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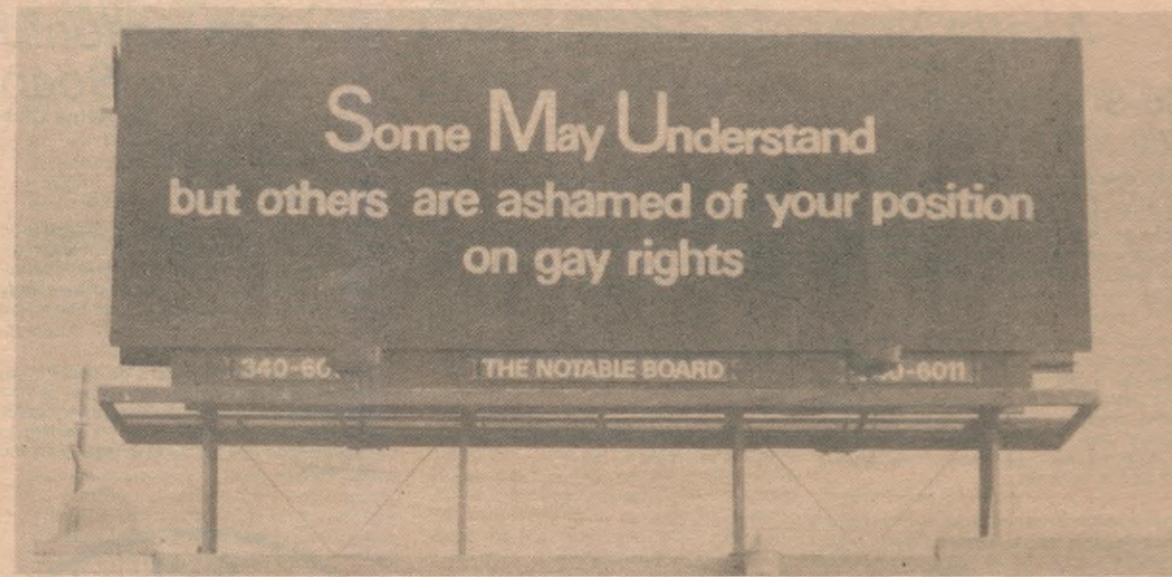
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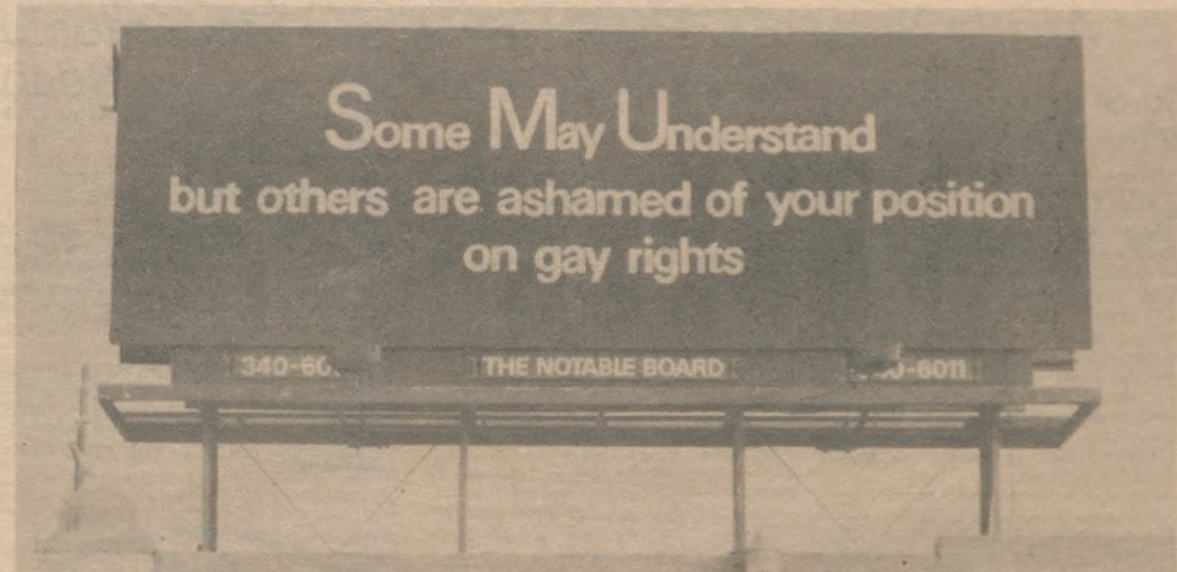
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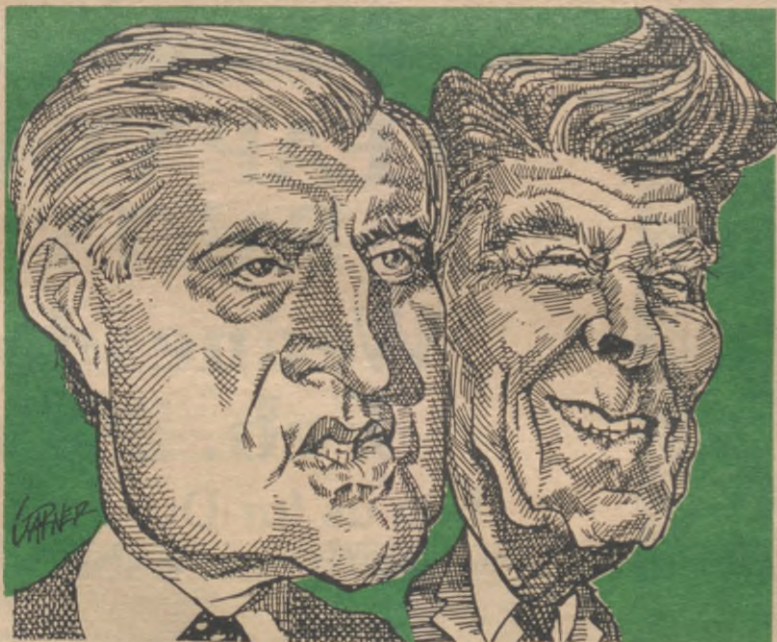
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Congress will likely make some increases in that figure, depending on how well gays argue for additional funding. The scientific community already has made its arguments at every level, and so the major tinkering will come through new money for counseling programs, hot lines and the like, where gays are now trying to document needs. In addition, expect Congress to push harder for funding of the \$30 million Public Health Emergency Fund, which it authorized but did not fund last year. Do not expect the Reagan Administration to put any money in its budget proposal for the fund, however.

The Reagan Administration may also get smoked out of hiding on the immigration reform issue on exclusion of gays. Congress will take up the exclusion question in a Judiciary subcommittee hearing, perhaps in March, but even before that White House counselor Edwin Meese will go before the Senate Judiciary Committee for confirmation hearings for his new post as Attorney General. That could lead to questioning on the Administration's feelings about reform of the antigay exclusion. Observers also expect Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services Edward Brandt to deliver on a commitment to oppose the antigay exclusion's health rationale, thus adding another Administration voice in favor of reform.

Expect few Administration meetings with gays outside the Health and Human Services Department. The Justice Department, at least pre-Meese, was unwilling to meet with the National Gay Task Force on civil rights legislation or on its review of security clearance requirements; some meetings did take place with the Justice team working on immigration reform.

Defense Department officials flatly refused to meet with the National Gay Task Force even on the humane issue of servicemen with AIDS.

The White House itself has remained aloof from gays, although representatives of the Liaison Office have been quoted several times making derogatory remarks about gay civil rights and expressing hopes that Americans will tag the Democrats as the "pro-gay" political party. As the year begins, there are quiet moves among gay Republicans to begin bringing their issue to the White House, but the outlook for success remains uncertain.

In Congress, however, there now appears to be more open doors than gay groups can handle. In addition to the AIDS concerns, and the immigration reform issue, there now are efforts to have

the Government Accounting Office issue a report on how much the military spends to determine who is homosexual and then to process them for military service; a Congressional Research Service study of what antigay laws and regulations currently exist around the country that would be overturned by a federal gay civil rights law; and oversight hearings will continue on such topics as police responsiveness to minorities, federal security clearance requirements, even some consideration about minority participation in federal funding for the arts and humanities.

The reason for this activity is clear: all 435 members of the House are up for reelection this year, and 34 members of the Senate as well. While no one expects major new legislative initiatives, oversight hearings give members of Congress a wonderful platform to raise issues they believe will help back home. This time, the issue increasingly will be insensitivity to minorities and the poor, and gays will more than ever be included in the groups whose voices will be invited to be heard.

State and Local Developments of National Significance. Even though 1984 is a presidential election year, much that is going to be important for gay people will take place at the local level. In a number of instances, the efforts will be of importance to gays elsewhere, because they symbolize the changes taking place in the country or because they provide a

AIDS Awareness Week Shaping Up

Members of the community are invited to attend the next committee meeting for AIDS Awareness Week to be held Feb. 21 at the Austin Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus (ALGPC) office at 1022 W. 6th at 7:00 p.m.

Additional planning for the week, April 1-8, will be done to solidify plans for the week-long benefit.

Already scheduled for the week is an educational forum on April 3 co-sponsored by the U.T. Gay/Lesbian Student Association and the Awareness Week committee, which are also planning a run and a women's blood drive.

Also scheduled for the week is an ALGPC cocktail party and silent auction fundraiser on April 7 at the Hilton Hotel. State Treasurer Ann Richards will be the featured speaker. Part of the proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the ALGPC AIDS Project and for other groups' AIDS educational and service projects.

A blood drive is scheduled for April 8 for persons with AIDS to provide blood "insurance" should they need it. The blood will be solicited from persons not at risk for AIDS, per the request of the director of the Central Texas Regional Blood Center.

For more information about AIDS Awareness Week, call Janna at 441-1130.

new initiative that might be replicated.

In San Francisco, for example, expect Mayor Dianne Feinstein's study panel on a spouse benefits law to end up before the Board of Supervisors, where it likely will pass and become law. The national focus on San Francisco as the site of this year's Democratic National Convention will put even more of a spotlight on a spouse law this time around. A similar effort to provide a legal basis for gay spouses is also expected in Minneapolis this year, according to activists in that city.

Gay civil rights laws also will go before city and county councils for votes in a number of cities in 1984, but the most important ones are likely to be New Orleans, Houston and Chicago. The Deep South has been undergoing remarkable changes in the past decade, partly as the states there have brought in new employers who have been in turn bringing in more highly educated and urbanized employees. The freeze-out of progress for gays should end this year, a historic development. Expect New Orleans to be first, probably in time for Mardi Gras in March, with Houston coming in close thereafter. There may be a housing ordinance or mayor's order passed in Birmingham, Ala., which also would be a landmark. Chicago, which has a fractious City Council, appears to have the votes for an ordinance but can't lay down fights on other issues long enough to get action. It is one of the few major cities without such a law.

Gays also will move forward on an agenda that goes beyond legislative changes in some cities. Expect that New York City, for example, where there has been nothing but turmoil over getting a city gay civil rights ordinance passed, will

move to the front ranks in getting city and state funding for special social services for gay people, including possibly a shelter for homeless youths. Other candidates for such action include Boston and Philadelphia.

In some locals, simply the public emergence of a gay community and its ability to get major elected officials to meeting openly with them will make news. Expect that New Mexico gays will make more and more news during the year. Look for Ohio gays to make some strong gains in 1984, seemingly coming from no place to an effective statewide force. North Carolina gays also can be expected to emerge into visibility, possibly of national proportions, as a result of their involvement in the effort to defeat Sen. Jesse Helms.

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'United and More in '84' Pride Week Forming

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The Year Ahead Will Test Gay Clout and Community

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some carry-over money from 1983 means that about \$47 million will be spent on AIDS in 1984. For 1985, expect the Reagan Administration to propose something between \$50 and \$60 million, with inauguration of some new funding for local gay groups to provide services. (In the Feb. 1 budget submitted to Congress, the Reagan Administration requested \$53.9 million for AIDS funding.)

Congress will likely make some increases in that figure, depending on how well gays argue for additional funding. The scientific community already has made its arguments at every level, and so the major tinkering will come through new money for counseling programs, hot lines and the like, where gays are now trying to document needs. In addition, expect Congress to push harder for funding of the \$30 million Public Health Emergency Fund, which it authorized but did not fund last year. Do not expect the Reagan Administration to put any money in its budget proposal for the fund, however.

The Reagan Administration may also get smoked out of hiding on the immigration reform issue on exclusion of gays. Congress will take up the exclusion question in a Judiciary subcommittee hearing, perhaps in March, but even before that White House counselor Edwin Meese will go before the Senate Judiciary Committee for confirmation hearings for his new post as Attorney General. That could lead to questioning on the Administration's feelings about reform of the antigay exclusion. Observers also expect Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services Edward Brandt to deliver on a commitment to oppose the antigay exclusion's health rationale, thus adding another Administration voice in favor of reform.

Expect few Administration meetings with gays outside the Health and Human Services Department. The Justice Department, at least pre-Meese, was unwilling to meet with the National Gay Task Force on civil rights legislation or on its review of security clearance requirements; some meetings did take place with the Justice team working on immigration reform.

Defense Department officials flatly refused to meet with the National Gay Task Force even on the humane issue of servicemen with AIDS.

The White House itself has remained aloof from gays, although representatives of the Liaison Office have been quoted several times making derogatory remarks about gay civil rights and expressing hopes that Americans will tag the Democrats as the "pro-gay" political party. As the year begins, there are quiet moves among gay Republicans to begin bringing their issue to the White House, but the outlook for success remains uncertain.

In Congress, however, there now appears to be more open doors than gay groups can handle. In addition to the AIDS concerns and the immigration reform issue, there now are efforts to have

the Government Accounting Office issue a report on how much the military spends to determine who is homosexual and then to process them for military service; a Congressional Research Service study of what antigay laws and regulations currently exist around the country that would be overturned by a federal gay civil rights law; and oversight hearings will continue on such topics as police responsiveness to minorities, federal security clearance requirements, even some consideration about minority participation in federal funding for the arts and humanities.

The reason for this activity is clear: all 435 members of the House are up for reelection this year, and 34 members of the Senate as well. While no one expects major new legislative initiatives, oversight hearings give members of Congress a wonderful platform to raise issues they believe will help back home. This time, the issue increasingly will be insensitivity to minorities and the poor, and gays will more than ever be included in the groups whose voices will be invited to be heard.

State and Local Developments of National Significance. Even though 1984 is a presidential election year, much that is going to be important for gay people will take place at the local level. In a number of instances, the efforts will be of importance to gays elsewhere, because they symbolize the changes taking place in the country or because they provide a

new initiative that might be replicated.

In San Francisco, for example, expect Mayor Dianne Feinstein's study panel on a spouse benefits law to end up before the Board of Supervisors, where it likely will pass and become law. The national focus on San Francisco as the site of this year's Democratic National Convention will put even more of a spotlight on a spouse law this time around. A similar effort to provide a legal basis for gay spouses is also expected in Minneapolis this year, according to activists in that city.

Gay civil rights laws also will go before city and county councils for votes in a number of cities in 1984, but the most important ones are likely to be New Orleans, Houston and Chicago. The Deep South has been undergoing remarkable changes in the past decade, partly as the states there have brought in new employers who have been in turn bringing in more highly educated and urbanized employees. The freeze-out of progress for gays should end this year, a historic development. Expect New Orleans to be first, probably in time for Mardi Gras in March, with Houston coming in close thereafter. There may be a housing ordinance or mayor's order passed in Birmingham, Ala., which also would be a landmark. Chicago, which has a fractious City Council, appears to have the votes for an ordinance but can't lay down fights on other issues long enough to get action. It is one of the few major cities without such a law.

Gays also will move forward on an agenda that goes beyond legislative changes in some cities. Expect that New York City, for example, where there has been nothing but turmoil over getting a city gay civil rights ordinance passed, will

move to the front ranks in getting city and state funding for special social services for gay people, including possibly a shelter for homeless youths. Other candidates for such action include Boston and Philadelphia.

In some locals, simply the public emergence of a gay community and its ability to get major elected officials to meeting openly with them will make news. Expect that New Mexico gays will make more and more news during the year. Look for Ohio gays to make some strong gains in 1984, seemingly coming from no place to an effective statewide force. North Carolina gays also can be expected to emerge into visibility, possibly of national proportions, as a result of their involvement in the effort to defeat Sen. Jesse Helms.

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AIDS Awareness Week Shaping Up

Members of the community are invited to attend the next committee meeting for AIDS Awareness Week to be held Feb. 21 at the Austin Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus (ALGPC) office at 1022 W. 6th at 7:00 p.m.

Additional planning for the week, April 1-8, will be done to solidify plans for the week-long benefit.

Already scheduled for the week is an educational forum on April 3 co-sponsored by the U.T. Gay/Lesbian Student Association and the Awareness Week committee, which are also planning a run and a women's blood drive.

Also scheduled for the week is an ALGPC cocktail party and silent auction fundraiser on April 7 at the Hilton Hotel. State Treasurer Ann Richards will be the featured speaker. Part of the proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the ALGPC AIDS Project and for other groups' AIDS educational and service projects.

A blood drive is scheduled for April 8 for persons with AIDS to provide blood "insurance" should they need it. The blood will be solicited from persons not at risk for AIDS, per the request of the director of the Central Texas Regional Blood Center.

For more information about AIDS Awareness Week, call Janna at 441-1130.

'United and More in '84' Pride Week Forming

The national theme for Gay Pride Week this year is "United and More in '84," and members of the Austin gay and lesbian community are currently planning the big event.

Everyone from the community is invited to participate in formalizing the final plans and are encouraged to contact Joel Jacobsen at 343-0435 for more information.

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If you've got it, don't flaunt it. That's the word from advertising executive Philip Voss, who surveyed fashion plates from Nob Hill to Newport.

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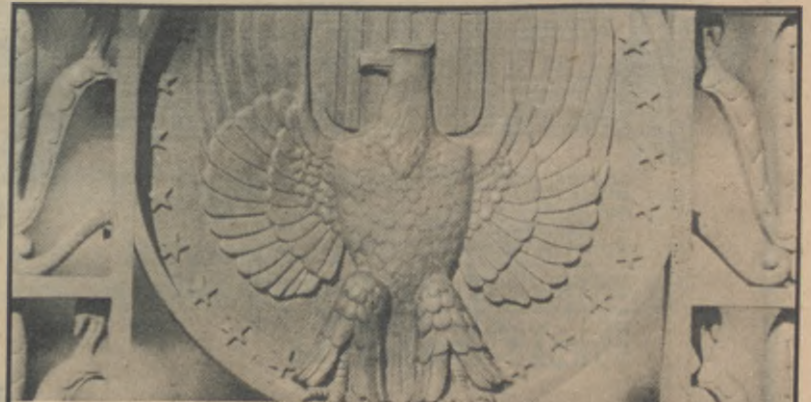
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LAMBDA Planning Women's Day Events

Austin's LAMBDA is planning several events for the week of March 5-10 to commemorate International Women's Day.

A Women's Coffee House is already scheduled for Mar. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Congregational Church. A slide show, "From Spiral to Spear," will be shown at 7:30. Admission is \$1.

For those interested in becoming more involved in the five-day celebration, contact Sue Beckwith at 474-5388 or Janis Heine or Roxanne Elder at 474-2399.

Austin LGPC to Make Endorsements

The Austin Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus will make its spring primary endorsements Feb. 28 at 7:00 p.m. in County Court at Law No. 2 of the County Courthouse.

Anyone in the community wishing to become more involved with the caucus is invited to attend.

Voting may be done by any member who has joined the caucus at least two weeks prior to the meeting; former members may renew their memberships on the day of the meeting in time for endorsements.

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According to Cochran, Rolfsen asked the priest to ask God to forgive him of what he called his "blasphemous years" as leader of GALA.

He also asked that Cochran, his lover of 27 years, dissolve the GALA organization and ask all those who had ever supported the organization, both past and present, to ask for forgiveness as well.

Rolfsen left half of his estate to Dignity, the national gay Catholic group.

GALA was formed in 1976 at the height of Anita Bryant's antigay crusade.

Cochran said that he had no plans to continue the group of gay atheists, and that only two small chapters in San Francisco and New York remain in what was once an influential nationwide organization.

Apologies to Dirty Sally's Jim Smith

The editors of THE STAR would like to sincerely apologize to Jim Smith for what he perceived as a less than respectful use of his name in our last Austin Soap column.

"Tututu Divine" was unaware at the time she wrote her last column of the importance of Mr. Smith's contribution to the Austin gay community.

Although she was merely jesting in her remarks regarding "a roast," we're sincerely sorry that Mr. Smith took it personally. She would never mean to offend.

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For those interested in becoming more involved in the five-day celebration, contact Sue Beckwith at 474-5388 or Janis Heine or Roxanne Elder at 474-2399.

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"Tututu Divine" was unaware at the time she wrote her last column of the importance of Mr. Smith's contribution to the Austin gay community.

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AIDS Update

Community Health

Forum II

Dr. Peter W.A. Mansell M.D.

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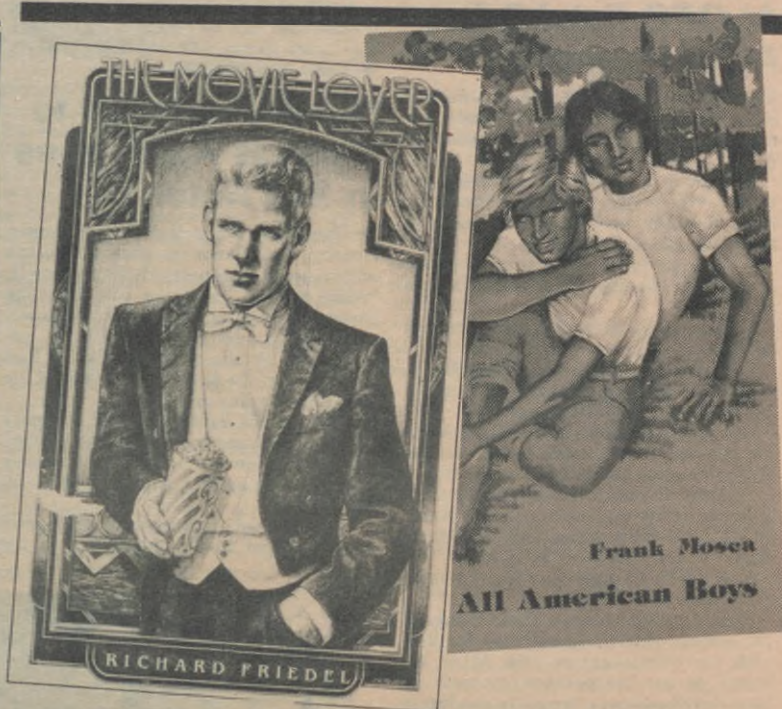


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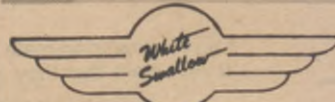
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"The government often refuses to grant a clearance because of a supposed vulnerability to blackmail," said Leonard Graff, NGRA legal director. "Yet they cannot point to a single case where a lesbian or gay man has been blackmailed into giving up secret government documents."

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By Tycho

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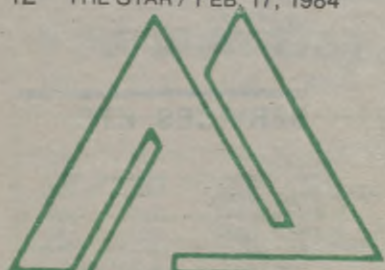
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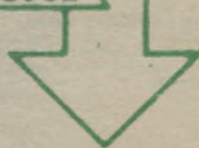
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