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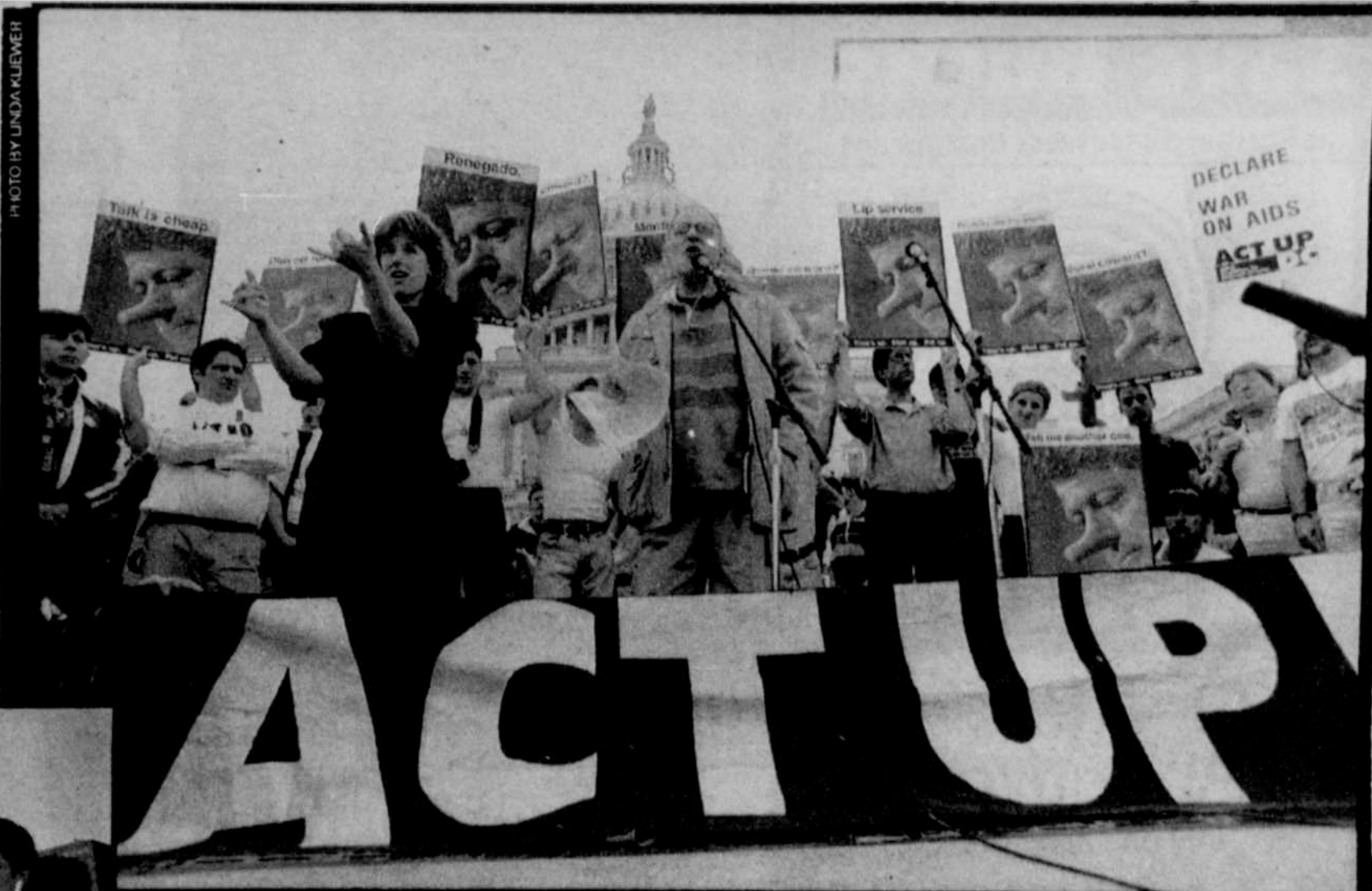


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HANDS AROUND THE CAPITOL ▽ One man described this event as the biggest "ring around the rosie" he had ever joined. Over 30,000 people, carrying 8,000 feet of red ribbon, formed double human rings around the Capitol, demanding Congressional action on the AIDS crisis. This was the largest AIDS-specific event of the March weekend, and culminated with a rally featuring a fiery presentation by AIDS activist Larry Kramer.

VIGIL AT THE HOLOCAUST MUSEUM On Friday, April 23, a vigil was held in the plaza next to the newly-opened Holocaust Museum, commemorating lesbians and gay men who were victims of the Holocaust. Dr. Klaus Muller, curator of the lesbian and gay portion of the museum, told stories of victims whose lives he had discovered during his research. Some vigil participants wept, while others stood in numb disbelief. At the end, participants placed pink carnations at the base of a floral pink triangle.



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THE WEDDING ▽ On Saturday, April 24, 2,000 lesbians and gay men registered as domestic partners in a rally and symbolic ceremony in front of the Internal Revenue Service building. More than 4,000 people took part in the demonstration. Speakers at the rally included Karen Thompson and Sharon Kowalski, resplendent in tuxedos. The Rev. Troy Perry conducted the ceremony. Confetti and rice were thrown at the newlyweds. Participants drew hearts and wrote messages proclaiming love and politics in chalk on the street in front of the IRS building. A certificate commemorating the event and acknowledging the vows will be mailed to those who paid the \$10 registration fee.



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