

only reason we've referred to the Oscar Wilde poster is that was the easiest to refer to it. In any event, we can just call it the other poster.

THE COURT: All right, now, we have two posters, is that correct? Am I with you so far?

MR. DANSON: You are, Your Honour. You are, if you Honour wishes that resolved.

THE COURT: One has something about Bryant

really; I'd just as soon we kept our evidence to relevant matters relating to public property, to wit: the Canada Post mail box.

## calendar

**Every Tuesday & Thursday**  
 • *Lesbian Drop-in at the Lesbian Organization of Toronto. 7 pm at 342 Jarvis. Call 960-3249 Tuesday and Friday evenings for further information.*

**Sun., March 19**

• *Committee to Defend John Darnley meeting. 24 Duncan St. 1 pm.*

**Sat., March 25**

• *Gays at Toronto dance. 33 St George St. 9 pm. \$2 admission.*

**Thurs., April 6**

• *Gay Alliance Toward Equality general meeting. 519 Church St. 8 pm.*

**Sat., April 15**

• *Gay Alliance Toward Equality dance. 519 Church St. 9 pm. \$2 admission.*

**Sat., March 25**

• *The Pink Satin Bombers will do a benefit performance for The Body Politic Free The Press Fund, 8 pm at the St Paul Centre, 121 Avenue Rd (enter from Webster St). \$3 admission.*

*For a recorded message listing times & places of other community events, call The Community Calendar at 923-GAYS.*

## The Body Politic

# Gays to protest

# court ruling warrant on search

Supporters of The Body Politic plan to demonstrate outside the Yonge St office of Ontario Attorney-General Roy McMurtry to protest a March 15 court ruling. The ruling upheld the legality of a warrant used to raid the newspaper's offices Dec. 30.

McMurtry, an opponent of gay rights, was responsible for the raid and subsequent charges against The Body Politic.

The demonstration will take place on Thursday, March 23 at 5.15 pm at the corner of King and Yonge.

Ontario Supreme Court Justice Hugh Garrett decided March 15 that subscription lists and other materials police seized from the paper's offices need not be returned.

Judge Garrett ruled that the warrant used to seize the materials was perfectly legal.

The pretext for the raid was the publication in the November issue of The Body Politic of an article on pedophilia.

A week after the raid, Pink Triangle Press, publisher of The Body Politic, was charged along with its three officers under two sections of the Criminal Code dealing with obscenity.

Pink Triangle lawyer Clayton Ruby argued in court that the search warrant

was too vaguely worded. It authorized seizure of "documents pertaining to the business operations" of the paper.

In effect, the warrant permitted a fishing expedition by the police. None of the materials seized were relevant to the charges laid.

The ruling will be appealed.

# gays join women's march

About 30 gay men joined lesbians March 11 in an International Women's Day march of a thousand people.

The week before, the Gay Alliance Toward Equality distributed a leaflet calling on gays to join in. Quoting from the February Body Politic, the leaflet pointed out the common message of gay and women's liberation:

*"That there is not just one role for a woman, one role for a man, that people's lives should not be rigidly determined by their gender; that control of one's body is one's own business; and that suppression of one's true identity in the interests of any post office.*

# Gay Rising

Gay Rising is published for Toronto's gay and lesbian communities by the Gay Alliance Toward Equality, P.O. Box 156 Station P Toronto M5S 2S7 (964-0148).

MARCH 18, 1978

*social conformity is a slow form of suicide.*

GATE carried a "Gay Rights Now" banner in the march. There were also banners representing Gay Youth Toronto, Free Lesbians and Gays, and law students from the Osgoode Gay Caucus.

# gov't files opened

As of March 1, under the new Canadian Human Rights Act, partial access to more than 1500 federal government "data bank" files was extended to the public.

Of particular interest to gays are data banks maintained by:

- the Ministry of Employment and Immigration (Unemployment Insurance Claim File, Passport Office Control List, External Affairs Security Clearances),
- the Ministry of Justice (National Defence, Revenue and Taxation), and
- the Ministry of the Solicitor-General (RCMP files).

Some data banks are still exempt from examination, but exempt or not, all must be listed in a catalogue open to public inspection at any post office.

# Become an NGRC Supporter!

## GAY ALLIANCE TOWARDS EQUALITY



Damien speaks to 200 in Edmonton during Days of Protest

Do you want human rights for gay people?  
Do you want legal protection for gays against discrimination?  
Do you want to help fight anti-gay prejudice and sexism?

Become an NGRC Supporter!

- A subscription to NGRC Forum (four times yearly)
- Brochures and other movement literature (as published)
- NGRC's Annual Report
- Notification of conference and other movement activities
- Reduced registration fees at NGRC conferences
- a membership card

NGRC Supporters pay one annual fee from among the following categories:

- \$10.00 Basic
- \$15.00 Household (for two or more)
- \$25.00 Sponsor
- \$5.00 Limited Income

Please check one of the categories above, fill out the form below and send this ad (or a letter with all relevant information) to: Coordinating Office, National Gay Rights Coalition, PO Box 2919, Stn D, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5W9.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed an additional \$\_\_\_\_\_ as a contribution to NGRC.  
Please keep my name and mailings confidential.

### quote of the month

"Like homosexuals and Canadians, we left-handers endure the burden of a minority that can hide its oddity from the world at large most of the time with fair success, but that must somehow face up to itself and find its own answer to the question of its identity."—The New York Times Review of Books, April 17, 1977.

To obtain any information the federal government may have on you in one or more of the accessible data banks, you must fill out a form, which is also available at any post office, and mail it to the appropriate authority.

### awaiting trial

The trial of Ralph Lesser and David McLean has been set for 10 am on April 12 in Courtroom 21 at Old City Hall.

Their defence will be conducted by attorney Ken Danson.

The two members of Gay Youth Toronto were arrested in the Parkside on the evening of Jan. 13 on charges of impeding the sidewalk and disturbing the peace.

They had been handing out leaflets on Yonge St. The leaflets announced the time and place of a rally against Anita Bryant.

When the two men were taken in to 52 Division, the charges were changed to a single charge of loitering.

### a day in court

We offer the following excerpt from the transcript of the trial of Dave Foreman and Bob Schisler without comment, in the belief that it speaks for itself:

THE COURT: Is this the one they put up, this . . .

MR. DANSON: Anita Bryant.

THE COURT: I don't see any Anita Bryant here.

MR. DANSON: I'm sorry, it says, "... Bryant's Anti-Gay Crusade." That's

the poster they put up.

THE COURT: That's the one they put up.

MR. DANSON: According to their evidence.

THE COURT: Wasn't he talking about Oscar Wilde or somebody?

MR. DANSON: Yes, Your Honour, I think his evidence will indicate that this is the portion of the Oscar Wilde poster that was put up.

THE COURT: Which were they putting up, the Oscar Wilde or the other one?

### save our children

"EDMONTON (CP)—City police said yesterday they're looking for two men believed to have been with 14-year-old Cheryl Benson four hours before she was found partially-clothed and sexually-molested behind a drive-in restaurant." (Feb. 14, 1978)

"DALLAS (UPI)—Lawyer Van Ballew was convicted yesterday of murdering his 17-year-old daughter and was sentenced to life in prison."

"You'll never know how I loved my daughter," he said . . .

"Ballew's daughter was beaten with a bed slat and a pistol and stabbed with a butcher knife in July 1977." (Feb. 17)

"NEW YORK (AP)—Police said yesterday a Brooklyn lawyer beat his wife and three children to death with a baseball bat then tried to kill himself . . ."

"A neighbor said . . ."

MR. DANSON: Both. It may seem anomalous, Your Honour. We do have facsimiles of the posters and, in fact, they're not really anomalous. I have facsimiles in file.

THE COURT: It seems very strange, counsellor, to have a picture of Oscar Wilde heading an anti-gay crusade.

MR. DANSON: Well, Your Honour, apparently, he has a personal—

THE COURT: Or have I got something wrong?  
MR. DANSON: No, apparently, Your Honour,

can't believe it. He loved those children." (Feb. 24)

"BRANTFORD, Ont. (CP)—A Brantford man has been charged in the death of an eight-year-old girl found Feb. 18 after she had been missing four days, police said yesterday."

"An autopsy showed that the girl died of a fractured skull and brain damage caused by blows to the head with a blunt instrument." (Feb. 28)

"Evidence at the trial showed the couple took two-year-old Carol-Anne to the Hospital for Sick Children on Aug. 20, 1976 suffering from a bruised forehead.

Medical staff later discovered the child had severe bruising to the back, buttocks, thighs and genitals." (March 2)

"OTTAWA (Special)—A 16-year-old youth was charged with two counts of

he has a personal biography which links him with concerns with the gay community in Toronto.

THE COURT: Oscar Wilde? He's dead, a long time ago.

MR. DANSON: Yes, Your Honour. Perhaps I can show you the poster, because it speaks better than I can. I'm not much of an authority in this area.

THE COURT: I'd rather not, really. We're concerned with the post box, not the poster.  
MR. DANSON: That's right, Your Honour. The

first-degree murder yesterday after police found the stabbed bodies of his sisters in a bedroom of their home." (March 9)

"A \$10,000 reward has been posted for information in the murder of a 16-year-old London, Ont., girl on a county road near Belleville last week.

Linda Bright had been sexually assaulted, strangled and then run over with a car to make the death look like a hit-and-run accident." (March 15)

"LONG BEACH, Calif. (UPI)—Two parents who admitted keeping their adopted teenaged daughter imprisoned in her room for two years have begun serving two-year sentences of their own."

"The Johnsons also beat 16-year-old Laura Johnson regularly, denied her use of a toilet and kept her alive primarily on a diet of peanut-butter sandwiches." (March 16)