

[Queers Rally Cont.]

Those arrested were all members of a large mob of 3,000 to 5,000 Communists, Jews, and Queers who had arrived to attempt to prevent the anti-queer rally from taking place. The Queers meanwhile, some 30,000 strong, held their 12th annual Gay Pride Parade, with a big assist from Chicago's Mayor Jayne Byrne, who proclaimed an entire week in honor of the "Gay Community of Chicago."

In gratitude, the Queers in turn "honored" Mayor Byrne by having a drag queen dress up to impersonate her and act as the grand marshal of the parade!

While this disgusting spectacle went on, the anti-queer rally got underway without a hitch. In addition to the brown shirts and gray shirts of the ANP and the AFC, there was also a large number of black shirts from the Detroit SS Action Group, the only out of state activists there. That, plus 240 Chicago police, was enough to keep the Red-Jews and pro-Queer scum from disrupting the rally.

The first speaker was ANP National Council member Roger Johnson; he was followed by America First Midwest Organizer, Rick Prohaska; then John Reich of the SS Action Group, with the keynote address by America First National Chairman, Arthur Jones.

Due to the huge crowd of counter-demonstrators on hand, it was almost impossible to hear the speeches. However, the anti-Queer message of the groups participating in the rally was driven home by two signs that drove the Reds and Queers wild: a huge 20 foot long by 6 foot high banner quoting the Biblical position calling for death for Queers (Leviticus 20:13), and a simple, but devastating slogan on an America First placard: SMASH THE SODOMY LOBBY NOW!

As the rally was ending, the mob, by now hysterical with impotent rage, made a pathetic effort to save themselves from total disgrace by hurling rocks, bottles and eggs at their sworn foes, but all fell short of their mark. And with banners unfurled, the Gray Shirts and their allies mounted up on their truck and drove away in triumph.

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Right-wing group 'reports' on parade, rally

By Karlis Streips

The America First Committee, one of the sponsoring groups of this year's much-publicized anti-gay rally on Chicago's Gay and Lesbian Pride Day, has a recorded message line at a Chicago number. Prior to Pride Day, the message line urged callers to join the committee, as well as the American Nazi Party and the Ku Klux Klan, and help oppose the "queers" in Lincoln Park. The line's message after Pride Week was a description of the parade and rally as seen by one of the America First Committee's members. The message is repeated here verbatim:

"The recent celebration by the queer community of Chicago over their degeneracy is best described in one word: repugnant. Hello, this is [unintelligible name] of the America First Committee at 4345 S. Troy, Chicago, Ill. 60632.

"Yes, repugnant is the word for this disgusting spectacle that has until recently never been opposed. And, because there was no previous opposition to this putrid pageant of humanity gone berserk, this last one in Lincoln Park was the ultimate in bad taste.

"For example, consider two queers publicly fondling each other in public, dressed in their BVDs. And there was a cowboy queer in leather, snapping a whip while bare bodies in bondage bounced by on tippy-toes and cast-iron ankle bracelets. And, too, there was a contingent of Jewish lesbians with a banner proclaiming their Jewishness and queerness to anyone who cared to know—and few did—even queer Jewish children of the Holocaust that never was, while a neatly-dressed faggot strolled by with a sign saying, 'I teach your children.'

"And, last but not least, the boys from Black and White Men Together glided by, lovingly holding hands and wiggling their rears in anticipation of the fun and games at parade's end—over two hours away.

"As for the crowd on hand, it ran the gamut, from the pimply-faced Jews of Chutzpah—they had their nerve—to the all-Jewish Black Liberation Army, to the continuing human drama of the Spartacus [sic] League arguing the finer points of communism with the Revolutionary Socialist League as to how best to deal with the menace to queers, Jews, and communism we 28 patriots posed on an otherwise ordinary Sunday afternoon in Mayor Jane Byrne's Chicago. America First!"

A spokeswoman at Illinois Bell told *GayLife* that free speech provisions at the company prohibit it from taking action against the America First Committee. If the committee were actually phoning people and harassing them, she said, then Bell could disconnect the line.

John Hastings of the Illinois Attorney General's office said the only way to have the line disconnected through the courts would be to file a full lawsuit under an old state statute that prohibits the "vilification" of any race or ethnic group. He was not, however, optimistic that such a suit would succeed.

"I guess it's one of the drawbacks of modern communication," Hastings said. "But it's hard to tell where to draw the line between what is free speech and what isn't."

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