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THE BUGGERY LAWS MUST GO!

The Wran Government wants to do something about the anti (male) homosexual laws. There is to be a Seminar on 'victimless crimes', including male homosexuality, to debate proposed law changes. It will be held on February 25-27. The Homosexual Rights Coalition (which includes the Socialist Lesbians/Male Homosexuals) is presenting a paper to the Seminar.

If the laws are to be changed (and it seems they will), what should our tactics be in the current campaign? We should try to involve as many homosexual women and men as possible against the current repressive sex laws.

The Homosexual Rights Coalition has agreed (somewhat reluctantly) to support the women's anti-rape bill which is based on the law in existence in Michigan, USA. This bill calls for the repeal of existing legislation on sexual conduct and replaces them with laws against violence, force or coercion being used against a person in a sexual act. The bill has no age of consent because we believe children also have a right to enjoy their sexuality. The right of a husband to rape his wife would also be eliminated.

The anti homosexual laws are probably the most obvious area of male homosexual oppression by society. Just as the women's liberation movement is united against the anti-abortion laws, so must we unite as many homosexuals as possible to smash the buggery laws and implement the new rape law.

- Lance.

THE AUS REAFFIRMS ITS PRO-HOMOSEXUAL POLICY.

The Annual Council of the Australian Union of Students was held in Melbourne, January 13-22. The Council passed a number of resolutions of interest to the homosexual movement.

The Council opposed the use of entrapment and agent provocateur techniques on the part of police to arrest homosexuals - as exemplified by the recent 68 arrests at or near Black Rock beach, Melbourne - and viewed such acts as political in so far as they seek to uniformly assert the complete dominance of institutionalized heterosexuality. The AUS recognized that those arrested are political detainees and called for the immediate dropping of all charges. A press release was issued to this effect by the National Executive of the Union.

Noting the unofficial advice from the Queensland Department of Education that Greg Weir, a male homosexual activist at Kelvin Grove College of Advanced Education, will not be given employment by that Department in 1977 because of his activism in the homosexual movement, the AUS decided to launch a national campaign around the following issues:

- a) the right of all people to enter and remain in educational institutions regardless of sexual preference;
- b) the right of students to involve themselves in political activity;
- c) the right of lesbians and male homosexuals to form groups in defense of their rights and for affirmation of the validity of homosexuality;
- d) the right of all people to employment regardless of sexual preferences;
- e) the right of homosexual teachers to express alternative life-styles within the education system. \$500 was allocated towards this campaign.

There is a campaign group working in Brisbane already in defense of Greg. The AUS plans to put out its publicity soon, including specific lesbian material from the Women's Department. It is a campaign that all the homosexual movement in Sydney should take up, possibly through the Homosexual Rights Coalition.

The AUS also decided to employ a part-time research assistant for 3 months to document the oppression of homosexuals in tertiary institutions, the report from which will form part of the AUS's submission to the Australian Government's Inquiry into Education and Training. Advertisements for applications for that position will appear in the student press early in term. \$3,100 was allocated towards this research project.

DATES.

Saturday January 29. Party at John's, 129 Edgecliff Road, Bondi Junction.

Monday January 31. 8pm. General meeting, Socialist Lesbians/Male Homosexuals, CAMP Center, 33A Glebe Point Road, Glebe.

Monday February 14. 8pm. General meeting, Socialist Lesbians/Male Homosexuals, CAMP Center, 33A Glebe Point Road, Glebe.

Monday February 28. 8pm. General meeting, Socialist Lesbians/Male Homosexuals, CAMP Center, 33A Glebe Point Road, Glebe.

* We have commenced two reading and discussion groups to develop an understanding of Marxism, feminism and homosexual oppression. Any one interested should contact us to join one of the groups as soon as possible.