

REMEMBER BLUES ! FIGHT POLICE BRUTALITY

On September 28, 1982, approximately 25 police officers stormed into Blues Bar (a midtown Manhattan gay bar patronized predominantly by Black and other 3rd World Lesbians and Gay men). They locked the door and proceeded to systematically beat, harass, and abuse both the patrons and the employees, because they were people of color and because they were homosexual. Twenty months later, those 25 police officers who committed this attack have not been disciplined and remain on active duty.

The assault at Blues is not an isolated event, but is part of a rising tide of right-wing violence and police abuse also directed at Black, Latin, Asian and Native peoples, women, unionists and undocumented workers and political activists. A glaring example is the 1983 murder of Michael Stewart, a Black youth, by the NYC Transit Police. These attacks go hand in hand with recent government and Supreme Court attacks on affirmative action, abortion and civil liberties --- all the gains we have fought for and must now rally to defend.

JOIN THE CONTINGENT AGAINST POLICE VIOLENCE

15 years ago a police attack on a Greenwich Village gay bar called "Stonewall" focussed worldwide attention on the oppression of Lesbians and gays when both Lesbians and gays, transexuals and transvestites -- many of whom were people of color -- fought back.

WE HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN BLUES

On October 15, 1982, 3,000 Lesbians and Gays, transexuals and transvestites, united to protest the racist police attack on Blues Bar. In the spirit of Stonewall, we are marching today on Lesbian and Gay Pride Day, 1984, wearing blue and black armbands to symbolize our determination to stop police attacks on all communities. Join us at 60th Street and Broadway, 11:30am, Sunday, June 24, 1984.

CONTINUE THE FIGHT AGAINST RACISM AND POLICE BRUTALITY !

Come to an organizing meeting to help plan further action. Some of the ideas which have been suggested are: holding a public hearing/speakout where YOU can tell how you have been victimized by the police; making a cable television show on police brutality; supporting the call for an independent Statewide Citizen's Review Board to check police abuse. Come share your ideas/experiences.

TUESDAY JULY 17, 1984 7:30 PM

Washington Square Methodist Church
135 W. 4th St. (bet. 6th Ave/MacDougal)

Info: 807-7269 or 691-7950 x6102

Representatives of the following groups attended the first meeting: Black and White Men Together/New York; Dykes Against Racism Everywhere; Freedom Socialist Party; Girth & Mirth; Greater Gotham Business Council; John Brown Anti-Klan Comm; Lesbian and Gay Focus of the People's Anti-war Mobilization; National Coalition of Black Gays; National Gay Task Force; Radical Women.