

# GAY WOMEN MAY NOT JOIN IN GAY PARADE

"At this stone wall I will stop my running/Here at this wall I uncover my face/Here at this wall I damn the consequence/For at this stone-wall I make my stand.

The above was written by Gay sister, Lyn Pedersen, and it is what the Gay Freedom Day Parade is all about.

San Francisco will once again host a Gay Parade, to commemorate the struggle for Gay Freedom by Gaypeople. It will be held on the fourth anniversary of the Stonewall riots on Christopher Street in New York. This year it will be June 24th, the last Sunday in June.

The first Gay Parade committee open meeting was held on Feb. 19 at the Helping Hands Center in San Francisco. Elected thus far have been: H.L. Perry, member of the Board of Directors of the Tavern Guild, as Parade Marshall; William e. Beardemphl, founding president of S.I.R., now Gay Voters League moderator, as the treasurer, a post which last year was shrouded in controversy and violence. Elected to the post of secretary was Michael Bumblebee of Join Hands; and elected as parade committee co-ordinator-liason with the SFPD and other governmental agencies, was Rev. Ray Broshears of Gay Alliance. Broshears demanded that no other posts be filled until the Gay women of San Francisco had another opportunity to join in the work and

planning of the parade. None of the Gay women have indicated any interest thus far. Controversy surrounded the Gay women last year, as the women did not want drag-queen, transvestities or transsexuals in the parade.

The parade policy set last year and adopted again this year remains, that all Gaypeople, regardless of lifestyle or dress must be permitted to participate. Many Gay women have indicated that if drag queens are allowed again this year that they will boycott the parade once more.

Several members of Gay militant mens groups denounced the women's stand as discriminatory and just as bad as the straight community attitude towards drag queens.

The vote was unanimous to allow all people and non-exclusionary policy was adopted with the statement that those who are excluded have voluntarily chosen to do so by refusing to accept all peoples for what their trip is and not your own.

A Gay-fair was voted at Lafayette Park which is located three blocks off Polk Street, at Gough and Sacramento. This is the climax of the parade, which begins in the financial district and winds its way to the spacious park. Jim Fouratt and Michael Bumblebee are thus far the only workers on the Gayfair rally and site committee.

The Helping Hands Center was adopted at the information center for the parade committee. For information concerning the parade contact the Center, 771-3366.

## ZAP-A-LONG

The Gay Alliance is sponsoring a Zap A Long of the SFPD Vice Squad for 12:30 pm, Monday, March 12. The route of the Zap A Long is from 225 Turk, home of the GA, the Gay Alliance, eastward to Mason street, scene of many police busts of Gays, and past the Hilton and on to City Hall.

GA charges the vice squad has been using the garage of the Hilton Hotel to illegally hold people whom they have arrested through entrapment and enticement.

The GA has demanded of the

Board of Supervisors end this use of the Hilton Hotel as a jail for Gaypeoples and prostitutes: There is a resolution before the Board now to demand hearings on the matter.

In addition, the purpose of the Zap A Long is to call attention to the latest brutality against Steve Cook and David Von Loudon, and demand their release from charges of assault on a police officer.

Their trial is on Monday, March 19 9 am, Dept 10 at the Hall of Justice 850 Bryant Street.