closets. They'd be perfectly happy to see us smother in those closets, to suffocate in those closets. They are angry because we are visible. Those who say they are for life are against our being. They are not for life. They are for fascist control of everyone else's life.

"Make no mistake about it--the coalescing right wing forces are very, very dangerous. The Anita Bryants, the Dan Whites, the Phyllis Schlaflys, the Elmer Dunaways, and the John C. Willkes are joining forces to get us all--the 'queers,' the 'libbers,' the 'niggers.' We're all the same to them--undesirable, to be controlled, to be gotten rid of. That is why our next most important task, the task to begin the second decade of our struggle, is to find our common cause not only with each other but with other minority groups and to coalesce for our rights.

"I predict that the 1980's will see a civil rights struggle that will make the 60's look pale by comparison. The right wing forces are coalescing, but the liberation groups are also coming closer to one another, are growing in sophistication and in purpose. The 1980's could see the second civil war in this country, but it will be the left against the right, neighbor against neighbor, and I want this community of lesbians and gays to be very clear which side we need to be on.

"The struggle of the black community in Cincinnati today is our struggle as well. So long as unarmed blacks can be gunned down and murdered in our streets by police, so long as the president of the NAACP can be physically assaulted by police in City Council chambers, gay people certainly are not safe in the streets and alleys of this city. So long as nuclear power installations are allowed to threaten the lives of workers, of mothers and children, certainly no value will be placed on the lives of gay people, and the Harvey Milks of the world will have died in vain. So long as Congress can tell any woman what she must do with her reproductive organs, there will be no sexual freedom for gay people, and sodomy laws will prevail. So long as sterilization can be forced on one-fifth to one-fourth of our black, Hispanic and Native American women, there will be no lesbian or gay custody rights and our children will continue to be stolen from us by our so-called legal justice system.

"What I say is also true in reverse. If gays are not free from police brutality, blacks will not be guaranteed freedom either. If gays are bound by laws invading privacy, so shall women be liable for such bondage. If the lives of gays are not held sacred, the lives of straights will be cheap also. If the children of gays can be removed, the children of minorities can be sacrificed as well. If gay people can be driven from jobs and homes for being who we are, no other minority is safe from the same kind of discrimination for any kind of self-expression that differs from that of the majority."

--Wendy Winkler

THE DANGEROUS HIDDEN CONNECTIONS OF THE ANTI-CHOICE "PRO-LIFE" MOVEMENT

Did you know that Ohio recently passed a law which severely restricts a woman's right to have an abortion and cuts off state funds for Medicaid abortions? The legislature has bowed to the pressure of the "pro-life" movement, and the threat to women is very serious. The socalled pro-life movement is not pro-life at all--it is anti-choice. It is led by a right-wing, anti-civil liberties movement that gives working people and women little choice or control in their lives. The following information on the connections between the "right to life" and the political right wing is excerpted from a leaflet produced by the Women's Rights Action Group in St. Louis. (See also Ms. Magazine, June, 1979.)