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E D I T O R I A L

Today, November 11, is Veterans Day. It was known, until 1954, as Armistice Day. Armistice Day commemorated the cessation of hostilities between the Allies and the Central Powers on November 11, 1918.

Armistice Day was made a national holiday by an act of Congress in 1938 and continued to be so observed until June 1, 1954, when President Eisenhower signed a bill changing the name of the holiday to Veterans' Day.

The reasoning behind the change is especially important at this time in our history in light of the invasion of the island of Grenada by United States Armed Forces. The bill requesting the change was made by Congressman Rees of Kansas: "Since 1938, the United States has been involved in two great military efforts, and each has added millions of veterans."

Armistice Day means peace. Veterans' Day says that as long as we "honor" our veterans we can continue making war.

As for the "honor" accorded gay men and lesbians, Leonard Matlovich spoke for all of us when he said, "I was given a medal for killing a man and condemned for loving one."

Ronald Reagan recently said that he is prepared to use force again, "to prevent humankind from drowning in a sea of tyranny." If this sounds like Orwell's double-speak, we can be assured that it was Reagan's intention.

And, last but not least, remember that for every \$1 given to the U.S. government in taxes, at least \$1.50 is spent for war materiel, thus increasing the number of veterans to "honor" on subsequent Veterans' Days.

Jay Brown

For the past couple of months my briefcase has contained several copies of the questionnaire below. As I talked with people I asked them to answer the questions. The responses were very enlightening.

None of the respondents said they considered themselves at high risk of contracting AIDS. Most said they take care of themselves and are in good health.

Most said that as far as they knew they did not have sexual contact with people at high risk.

Poor diet, overindulgence of alcohol, drugs and sex were the reasons most gave for being at high risk.

And, most surprising of all, only one of the respondents said he had changed his lifestyle. One said, "No, though I am more

paranoid in some ways."

How do you feel about AIDS? We'd like to know so we can have a larger sampling. Send your response to *Just Out*, 923 SW 17th, Suite B, Portland, OR 97205. No names please.

Do you consider yourself at high risk of contracting AIDS?

Why? Why not?

Do you have sexual contact (trade body fluids) with people whom you believe to be at high risk?

What, in your opinion, is being at high risk?

Have you changed your lifestyle because of AIDS?

If yes, in what ways.

What do you feel is our responsibility, as a newsmagazine, to inform you about AIDS?

LETTERS

U.S. out of Grenada

To The Editor:

The U.S. Government has earned the title of International Public Enemy #1. They have criminally invaded Grenada and Carriacou. In Lebanon Reagan's military policy is responsible for the deaths of over 200 members of the armed "peacekeeping force" sent to prop up a government accepted by almost no one except the U.S. government. "Our" government is arrogantly trying to overthrow the legitimate leftist government of Nicaragua while in El Salvador they support the hated, murderous right wing government. They are deploying missiles in Europe despite massive protests and support the fascist South African government against Black leftist revolutionaries.

Here in the U.S. the government especially targets women and people of color in their

attack on the well-being and rights of its citizens by union busting, and attempting to wipe out the Civil Rights Commission, affirmative action programs, abortion rights and benefits of the poor and disadvantaged.

Government officials conduct their national and international campaigns against the lives and hopes of the poor in the name of humanity and democracy. But the real motive is to create a subjugated population — barefoot, pregnant and government and its partners, domestic and international corporations, want access to all the land, natural resources and cheap labor in the world. When countries choose socialism, like Grenada, Cuba and Vietnam, they use their wealth to create jobs and services to enrich the lives of their citizens. The U.S. government, who believes that all resources and labor are for the personal

enrichment of businessmen, are resorting to outlaw methods to regain control over countries who want to be free from U.S. economic, political and military domination. As a U.S. citizen I am disgusted at having my tax money spent on weapons to be used abroad to keep people suppressed and in poverty.

The U.S. must get out of Grenada, Carriacou, Lebanon and El Salvador immediately. They must cease using our hard earned money to support right wing dictators who rob and murder their citizens, and stop attacking the poor and working people in the U.S.A.

Sincerely,
Adrienne Weller

Congratulations

Congratulations on a superb first issue.

It looks like Portland finally has the excellent paper its strong gay community has long deserved. Through the editorial concept and content, the design, and — most of all — the commitment to serve your community which is apparent in the first issue of *Just Out*, you have produced a fine publication of which everyone in Portland should be proud. It's obvious that *Just Out* is the product of deep concern and great talent.

If there is any way we can help you in the next few months, give us a call.

Sincerely,
Robin Evans,
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Seattle, Washington