

Alpenrose loses a couple more

Whether we can call it a groundswell of support for a boycott is debatable, but we do keep hearing that more businesses are cancelling their Alpenrose accounts; the latest being Nature's and Earthquake Ethel's. Both businesses cancelled for the same reason that compelled the people at Foodfront to do so, Carl Cadonau's homophobia.

Portland's Gay Games II teams in training

Approximately forty gays and lesbians from Portland have joined various teams and are in training for the upcoming Gay Games II to be held in San Francisco August 9-17.

Gay Games II will feature competition in 18 sports, spectacular opening and closing ceremonies, and an array of gay cultural events.

Dubbed "Procession of the Arts," 25 different events will showcase the talents of the lesbian and gay community in such fields as music, opera, art, poetry, literature, dance and film, which begins August 1 and continues through August 17.

Organizers of Gay Games II expect about 3,000 athletes in competition which is about double the number of participants in the 1982 games.

General information about Gay Games II may be obtained by writing Gay Games II, 526 Castro Street, San Francisco, CA 94117 or calling (415) 861-8282.

Desert Hearts breaks out

KOIN Center Cinema's first big hit, *Desert Hearts*, has set a record in audience attendance at the new multi-screen complex. *Desert Hearts*, the story of a love affair between two women in Reno during the late 1950s, drew sell-out crowds during the first three weeks of its extended run. "25% over its nearest competitor" reported a spokesman for the Seven Gables chain, owners of the KOIN Center complex.

Penny vs The Rank & File: Stan Peters, Prop.

Penny Harrington was newly minted; she had just been appointed Chief of the Portland Police Bureau. One of her first acts was to alter the image of the man on the beat, or as she put it: "If they look like Marines, they're going to act like Marines."

Not long after Ms. Harrington made that statement, I happened to witness the following:

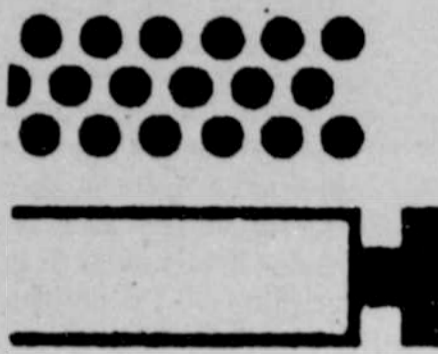
Scene: A Tri-Met bus (14-Hawthorne)

Characters: Stan Peters (Police union president) accompanied by several others resembling Marines in mufti.

Stan Peters reaches into his Marine Corps gym bag, pulls out his Marine Corps baseball cap and says, "So she doesn't want us to look like Marines, huh? Well, I got mine."

Stan flashes a Marine Corps grin as he shows off the Marine Corps tie tack resting on

What's going on here?



by Jay Brown

his portly belly.

Sexism is what's going on here.

Too bad Penny Harrington didn't use the same weapon against the "rank & file" (read Police Union: Stan Peters, Prop.) that was used against her and her husband: the spectre of involvement with illegal drugs.

Portland's Bureau of Police has been plagued for years with scandals in its drug investigative unit (remember Scott DePoe for instance?) When Harrington reorganized the drug division, she didn't take that extra step and order drug tests for the personnel under her command.

Drug testing of police personnel is something new, but not so new that Penny Harrington was ignorant of its implementation in Boston several months ago. The law enforcement community in this country being what it is, she surely must have known that the New York City Police Commissioner, Benjamin Ward, had ordered mandatory drug testing for current and prospective members of its Organized Crime Control Bureau, which includes the narcotics division.

And on the same day that Ward recommended random testing for all police under his command, the FBI and the Drug Enforcement Administration announced that both agencies had begun widespread programs of testing of new employees for drug abuse; the programs will eventually also require urinalysis for randomly selected seasoned FBI and DEA agents.

Maybe Mayor Bud Clark will take a closer look at the obvious "drug problem" in the Portland Police Bureau when he appoints the next Chief of Police and require that testing for drug abuse be administered where it would really do some good: to the "rank & file" of the Portland Police Bureau.

Justice prevails?

A New York State court, in unanimous decision, recently ordered Roy M. Cohn disbarred, calling his conduct in four legal matters "unethical," "unprofessional," and "reprehensible."

Cohn, who rose to prominence and political influence with his work for Senator Joseph R. McCarthy in the 1950s, can no longer practice law before state courts or provide clients with legal advice about matters before New York State courts.

At present, Cohn and his partner, Thomas A. Bolan, are very close to Ronald Reagan and are said to influence the selection of US government officials, including judges.

NGRA hits insurance industry

National Gay Rights Activists (NGRA) has been very busy of late and insurance companies are feeling the brunt of their efforts. NGRA recently filed a complaint with the California Department of Insurance on behalf of Edward Miller of San Diego after North American Life & Casualty Company hired a private agency to investigate his "morals" and living arrangement with another man when Miller applied for a small life insurance policy. Following the investigation, North American demanded that Miller undergo "HTLV-III screening." The complaint names both the insurance company and Hooper-Holmes investigating agency; Hooper-Holmes submitted an investigative report to North American in which they noted that a "residential informant (Miller's neighbor) felt that applicant was a little too close to his partner."

Earlier NGRA and the Employment Law Center of the Legal Aid Society of San Francisco filed the nation's first major lawsuit challenging the AIDS-related underwriting practices of a health insurance company. The company, Great Republic Insurance Company, has published underwriting guidelines which target unmarried males, in stereotypically gay occupations, for discrimination. The Employment Law Center and NGRA contend that these guidelines violate both the California insurance code and the state's civil rights laws, which forbid arbitrary discrimination by business establishments.

The lawsuit, *NGRA v. Great Republic*, has been filed on behalf of the members of National Gay Rights Advocates and David Hurlbert, a resident of San Francisco. Hurlbert was rejected by Great Republic after he refused to fill out their supplemental questionnaire. The suit, filed in San Francisco Superior Court, demands \$100,000 in damages for pain and suffering and \$10 million in punitive damages. The suit also demands that Great Republic be permanently enjoined from dis-

criminating against applicants for health insurance on the basis of gender, marital status and sexual orientation.

NGRA has also recently published the *AIDS Practice Manual: A Legal and Educational Guide*. The manual offers instruction and sample forms for lawyers to use when dealing with the special legal problems faced by persons with AIDS or ARC. The publication is a joint project with the San Francisco Chapter of the Anti-Sexism Committee of the National Lawyers Guild. The manual includes chapters on such issues as wills, employment discrimination, and the military.

The manual can be purchased for \$10 (including postage and handling) by writing NGRA at 540 Castro St., San Francisco, CA, 94114. It is designed for a three-ring binder, and additional chapters and updates will be published in the future. NGRA is a non-profit public interest law firm which deals with gay civil rights issues and has a fully staffed AIDS Civil Rights Project. The Anti-Sexism Committee of the San Francisco Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild is an organization of lawyers, legal workers, and law students committed to working on issues impacting women and gay people.

Kimble Pendleton Mead, thank you.

The drawing for the cover of *Just Out's* June 1986 issue was a gift from Kimble Pendleton Mead, a gay artist who lives in Brooklyn, NY. We hope he accepts this belated note of appreciation.

Thanks, Kimble, you made our month.

Credit where credit is due

Just Out wishes to credit Ina Cohen, Art Coordinator of Gay Community News, for inspiration for the illustration in our tribute to Simone de Beauvoir and Jean Genet in our May 1986 issue.

LaRouche initiative qualifies in California

An initiative backed by followers of political outcast Lyndon LaRouche that could help spread the AIDS epidemic by making people afraid to seek medical help or tests has been certified by the California Secretary of State and will appear on the November ballot in that state.

The initiative, signed by more than 443,000 eligible voters, would require health officials to quarantine thousands of people suspected of exposure to the AIDS virus as

well as people already diagnosed with the disease.

The measure, which has been denounced by the California Medical Association, would require blood testing on anyone suspected of carrying the HTLV-III virus, requires that the test results be reported to state authorities and bar people with positive test results from working in schools, restaurants, and the health field.

Since scientists do not believe that AIDS is spread by casual contact or through the air the LaRouche initiative "serves no public health or health care purpose at all," said a California Medical Association spokesperson.

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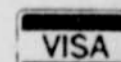
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