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GAE protests

The Supreme Court of Canada is to rule shortly on a suit brought by the Gay Alliance Toward Equality of Vancouver and the British Columbia Human Rights Commission against the Vancouver Sun. The Sun is charged with discrimination in refusing to

publish a classified ad for the gay organization's newsletter. The case will have important consequences for the 70% of Canadian daily newspapers which refuse to carry advertisements for gay groups.

A decision is also expected soon from the Canadian Radio

-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) on the corporate license renewal of CBC Radio, which has a policy of rejecting all public service announcements (PSA's) from homosexual organizations.

Robin Metcalfe, a spokes-

person for the Gay Alliance for Equality (GAE), says, "An attempt is being made to stifle the efforts of gay people to communicate with each other and with the broader community. Rights taken for granted by most Canadians are being systematically denied the gay minority."

"Without communications, there can be no organized community. Without an organized community, we have no defense against attacks upon ourselves or our community," he added.

GAE will sponsor a public demonstration and a public meeting next week to protest censorship. An information picket will be held from 12 noon to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, January 30 in front of the offices of Canada Customs at 1557 Hollis Street. The public

meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m. at the Turret Gay Community Centre, 1588 Barrington Street, 3rd floor.

A special feature of the picket will be a theatrical performance illustrating the response of gay people to censorship. The public meeting will include speakers from several organizations, among them Mariana Valverde of the Body Politic, a gay magazine from Toronto which is facing charges of distributing "obscene" material.

The charges and the police raid on the magazine's offices have been denounced by Mayor John Sewell of Toronto, the Canadian Periodical Publishers Association, the American Sociological Association and other groups, as well as having been the subject of demonstrations in San Francisco, New York, Boston and London, England.

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