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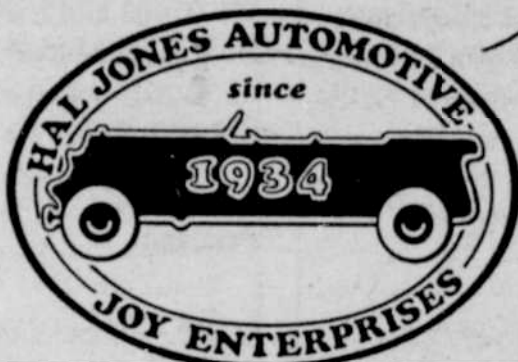


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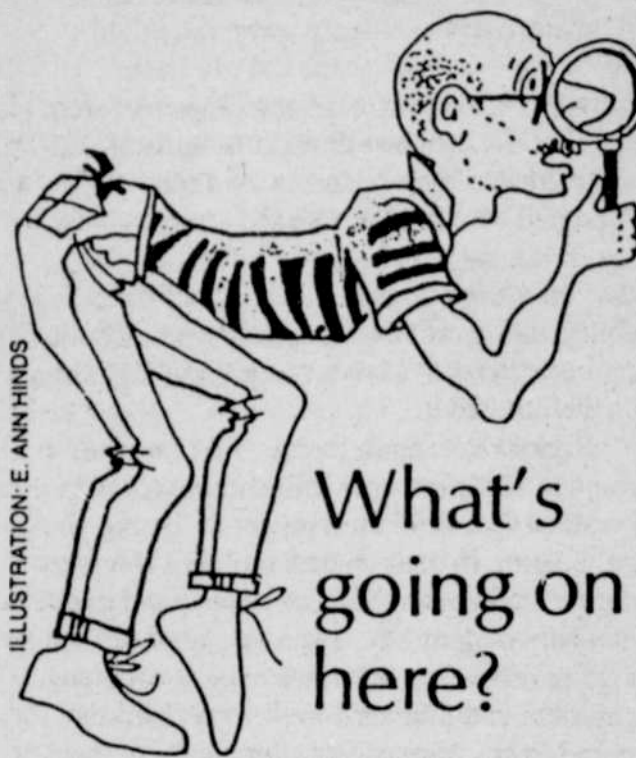
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### Voice in the wilderness

"We can only discriminate against openly gay people or those we think are gay. To avoid discrimination all you have to do is live a lie."

— Representative Gerry Studds, Democrat of Massachusetts, told an audience of more than 700 persons at the annual Right to Privacy PAC Lucille Hart Dinner, that gay and lesbian rights are civil rights and that we must face the challenge of our own convictions. Studds came out of the closet on the floor of Congress in 1983 after an ethics panel revealed that he had had a relationship with a male page 10 years earlier.



What's  
going on  
here?

B Y J A Y B R O W N

### Remington tapped for Hart Award

Stevie Remington, Executive Director of the Oregon Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union was named recipient of the Right to Privacy Political Action Committee's Lucille Hart Award at the PAC's eighth Lucille Hart Dinner on October 7.

The ACLU's executive director since 1970, Remington has been in the forefront of the struggle for full civil rights for lesbians and gays in Oregon. The ACLU has been instrumental in gay rights cases in Oregon since 1971 when it represented a high school teacher who was fired because she admitted to being a lesbian. The ACLU was successful in challenging the constitutionality of the law. Since 1973, Remington has lobbied for passage of civil rights protections for gays and lesbians in every legislative session.

### Sign of the times

The Clinton [Iowa] Herald is printing a coupon which its readers may return with the names and addresses of persons they suspect of being involved with drugs. The newspaper's manager, interviewed on All Things Considered, said he was pleased with the response. A week into the appeal, about 35 completed coupons had been returned and turned over to local police.

### Pentagon told to end anti-gay bias

A report by a Pentagon research center recommending that the United States military abandon its bias against gays and lesbians and allow them full participation in the services has been rejected by the Department of Defense as biased, flawed, offensive and wasteful of government resources, according to internal Pentagon correspondence quoted by the New York Times.

Pentagon officials said the report exceeded its mandate of determining security risks posed by homosexuals in the military when it examined the question of suitability of homosexuals for military duty. The report, "Nonconforming Sexual Orientations and Military Suitability," was completed last January by the Defense Department's Personnel Security and Research Education Center in Monterey, California, and recently made public by members of Congress who believe that gays and lesbians should be permitted to serve in the military.

The report rejected the military's long held belief that homosexuals are security risks, concluding that they pose no greater risk than heterosexuals and are no more likely to be victims of blackmail. According to Representative Patricia Schroeder, a Colorado Democrat and member of the House Armed Services Committee, the report is "an excellent academic survey of the available literature."

"We asked why the Defense Department killed the report," Representative Schroeder said in a meeting to discuss the report in late October. "We were told the report's mandate was to look at the reliability of homosexuals for security reasons, not the suitability of homosexuals for military service. I found that a distinction without a difference."

### Reactionaries still at it, contributions pouring in

Just in case anyone thinks that the oxymoronic "No Special Rights Committee" has given up the ghost, think again. As of October 10, 1989, contributions were still pouring in to the rabidly homophobic far right organization. Between December 7, 1988, and October 10, almost \$100,000 was added to the more than \$265,000 raised to run the Ballot Measure 8 hate campaign in last year's general election. Incidentally, only a very small percentage of contributors to the "No Special Rights Committee" and the Oregon Citizens Alliance live in Portland; almost all live in such places as Klamath Falls, Troutdale, Bend, Monroe, Sixes, Salem, Corbett, Oregon City, Medford, and other towns outside the metro area. Isn't it time gays and lesbians did much more outreach to counteract the reactionaries?

What are the "No Special Rights Committee" and its *führer* Lon Mabon doing now? They're up in Tacoma spreading more lies and hatred against gays and lesbians. In May of this year, the Tacoma City Council passed legislation which added "sexual orientation" to its anti-discrimination ordinance, and Oregon's homophobes, flushed with victory at the success in hoodwinking voters joined similar reactionaries in Tacoma to overturn the city's human rights measure.

Lon Mabon's other bailiwick, Oregon Citizens Alliance, by the way, is attempting to repeal Oregon's abortion laws by initiative petition. They have the money; they have the organization; they just might win this time, too.

A few more additions to our bigot's list: Richard J. Shimomura, Director, Good Samaritan Hospital, Portland; James D. Lockwood, College and University Administrator, State Department of Higher Education, Eugene; Harry J. Mack, Research/Teaching Prof., Oregon State University, Corvallis; Brian C. Beals, Teacher, West Union School, Hillsboro; Virginia A. Johnson, Teacher, Mill City-Gates School District, Mill City; Arthur and Elysa Gilberg, Teacher and Student, Gresham Grade School District, Gresham; and Beverly Dunn, Probation Officer, State of Oregon Department of Corrections, Albany. These people and 455 others contributed more than \$98,000 to the "No Special Rights Committee" during the past 11 months.