

Gay paper raided and Bryant comes to town

Body Politic office busted

By Laura Brown

"I feel the police raid on the *Body Politic* was a blatant case of political harassment and an attempt to force the newspaper to close down," said Paul Trollope, an executive of the Osgoode Legal and Literary Society and a member of the Gay Alliance at York.

Body Politic, a newspaper for homosexuals, was raided on December 30 by four officers of the Metropolitan Toronto Police and one Ontario Provincial Police Officer.

The officers were armed with a

search warrant which authorized them to search for any materials which might be used for evidence for charges made under Section 164 of the Criminal Code of Canada (use of the mails for the purpose of transmitting or delivering anything that is indecent, immoral or scurrilous).

After a three and a half hour search the officers left with twelve large crates containing records and documents, including *BP's* list of subscribers.

Five days later, charges were laid against the newspaper's publishing company, *The Pink Triangle Press*, and three corporate directors. The charges were made under the Section 164 concerning the December-January issue which

contained an article by Gerald Hannon entitled *Men Loving Boys Loving Men* which described four men's sexual experiences with boys. Charges were also made under Section 159 (possession for distribution of anything indecent or customs, and there it was declared as not indecent or immoral).

The newspaper's spokesperson, Edward Jackson, told *Excalibur* that when the book was imported from the U.S. it was sent to Ottawa customs and there it was declared as not indecent or immoral.

The search warrant was vague in its terms. The police said they were looking for evidence of the identity of the editors and publishers as well as evidence that the newspaper was distributed through the mails. This information, Jackson said, is easy to obtain without a warrant. The masthead supplies names and an inquiry at the post office would supply evidence of mailing.

According to Jackson, the company's lawyer, Clayton Ruby, came to the office during the raid. He asked the police not to take information which was of no use in a criminal prosecution. This was denied and subscription lists, advertising records and classified files and addresses were taken away.

In a January 3 [*Body Politic*] press release, Ruby says, "such a warrant is illegal under Canadian law". Ruby will go to the Supreme Court of Ontario January 17 to attempt to quash the warrant and demand the return of everything taken.

When asked to comment on the warrant, Inspector Sterling of the morality squad told *Excalibur* that not much could be said at this time until the outcome of the January 17 trial is known.

The printing of Hannon's article incurred the raid. The newspaper's collective had debated for a long time whether to print the article. According to the introduction of the feature story, they had hesitated to print it knowing "the climate was not right" after the anti-gay attacks which followed Emanuel Jaques' death in August. After nearly six months of debate it was decided that the discussion of the role of children "must be opened up".

At a press conference held last week several journals expressed their support of the newspaper. Statements of support were made by Heather Robinson of the Periodical Writers' Association of Canada and

the Executive Director of the Canadian Periodical Publishers' Association. Other supporters were the editor of *Content* magazine and the Canada Journal of Communications.

Jackson said they can realize the threat to freedom of the press when "trumped up charges can be brought to clean out offices."

Apart from the journals' *BP's* supporters are mainly gay organizations, but with a media blitz in Toronto getting information out, Jackson believes support will grow.

The Canadian Gay Archives is part of the Pink Triangle Press and is located in the office. When the police searched the office, they were informed that there was some archival material which was deposited under terms of restricted access. The officers went through all the material. Jackson said, "the archivist community is concerned about this."

The raid and the subsequent charges hold serious implications for the future of gay rights. Efforts made to include "sexual orientation" in the Human Rights Code

could be threatened by the controversy.

When asked to comment on this possibility, Jackson said, "our feeling is that this government had no intention of including "sexual orientation" in the Human Rights Code. He added that this will be "one more thing to justify the government's refusal to do it", although "it is only one article in a paper that has been in production for six years, and it is about the lives of only four men."

The subscription lists to *Body Politic* may be the largest list of homosexuals in the country, according to Jackson. That the police have the list to possibly copy and file is what Jackson calls a "real invasion of privacy." He said the subscribers may be frightened by the realization that their names are in the possession of the police.

Lynn King, of the feminist-identified law firm of Cornish, King Sachs and Waldman has offered her services free of charge.

Jackson told *Excalibur* that the legal battle will drain the newspaper's resources.

Anita to arrive on Sunday

By Paul Stuart

Anita Bryant, anti-gay rights crusader and orange juice promoter, is coming to North York's People's Church on Sunday, where she'll be greeted by a large pro-gay - rights demonstration.

She is scheduled to take part in two services at the church on Sheppard East, at seven and 11 pm.

Known internationally for eight years as tv's singing fruit juice tippler on orange juice ads, Bryant became a political figure last year when she led a successful campaign to repeal a Dade County (Florida) law, banning discrimination against gay people.

Subsequently she has travelled across the US, claiming gays are "bad role models" for children and that they should not be allowed to teach school. Bryant maintains that homosexuals must "recruit" children into their ranks, since most do not have children of their own.

She bases her charges on a fundamentalist interpretation of the Bible and claims that God is on her side in the issue.

On December 31, the *Toronto Star* reported that in the wake of Bryant's campaign support for gay rights has increased across the USA. It looks like Bryant's Toronto visit may have a similar result.

Gary Kinsman, a long time activist on the York scene and a member of the Revolutionary Workers League, told *Excalibur* that an anti-Bryant meeting held downtown last Thursday night attracted over 200 lesbians, gay men and feminists.

The anti-Bryant demonstration and a coalition united around numerous issues has resulted. Among the coalition's themes and demands are: the inclusion of sexual orientation in the human rights code, and a defense of the gay newspaper, *The Body Politic*, which has criminal charges pending against it.

Asked to comment on Bryant's charges against homosexuals, Kinsman first took on the children's rights issue.

"If you look at the situation statistically, the majority of child molesters are heterosexual men. I'm not saying that there are no gay child molesters but if Bryant was really concerned about it, she'd be dealing with the heterosexual situation as well."

Kinsman maintained that Bryant's target is bigger than gay rights. "Anita Bryant and people like her are not just attacking lesbians and gay men, but they're also behind the new right wing in the United States which is attacking womens' rights."

The planned demonstration will be getting under way at the northeast corner of Sheppard and Bayview at six pm. A People's Church spokesperson said last week that services will be open to the public.

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