

April 28, 1971

Hello!

We, the gay prisoners and the transsexuals in this the Washington State Penitentiary at Walla Walla, Washington, are organizing a chapter of the Gay Liberation Front, the first of its kind within a prison, at least within the State of Washington.

We are willing, as we must be, to fight the state, the prison administration, and the PIGS within, for our rights as human beings, as prisoners and as citizens.

We, as one, are sick, disgusted and weary of the obscene remarks, "sinine" jokes at our expense, the suppression, oppression and repression of our civil rights, of our human rights.

We, as a group, will organize. If we must go underground then so be it, but we hope to have official sanction of our chapter of the Prisoners' Gay Lib.

We fight not only for ourselves but for the homosexuals and transsexuals in every prison with the state of Washington, be they male or female.

We fight for legalization of homosexuality within the state of Washington, and in the United States.

We join, in solidarity, the fight for us all. We, the gay men and women within the prisons have been called the 'forgotten ones'. Must this be so?!"

If you wish to be made a part of our Fight For Right, use our determination to: A. protect the homosexuals in the Washington State Prisons and, B. eventually legalize homosexuality between consenting adults within the State of Washington and the United States, please be hereby notified that the "Chris Wheeler Legal/Medical Aid Fund" is now a legal, functioning process whereby all donations will be accepted from those who wish to become a part of our determination. Please stipulate by card or letter the donation is to be put into the Chris Wheeler Fund or simply the Homosexual/Transsexual Fund. Please send to:

Mr. John Demco, Attorney-at-Law or
Mr. Duane Erickson, Attorney-at-Law
14107 Aurora Avenue, North
Seattle, Washington 98133

Only in Unity is there power and only in solidarity will we win. Thank you.

THE CHRIS WHEELER FUND

The Chris Wheeler fund is a legal/medical fund for homosexuals and transsexuals.)
med. The following is the plan concerning the use of any monies in the fund:

1. The long range goal is the eventual legalization of homosexuality not only in the state of Washington but in the United States.

2. The immediate concern is the protection of the homosexuals and the transsexuals within the Washington State prisons. There is a need for legal protection against the harassment, prejudice, and the unconstitutional discrimination as shown by the oppressive, suppression, and repression of the civil and human rights. The homosexuals and transsexuals need protection from the unconstitutional discrimination shown them by the "straight" parole board who gives them "slaps" for merely what they are, Homosexuals and Transsexuals.

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4. Some of the monies is to be used for an eventual gay class action.

5. Some of the monies is to be used for the legal/medical aid for the transsexuals so they can receive the sex change operation as recommended by psychiatrists and/or other doctors without going through the harassment, lock-up, segregation by the administration, and flops by the parole board, etc. Court orders will at first be necessary to help the transsexual obtain the sex change operation since the administration and the parole board will not consent

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to this type of operation regardless if the person has the monies to pay for the operation himself. They will not consent nor recognize this type of rehabilitation as being the only type of rehabilitation left for the transsexual.

6. Some of the monies is to be used for homosexuals and transsexuals in need of medical aid within the prisons who, because of discrimination and/or prejudice cannot receive proper treatment or because they don't have the monies to receive doctors care. Then an "outside doctor will be called in to interview them. This applies to all prisons and all homosexuals and transsexuals therein.

7. Some of the monies is to be used for the research of the laws concerning homosexuality and the court action that will be needed to change them to legalize homosexuality between consenting adults in Washington State and in the United States.

8. Some of the monies is to be used for the representation here in the disciplinary court and in

protection from the powers that be: the administration and the parole board.

When a homosexual or a transsexual appears before the parole board, a board made up of "straight" people, and who because of this are not qualified in the least to judge a homosexual, he is often given another year to do. And WHY? NOT because of the crime he is in prison for; NOT because he has refused to work or for insubordination; NOT because he has committed some atrocious crime - But for merely BEING himself. - living as he must; for being what he is - a homosexual, a transsexual.

Because of unrealistic, discriminatory rules and regulations based on laws which are themselves prejudicial, discriminatory, archaic, and unconstitutional, the homosexual is segregated, forced to live in a single man cell in a cell block designated for this purpose. Because of this unconstitutional discrimination and segregation, the homosexual is forced to meet with his adult consenting love partner or mate when and where they can. He cannot cell with his mate where they can be alone and out of the view of the others. No, he is forced to bring his love out into the convict society where all may view their most intimate acts of love, and if they were caught in an act of love, they are immediately taken to the "hole" and then to the "ill-famed kangaroo court" of this prison where they are humiliated, degraded, and insulted because he is to sit and listen to the dehumanizing and obscene

remarks about his person, his meta, his family background, and his family, after which he is thrown in solitary confinement for five or ten days, more or



courts of other prisons, to protect the homosexuals and transsexuals from undue harassment, morbid prejudice, unconstitutional discrimination and to help safeguard their rights.

9. Money is needed to pay our legal representatives, Mr. John Demco and Mr. Duane Erickson, concerning the legal research, advice, representation, and all other legal fees and expenses incurred.

THE FORGOTTEN ONES

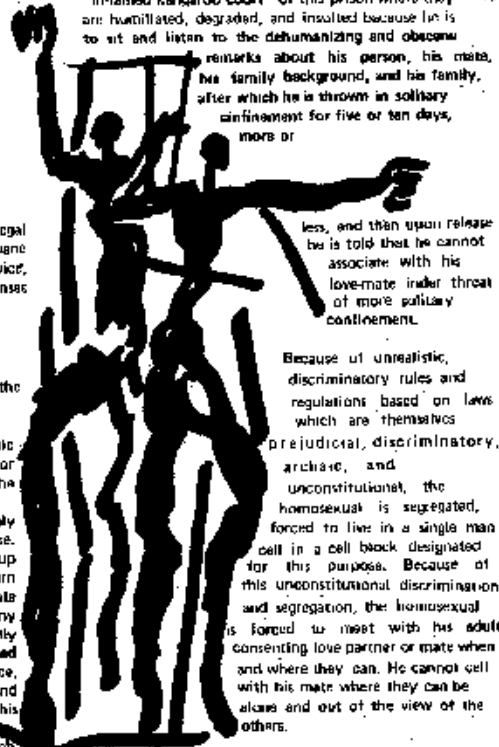
We, the homosexuals and transsexuals residing in the Washington State prison, do declare the following:

Within this institution there are many many ethnic and cultural groups of every race, creed, and color being represented in some way except the homosexuals and transsexuals.

The homosexuals within this prison are simply warehoused, merely existing, waiting for release. There are no realistic rehabilitative programs set up for the homosexuals. The homosexuals cannot turn to the social service counselors provided by the state appointed to help the residents with their many problems. These counselors, either because of totally unrealistic information, or because of self-retained ignorance, view homosexuality as a problem; hence, he views the homosexual himself as a problem and not as a human being. The homosexual views his

homosexuality as a way of life and accepts it as such.

There is no protection for the homosexual from the guards and administration, from the morbid prejudice and discrimination, name calling, and psychological anguish the homosexual must endure from the guards and administration. Often restrictions are placed against the homosexual for rule infractions that did not exist except in the twisted of some of the guards or else were based on hearsay and not on fact. These restrictions state he cannot attend movies or other entertainment. He can be forced to stop going to the "yard", to the gymnasium, library and all other areas of recreation for months and even years. The homosexuals have no



less, and then upon release he is told that he cannot associate with his love-mate under threat of more solitary confinement.

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revolution means community
(for Bob Brumwing
and Sam Russell)

revolution means community
if we must have these by blood
then ~~we~~ 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-borne
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 speak win - dig it
revolution means community

Charles P. Thorp
(bold soul sister)
5/30/70

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 neck
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 Bea-Mordoch

from "Gay Sunshine"

On Frost:-
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 relapse the moment
that must be told in taste
and touched in touch
and smelted in smelt.
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,
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 the 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 bitter tune
I listen to the harmony of my lover's even breathe
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 in joy
I look without to
queers faggots chequed him castrate him

"keep away from my little Willy!"
pervert silly cocksucking bitch!
"they marry they marry"
make bars continue the condemning contrasts
that divide us in two
crime 'n queer 'n queer 'n crime 'n criminal collige
and the wits ends became the day's beginnings
unaided, geisha-like, I avert my gaze from imagined
strights
scared to speak of a moment's lustful craz
visions of a bloody days, 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

1. Sterility and homosexuality

Many homosexuals describe very similar to what they feel is the insurmountable sterility of homosexuality. Homosexual sex used to be referred to as "non-productive sex". Procreation is another of the taboos which our homosexual sisters and brothers are attacked. As with a lot of things, some weeks 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 shrivel off their offspring to the nearest Freudian shrink at the slightest sign of what is still called in the suburbs "gender misdeeminy", there are usually two schools of thought in their heads: First, that if the child is homosexual, a lifetime of alienation (possibly as bad as the town) 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 far from institution the family, so creativity has been the justification for homosexuality in the times in which act of human behavior has had to be justified in order to know what is basically the whole civilty and happiness of our 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 (simply homosexuality) (again in very SS society, these labels are HERE TO STAY), or you must reject the part of yourself that SS refers to as "gay". You must reject the part of yourself that was born without fear of labels. You must reject that spontaneous joy that comes from being without fear.

If you are a woman, on the other hand, you will probably have to reject (except 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.



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 gonorrhea. 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 "refering 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, "He?", he said, "You should have seen that we weren't playing any roles. We were fucking". I realized then that they were playing the roles of doctors, in which all other people have to be without to play 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 "Sticks, 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 fucker, 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 worst form of humiliation.

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BOYCOTT: BROWN & DELHI

On March 6, 1971 we received a special delivery letter "terminating" our employment at Brown & Delhi Bookstore (6th Ave @ 13th st., ph2 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.

photos by ellen bedoz



At first Horowitz laughed. He thought the demands were only symbols. 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 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 voracious 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!!

Steve Brooks
Tim Elliot