there are many other areas that need attention. Legislative equality for gays is ever to be affected in the way we live our lives. For example there are legal issues affecting gays in various parts of the public service, in education, in family law, in migration law, the defence forces, in prisons, psychiatry, international action, and so on. The list is endless.

One of these areas requires the energy that is presently available for the whole of GLRC's effort. Choices for activity have to be made on the basis of available resources and perceived priorities, and usually, most of these areas are simply being neglected. Or, they are only tackled in a defensive or reactive way when some emergency is upon us.

For people currently involved - yes, the seminar was intended, Jamie is not the only one - these people see an urgent need for others to have an opportunity to be a part of the action and have concrete plans to make that to happen.

The seminar has been scheduled for later in the year which is designed to provide a chance for people to find out about GLRC and if they're still interested, to provide a structure for working in their chosen area, at a level of commitment that suits them.

The seminar is not only open to gay women and men, but seeks to actively encourage lesbians who want GLRC to reflect their concerns, as a genuinely mixed enterprise.

The day will be introduced by Alison Thorne who will outline the seminar's aims before Alison Gardiner speaks about the history of GLRC/HLRC, inviting questions and comments.

There will be small group discussions and a plenary to pool ideas on where to now take GLRC. After coffee break, people will be invited to break up into groups based

on particular interest areas. Group reports back to a plenary session may then result in the formation of task forces, although this will depend on the availability of task force convenors. If a task force exists, then people will be invited to sign up for it.

Attendance of course will not oblige anyone to sign up for anything! It is no-strings-attached, and window shopping is perfectly acceptable.

To a large degree the success of the event depends on the groundwork laid between now and October. It stands or falls on our success in finding new people to take on the responsibility of convening a few areas. We don't expect such people will magically materialise on the day, and would like to encourage thoughtful discussion on the widest possible level within the gay community prior to the seminar.

We would see convenorship of any area as a substantial responsibility, and although we would offer practical and moral support to anyone who took it on, we think that a convenor basically needs to be a "self-starter" with a background knowledge of their area. Ideally they would want to build a framework for people of lesser commitment or experience to become involved. But realistically, to have just one person working consistently in some of these areas would be a big improvement on what exists at present.

If taking on the convenorship task sounds too onerous to you as an individual, the option of joint-convenorship can be explored.

To the person who wants to help but doesn't want to be a convenor, we hope the seminar will provide you with avenues to do that. We can't guarantee that however - especially if your interest area is lacking a convenor. So we would like to say now: please don't be offended if your offer of help has to be put "on ice" till there is a framework to use it effectively.

If you'd like to find out more about the day (there's also a social function to follow at night), feel welcome to ring Alison (386 3452) or Jamie or Warren (419 1103).

Gary Jaynes.

Reddibom (19/2) menyendaki orang-orang homoseks, ternyata lebih dari tiga per empat responden menyatakan benar-benar bahwa hubungan promositas dengan

antara ibu dan ayahnya. Anak laki-laki berharap untuk menggantikan kedudukan ayahnya dalam affeksi (kasih sayang).

Translation Group PO Box 108 North Carlton VIC 3054

Many Indonesian societies traditionally had a place for homosexuals, although it was different to that in post-gay liberation Western societies. Homosexuality was very often institutionalised by transvestitism.

Transvestites were the first Indonesian gays to organise, when in 1977 two transvestites were drowned in the Malang River (Jakarta), where they had jumped whilst being pursued by security officers. In 1982 Lambda Indonesia, a gay organisation, similar perhaps to G A M P (NSW) or Society Five (Melbourne) was formed.

An informal group of about ten Melbourne people has translated, collated and produced the material, the proceeds of which will be sent to Lambda Indonesia to help with the production of their magazine *G* (pronounced 'gay').

Copies can be obtained by filling out the form below, and posting the form and money to Gays in Indonesia, PO Box 108, North Carlton VIC 3054.

Address: _____

Postcode:

I enclose \$_____ for _____ copy/copies of *Gays in Indonesia*.
(Please enclose \$5 per book, and \$1 for postage.) Make cheques
payable to 'Gays in Indonesia' or 'G. Indonesia'.
All copies will be mailed in a plain envelope.

WHAT'S ON

Tuesday 10 July.

- * 6.30 pm. Gay Legal Rights Coalition monthly meeting at Gayline Support Services, 126 Franklin Street, Melbourne. Come along and find out about how you can participate in the Allan Dean Campaign. Venue is not wheelchair accessible.

Wednesday 11 July.

- * 6 pm. Three Teacher Unions Gay Rights Committee meeting. TTUV Barn, Budd Street, Collingwood. All teacher unionists welcome.
- * 8 pm. Victorian Secondary Teacher's Association, Open Sub Committee on Homosexuality. VSTA, Elizabeth Street North Richmond. All VSTA members welcome.
- * 8 pm. Technical Teacher's Union of Victoria Gay Rights Committee meeting TTUV Barn, Budd Street, Collingwood. All TTUV members welcome.
- * The Australian Clerical Officers Association Women's Committee invites all women to a film night to see *For Love or Money*. State Film Centre, 1 Mac Arthur Place, East Melbourne. 6 pm wine and cheese, 7 pm film. Cost \$2 and you must phone book by ringing 639467.

Thursday 17 July.

- * Absolute deadline for papers and workshop proposals for the 10th National Conference of Lesbians & Homosexual Men. Send proposals to 10NCLHM, GPO Box 2030 Brisbane, Qld. 4001.

Friday 21 July.

- * 6.30 pm. Brian Fitzpatrick Memorial Dinner at Melbourne University Union Buff. Sponsored by Victorian Council for Civil Liberties. Address by Professor Manning Clark on "Individual Liberty - What Now?" Entertainment will be provided by Max Gillies, and introduced by Brian Fitzpatrick's biographer, Don Watson. Cost \$35, drinks included. Enquiries: June Factor - 49 6151, or Ray Dahlitz 836 1275.

Saturday 22 July.

- * 9.30 am - 5 pm. Racism and Sexism Conference at Princess Hill High School, Arnold Street, North Carlton. Venue is wheelchair accessible, childcare provided. Women and men are welcome. Separate and mixed workshops are scheduled. Speakers include Gertrude Shope, Head of Women's Section, African National Congress and Cheryl Buchanan, Aboriginal Activist.

meets at Gay Room, 3rd. floor, Union Building, Melbourne University. Venue is wheelchair accessible.

Saturday 28 July.

- * 2 pm. SF'84 discussion on Feminists working in and against the State. Princess Hill High School, Arnold Street, North Carlton. Venue is wheelchair accessible. Childcare provided. Women only.

Sunday 29 July.

- * 8 pm. Salon-A-Muse, Stage Door Theatre Restraunt, 1 Wynyard Street, South Melbourne. Cost \$6.50/\$5/\$4. The theme of this month's Salon is motherhood and reproductive technology. Tickets available from Shrew Women's bookshop, Gertrude Street, Fitzroy. Women Only.

Monday 30 July.

- * 7 pm. Book launch to launch 36 *Poems* by Gay writer Graeme Simmonds. Middle Kingdom Chinese Restraunt, 197 Smith Street, Fitzroy. Cost \$15 which included a traditional Cantonese style meal or \$20 which also includes a copy of the book. Graeme will be reading selections of his work. People wishing to attend should RSVP by ringing Javant on 527 3964 (AH). A special menu will be provided for vegetarians - Please warn in advance. The restraurant is BYO.

Sunday 5 August.

- * 11.30 am - 5.30 pm. Women for Survival Information and discussion day on "The Pacific: Paradise or Nuclear playground?" Second Floor, Union Building, Melbourne University. Cost \$2/\$1. Venue is wheelchair accessible and childcare is provided. Women only.

Monday 6 August.

- * 7.30 pm. Gayzette collective meeting. If interested in joining the collective write to PO Box 108, North Carlton, 3054.

Tuesday 7 August.

- * Disco night to raise funds for "Bridge The Gap" Ryders Disco, Smith Street, Fitzroy. DJ Fran Kelly. \$6/\$4/\$2.50. Childcare provided. Women Only.

Wednesday 8 August.

- * 6 pm. Full monthly meeting of Trade Union Women's Organisation (TUWO). TTUV Barn, Budd Street, Collingwood. All women unionists welcome.

Sunday 19 August.

- * Women for Survival discussion day on "The Politics of the Nuclear Fuel Cycle: A Global Perspective." Details as for August 5.

Saturday 25 August.

- * 1 pm. Post ANZAC day forum. YWCA, 489 Elizabeth Street, City. Venue is wheelchair accessible. Childcare provided. All women welcome.

Friday 31 August - Sunday 2 September.

- * 10th National Conference of Lesbians and Homosexual Men. See news item and registration brochure in this issue.

Saturday 8 September.

- * 2 pm. SF'84 discussion on Taxation and the budget. YWCA, 489 Elizabeth Street, City. Venue is wheel chair accessible. Childcare provided. Women only.

Saturday 15 September.

- * and Sunday 16 September. Bridge the Gap: A feminist forum for lesbian mothers, lovers and friends, and lesbians thinking about becoming mothers. Princess Hill High School, North Carlton. Venue is wheel chair accessible. Women and Children only.

- * Saturday night women's dance in association with Bridge the Gap.

Tuesday 25 September.

- * Amended date for Alternative Life Organisation (ALSO) annual general meeting. Venue and time still to be announced. September 28 - 30, 1984.

- * Australian Women in Education National Conference. This year's conference will be held in Hobart and the theme is Women and Survival. For further details write to AWEC, 26 Adelaide Street, Hobart, Tas. 7000.

Saturday 6 October.

- * 2 pm. SF'84 discussion on Childcare strategies. YWCA, 489 Elizabeth Street, City. Venue wheel chair accessible. Care provided. Women only.

GROUP OF THE MONTH

MULTI-ETHNIC LESBIAN AND GAY MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

Party, Party time. It starts out with a dozen or so people - sitting quietly, tentatively talking; and yet warmth is there, the conversation is open and friendly. It's a chance to relax and belong.

The Multi-Ethnic Lesbians and Gay Men's support Group (MELGMS), started in response to a workshop held at the September 1983 conference. Six people attended this workshop to discuss the needs of ethnic people within the lesbian/gay male communities. The low attendance was evidence of the need for a support group, and the first meeting was held in October at Melbourne University Gay Room (3rd fl Union Bldg). There's a floating population attending meetings, with an average of 10 - 15 people present, representing a variety of ethnic backgrounds - Italian, Greek, Maltese, Indonesian, Chinese, Vietnamese, Anglo and Greek-French, among others. Meetings occur every two to three weeks and discussion centres on some activist stuff, promotion of the group, and personal situations.

In time the party builds up. The music gets louder, the crowd grows and alcohol takes effect. No longer is the conversation quiet and tentative, now it's boisterous, cheerful and loud. People are getting up and dancing. There's a great feeling of

togetherness and joy.

The group has approached the ethnic media with information and translated general promotional pieces about itself. It held a stall at GayDay, threw a party, plan a picnic in Spring. The group will either organising a workshop or else preparing a handout for the Brisbane conference. The group is in an expansionary phase and it's present aims are to build up numbers and confidence, so that it can act as a vehicle for change within the ethnic and lesbian/gay male communities.

At the stroke of midnight, the party has to move on. Half of the forty people present head for home. The rest choose to run with the good times and kick on at the local disco. That great feeling generated earlier continues on into the early hours.

If you want to be a part of this group then everyone is welcome. Come to the next meeting, or perhaps you can spare a dollar for the general running costs, or maybe you are good at translating. The group wants to translate more material about itself, as well as general gay literature. Drop it to: Multi-Ethnic Support Group
c/o Melbourne University Gaysoc
P.O. BOX 54
Union Basement Union Bldg.
University of Melbourne
Parkville 3052

The production team who put together this issue of Gayzette was Alison and Bill.

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