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## WORLD news

### GERMANY

Despite rain and chilly weather, a half-million people turned out for Berlin's Christopher Street Day Gay Pride parade June 23. The three-mile march from the Kurfeurstendamm shopping street to the government district to City Hall featured 80 floats.

Openly gay Berlin Mayor Klaus Wowereit told a post-parade rally, "We won't give the right-wing extremists a finger's width." The rainbow flag flew over City Hall as he spoke.



Klaus Wowereit

Wowereit, 47, came out June 10—six days before city councilors elected him by a vote of 89-78. About 84 percent of Germans told pollsters last month they have no problem with

the idea of a gay mayor in Berlin.

Wowereit made the announcement during a speech at the Social Democratic Party's convention. "I'm gay, and that's a good thing," he said, receiving lengthy applause.

Paris elected openly gay Socialist Bertrand Delanoë, 50, March 18. One commentator, writing in the newspaper *Frankfurter Allgemeine*, said because Parisians have a gay mayor, Berliners obviously wanted one, too.

"The most remarkable thing about it may well have been that it was not remarkable at all," German political scientist Michael Dreyer said. "In the week between the candidate's coming out and today's parliamentary election, some media have mentioned his coming out in a matter-of-fact way, but virtually the only comments and editorials I saw just mentioned it in passing and then generally favorably, as a welcome openness. Not one of the conservative politicians who are now replaced has made an unfriendly remark or comment in that regard. Any such remark would have been quite out of place in the German political culture anyway—you don't comment on your fellow politicians' private lives."

Franz Muentefering, secretary general of German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's Social Democratic Party, said other gay politicians should come out of the closet, too. His daughter is a lesbian.

"Homosexuals and lesbians in politics can help their party, themselves and public opinion if they do not disguise" their sexuality, Muentefering told *Stern* magazine June 20. "You create confidence, and [homosexuality] is not whispered about. Someone who tells the truth about this is someone who will tell the truth about other things. That is how people see this issue."

The states of Bavaria, Saxony and Thuringia have filed suit in the Constitutional Court to block implementation of Germany's gay partnership law, which takes effect in August.

They call it an attack on heterosexual couples. The measure extends spousal rights to registered same-sex couples in areas such as inheritance, tenancy, health insurance, immigration, hospital visitation, child custody and alimony.

The U.S. government has given \$504,210 to the Pink Triangle Coalition "to promote public education and remembrance of the gay men and lesbians who were murdered by the Nazis or otherwise persecuted during the Nazi period."

The money is part of the U.S. contributions to the International Nazi Persecutee Relief Fund. The award letter to the group—a coalition of European, Israeli and U.S. gay organiza-

tions—came from the State Department.

"Our coalition is heartened by this opportunity to finally honor the memories of these gay men and lesbians who were killed by the Nazis, and we are appreciative to the U.S. government for acknowledging these non-Jewish victims," said Julie Dorf, a founder of the Pink Triangle Coalition and former head of the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission.

The money will be distributed to three German groups and one international agency. Planned projects include films, books, CD-ROMs and Internet sites.

### AUSTRIA

An outdoor exhibit on the Nazi persecution of homosexuals was destroyed by vandals June 13 in Vienna.

The pink-triangle pillars displaying photos and documents related to the Third Reich's anti-gay repression and murder had been erected in Heldenplatz, a public square. Vienna's cultural affairs department will pay to have the exhibit repaired.

"It is rather strange that there are no eyewitnesses to the attack, because this is a place which is never completely deserted," said Kurt Krickler of Homosexual Initiative Vienna. "People pass



This outdoor exhibit on the Nazi persecution of homosexuals was a victim of vandals in Vienna

by there in the night, there is a disco nearby, and what is most surprising, the police did not take notice of the attack, although the exhibit is only 200 meters from the Federal Chancellery and the office of the federal president, which we assumed would be especially police-protected."

### BRAZIL

About 200,000 people turned out for the Gay Pride parade June 17 in Sao Paulo, making it the largest march of its kind anywhere in the Third World.

The city's first parade six years ago attracted only 2,000 people. Mayor Marta Suplicy addressed the celebrants at a rally in the gay bar district.

### SLOVENIA

About 40 sexual minorities demonstrated June 15 at Ljubljana's Galerija Cafe to protest the venue's reported refusal to serve gay customers a week earlier. They occupied most of the patio, hoisted rainbow flags and sipped bottled water very slowly.

Slovenian gay poet and activist Brane Mozetic and Canadian gay poet Jean-Paul Daoust allegedly were denied entry to the cafe June 8. A bouncer reportedly told them, "You just have to get used to the fact that this pub isn't for that sort of people."

Slovenian voters June 17 overturned a 2-month-old law allowing single women to access artificial insemination technology. A total of 72 percent of voters said the procedure only should be available to married women.

### ICELAND

The gay and lesbian scene virtually has disappeared in Iceland, London's *The Pink Paper* reports—"not through underuse but