

revolution means community
(for Bob Brunsting
and Sten Russell)

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if we must have these by blood
then let me carry a knife
if not then let me walk naked
if so let me have rifle and knife
if not let me walk in the sun
if so let me live behind a fortress
if not let me love my wind-home
revolution means community
we must have this - if by
blood
then let it bleed - blood
has already been taken
if by tears - let us cry
tears have flowed plenty
tears and blood let us
rededicate ourselves to
revolution means community
we are a community of lovers
defend your lover(s)
we are because of all the
shit that has come down
an army of lovers
we shall win - dig it
revolution means community

Charles P. Thorp
(bold soul sister)
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from "Gay Sunshine"

MR. MACHO

I stood against the wall scared
and looking for an end to loneliness.
He came over with his hand on his cock
and asked if I wanted to get fucked.
"How big is it?" I asked.
"8 hard inches," he replied earnestly.
"Good, shove it up your own ass," was all I could blurt out.

Stephen Ben-Mordechai

from "Gay Sunshine"

On Proust:

Often I have wondered into your treasured
richly-textured past and come out as
confused and bewildered as when I went in.
What is it that you have found that we seek so vainly?
Have you reduced the vanity of your experience
to mere vanity? I wondered everytime
I have seen your face in a crowd,
and I have smelt the smell of my own pasts
caught uptight inside of me trying to escape
like perfume fumes from a tight crystal bottle.

Often I have plunged down these rabbit holes
down to my own innocence and settled there
for a moment to retaste the moment
that must be told in taste
and touched in touch
and smelled in smell.
I have gone where you have gone
but have not come back to tell the trip so well.

I have seen your face
in a crowd of memories observing and observing and observing,
great homosexual observer when will the past
be liberated for all to join in?
And when the guilt of dying yesterdays is through
will there still be a past
for will not then the past
be merely the passageway that opens
into the present when all will share
in this experience of an unselfish time
that will share it's richly textured presence
with us all.

Perry Brass

with Larry in mind
by L. Summerschild Stone

when warmly wrapped in the arms of another boy
when the wind talks tempest
and carols a cold and better tune
i listen to the harmony of my lover's even breaths
i caress his chest and burrow deeply
every limb finding a crevice, every joint, a fleshy
nook
that enfolds and emboldens me with feelings of soft
security
i look within to joy
i look without to
queer; faggot; degrade him; castrate him;
"keep away from my little willy!"
pervert; silly; cocksucking fairy;
"hey mary hey mary"
mafia bars continue the condemning contrasts
that divide us in two
crime 'n queer 'n queer 'n crime 'n criminal collige
and the wits ends become the day's beginnings
trained, geisha-like, i avert my gaze from imagined
straights
scared to speak of a moment's lustful craze
visions of a blooky daze, me in error
and while set adrift amidst this onerous macho tide
of trampled sensitivities and wounded pride
when am i free from role-bound tension, hostility
indeed terror
when warmly wrapped in the arms of another boy
when the wind talks tempest
and carols a cold and bitter tune
when warmly wrapped in the arms of another boy
when warmly wrapped in another's arms
when warmly wrapped
when wrapped
respice
and for just one loving moment i forget
that another day of a dog's dodging must be met

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Sterility and homosexuality

by Perry Brass

There is no creativity in roles except in
destroying the role that has already been
created for you.

A few weeks ago I went to the St. Marks
Clinic with the man from whom I thought that I
had caught gonorrhoea. We went down there
because we thought the clinic would be less
sexist, more understanding, more groovy than
regular public health clinics. In actuality no
place should have to be more understanding
because all people should UNDERSTAND as a
minimum requirement for dealing with people.
One of the doctors examined Robert first and
then another doctor examined me. They stepped
outside the examining area to discuss the fact
that they had both of us together. I overheard
one of the doctors saying (referring to one of
us), "yes, I guess he was playing the 'male role'".
For a minute I was too taken back to say
anything. I told Robert what I had heard. "Hell",
he said. "You should have said that we
weren't playing any roles. We were fuckng". I
realized then that they were playing the roles of
doctors, in which all other people have to be
reduced to playing secondary or supporting
roles.

In the January issue of Gay Sunshine, the
Gay Liberation paper published in Berkeley,
there is a very informative article called "Itaics,
How to Get Fucked and Like It". The article
goes into some depth about the roles of fucker
and fuckee. How to be a good fuckee. How to
get fucked and like it.....

like it. How to be a good fucker. What a good
fucker should do to make his fuckee feel well
loved. There is a real need for this type of
understanding in homosexual society because
good ole SS has made fucking into the highest
of lowest form of humiliation.

Many homosexuals become very sensitive to
what they feel is the inevitable sterility of
homosexuality. Homosexual sex used to be
referred to as "non-productive sex". Procreation
is another of the batshit with which our
homosexual sisters and brothers are attacked.
As some sort of sponge sick consciences though,
we are assured that there is a definitely higher
incidence to creativity among homosexuals than
among heterosexuals (and in our present very
sexist society, these artificial classifications are
still very much needed). When the parents of
so-called creative children trundle off their
offspring to the nearest Freudian shrink at the
slightest sign of what is still called in the
suburbs "gender misidentity", there are usually
two schools of thought in their heads: First, that
if their child is homosexual, a lifetime of
alienation (possibly as bad as their own) and
sterility will result. Second, that if the
child REALLY is "that way", it might not be
so terribly bad because they might very well
have another Michelangelo or Gertrude Stein on
their hands. Just as procreation was the
justification for heterosexuality and it's for
front institution the family, so creativity has
been the justification for homosexuality in the
times in which all of human behavior has had
to be justified in order to cover what is
basically the whole sterility and emptiness of
sexist society.

We are living in the times of a very Sexist
Society. I will refer to it as "SS".

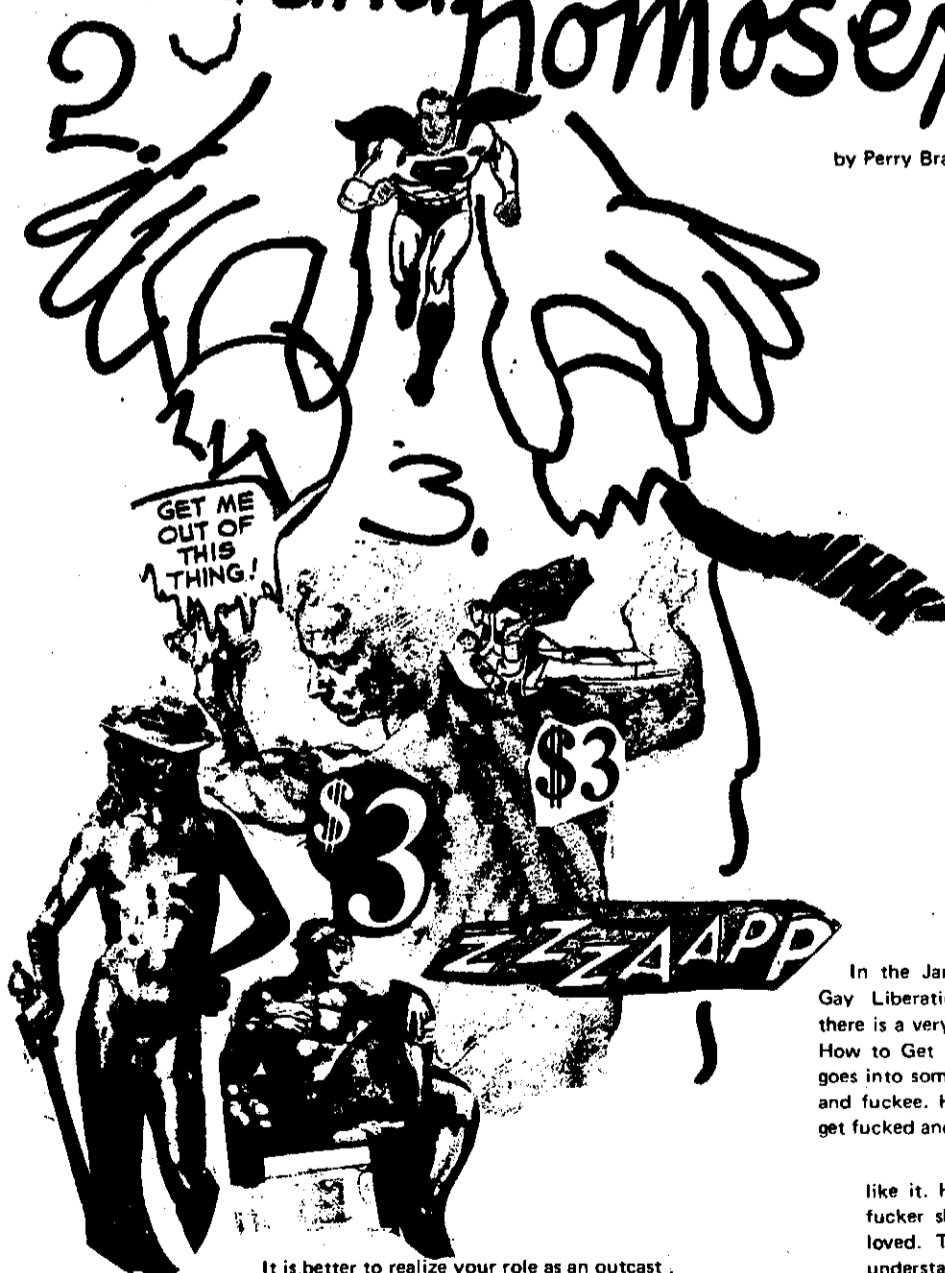
The real sterility of our life is that we must
always reject some part of our selves in order to
be allowed the privilege of existing in "SS".

If you are a male homosexual, you must
either reject your basic homosexuality and
camouflage it as heterosexuality or possibly
bisexuality (again in very SS society, these
labels are HERE TO STAY), or you must reject
the part of yourself that SS refers to as
feminine. You must reject the part of yourself
that was born without fear of labels. You must
reject that spontaneous joy that comes from
living without fear.

If you are a woman, on the other hand, you
will probably have to reject every part of
yourself except that part that SS men want.

SS - Sexist society is SEXUAL FASCISM.

If there is no joy in being homosexual, there
will only be sterility.



It is better to realize your role as an outcast,
a fugitive from society. There is more joy in
being a criminal than in being an actor, a
charade of the well-adjusted homosexual,
well-justifying her or his life in terms of making
the most of bad situation.

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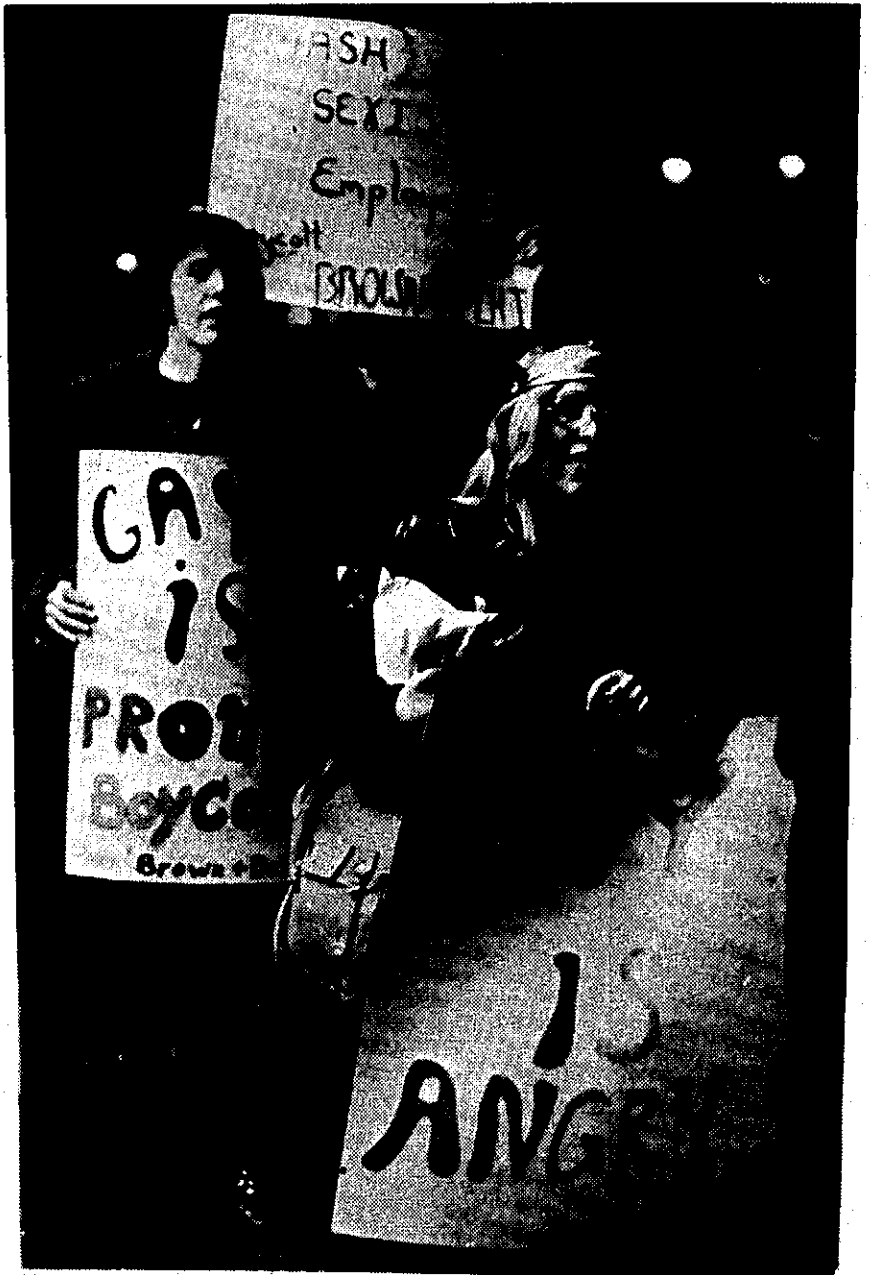
Boycott: Brown & Delhi

On March 6, 1971 we received a special delivery letter "terminating" our employment at **Brown & Delhi Bookstore** (5th Ave & 13th sts., ch2-7760). No explanation was given, and there had been no warning.

Horowitz, the "boss" was afraid to confront us face to face because he had no just reason to fire us. Horowitz because we are gay and proud. He fired us because we did not pretend to be "straight" during working hours. He wanted us to hang our love in the closet, but we refused to be robots.

We decided to fight back, and called for a demonstration. About fifty sisters and brothers came out on a cold winter evening to picket this sexist bookstore. We demanded to be immediately rehired with full back pay to be contributed to the Gay Liberation movement. We also demanded that Brown & Delhi Bookstore stock Gay Liberation literature. This later they refused despite the fact that they carry anti-Gay propaganda such as **Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Sex** with its vicious stereotyping of Homosexuals, as well as psychology books advocating the Genocide of Gay people.

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At first Horowitz laughed. He thought the demands were only symbolic. But we came back and asked his customers to boycott the store. We said, "Don't support discrimination, Boycott Brown & Delhi." And the people of the community boycotted Brown & Delhi in droves.

We know that the boycott is effective. We know this because Mr. Horowitz has attempted to buy us off. But he cannot buy off this boycott. It will only end when a fair negotiated agreement is reached.

Horowitz said, "I'll never negotiate with you." This is because he cannot stomach the idea that Gay people, whom he has always treated with contempt, can be his equals. Well, Mr. H., you can negotiate soon. You can negotiate later. Or you can go out of business. These are your three choices.

Many sisters and brothers seem to feel that we should not make such a fuss. Some people act as if the Boycott is only for the benefit of two individuals rather than the whole Gay Community. Many feel that if something is not done right away, it is not worthwhile, and sometimes we become discouraged.

The last time the store was picketed, Horowitz placed a sign in his window that read: **We did not fire them**

because they are gay people.

That is their privilege and their own business.

We fired them because they were not responsible workers.

That is our right and our business and of much concern to the public.

OBSERVE AND JUDGE'.

We are very encouraged by this lying sign because it is an admission by Horowitz that his business is being hurt.

A Gay victory at Brown & Delhi is very important. A gay defeat may mean years before any Gay People attempt anything similar. If Horowitz is either forced to negotiate or forced out of business, it will make all avaricious merchants of his ilk think twice before messing over Gay people.

They, Gay People, will win even if it means protracted conflict.

Gay is pRoud & AngRy!!

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Steve Brooks
Tim Elliot