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(EDITOR'S NOTE: These are indeed times that try a masochist's soul.

(Consider, for example, the following letter attached to the article below, which was hand-delivered at midnight Wednesday, past our deadline for such items:

("Scherr--

("These are GAY politics mother-fucker, and you are no judge of them. Either print it or don't. I will not suck your ass. I ALONE AM THE JUDGE OF MY POLI-TICS. You can either report it or not....I don't like run-arounds. --Elijah"

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN, BECAUSE NO ONE ELSE WILL The Oakland Tribune is moving on prostitutes, that is to say, women. The Tribune is moving on "drag" queens, I think they mean HARDCORE SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT FOR ADULTS in the United States find exposure to explicit erotic materials acceptable, pleasurable, enlighter and even beneficient

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the Oakland Police are somehow also involved in this latest set-up of women, and of men reduced for purposes of survival to the stereotypes of women, and for some very good reasons of their own.

known instrument of "white" male supremacy. It is well known for its attacks on the oppressed instead of the oppressor. Thus, in a four-part series on prostitution, it trashes women and "drag" queens, and sets up a situation in which it will be possible for the police and the administration of the City to cme down on oppressed people once again.

Women who become prostitutes have been excluded from the ongoing life of the society. They are, first, unprotected women, women not taken for long-term exploitation by an individual male. They are forced out of the job market. Thus, they become a pool of available females to be used by men. they have to earn their way (amidst many constant and extreme dangers faced daily) as best they can in the only way left to them.

have an interest in this exploita- ate with them. tion of the female. Individual men. "johns," have an immediate interest in this oppression. Though thy may, too, on some levels be ripped off by having to be johns. The Oakland Tribune is a well- they are immediate oppressors

> Balck or Chicano?) are males to take on the stereotypical roles of women, participate in a way in the oppression of women, to survive. The society of men (there is no other society as yet) has a distinct interest in their oppression as males, as well.

> We gay people declare solidarity with street queens against every them. They are, above all, people. We condemn this attack on those women removed from all meaningful opportunity of employment within the economic system now in existence. We condemn solidly the attempt to shift sympathy to those men who arr the immediate users of the oppressed people who are fighting back. We rejoice at every knife in a straight pig's bod. We declare solidarity. and we say that a deeper analysis must be made of the situation than that offered by pigs (men) who have a class interest in the systematic , collective oppression

The whole society (that is, men) of women, and the men they associ-

We say that more is to be said than is said by the false glorification of "drag" in the homosexual/homophile world.... to the detriment of street queens, who remain down and out, against the wall in every major city every day. Street queens (how many are We say more must be said than the false rhetoric of "gay revoforced out of the system, and forced lutionaries," who, with their false drag, their "mock drag" put the street queens up against the wall. They mock women and the queens. themselves. They set up, with the Establishment, the rip off of prostitutes (male and female) from the relative comfort of their bourgeois little havens. They call the queens the vanguard, thus setting attempt of the pig to move against them up, for they are only people ... people getting by as best they can, people who are (like many of us) oppresssd; they define us all (our revolution, that is) in terms of one version of oppression. Oppression is never the revolution. The oppression is never the vanguard. No one's oppression prescribes the revolution.

> We condemn those among us who praise those they do not know, or like, or associate with ... to the detriment of all concerned. We condemn unequivocally the false queens of gay liberation. They keep us from taking action, they keep us from entering into soli

darity with gay people. GAY LIB-ERATION MUST BE OFFED.

But more than all this, we want to know what the real pig is doing ... just what is he about? Why is the Oakland Tribune attacking prostitutes? Are they consciously creating a situation in which Oakland police can move against oppressed people?

STOP THE ATTACKSON PROS-TITUTES. PROSTITUTES ARE PEOPLE.

REMOVE ALL LAWS AGAINST PROSTITUTION.

DO NOT LEGALIZE PROSTI-TUTION.

SOLIDARITY WITH STREET **OUEENS AND ALL PARTS OF THE** OPPRESSED GAY PEOPLE.

STOP THE FALSE DRAG OF THE HOMOPHILE MOVEMENT. STOP THE MOCKERY OF WO-MEN AND OF QUEENS BY "GAY **REVOLUTIONARIES."** STREET QUEENS ARE PEOPLE.

PEOPLE, NOT QUEENS, ARE THE REVOLUTION.

STOP THE PIG BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY.

Elijah. (The Effeminist)

