

Ohio Newsreel Hassled

In the middle of March, there was an unsuccessful arson attempt at the building where Newsreel has its offices. The source of the attempt is still unknown. On March 30th, after leaving the office for the day, federal treasury agents broke into our office with a search warrant, messed up the office, looked through the files, and confiscated one Vietnamese and three Cuban films. Legal proceedings for the return of the films have been started. This is not the only Newsreel to meet with problems: Los Angeles Newsreel has been fire-bombed at least five times, New York Newsreel has been hassled and harrassed by treasury department and customs officials, and members of San Francisco Newsreel have been subpoenaed to Grand Juries for their films.

Newsreel is an international group of filmmakers and distributors which started in 1967. The members of Newsreel, however, are more than just filmmakers, they are activists dedicated to making changes in this society. They see their films as organizing tools for all people engaged in improving our society. Over the years, Newsreel has documented many struggles such as the development and growth of the anti-war movement, the development of the civil rights movement through the black power stage and on into its continuing fight against racism, and the development of the many faceted womans' liberation movement.

They stand in direct opposition to the established media in this country. Their approach to filmmaking is entirely different from the establishments. They feel a definite need and responsibility to become involved in the struggles that they document as well as relying heavily upon the participants in the struggle for the film content. They make no pretext of being "unbiased newspeople"; their films consciously have a biased perspective -- that of the poor, working, black, and Third World People whose struggles and lives we are talking about in the films.

In addition to the films that are made, they distribute films from independent filmmakers and from other countries. Some of the most

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Gay Pride March at Fountain Square as people leave for dance Eyephoto: Annice

Gay Pride Weekend

Seventy-five people marched without incident beneath banners proclaiming themselves to be members of the Cincinnati Gay Community, Saturday, April 7. They marched from Washington Park to Fountain Square, escorted by a full complement of Cincinnati police. At the Square speeches and skits were presented to a crowd of about four hundred.

The march was part of the local gay community's Gay Pride Weekend. Friday night more than eighty people gathered for a gay community dinner at St. John's Unitarian Church. A brunch was held at the church Saturday morning, followed by the march downtown. Saturday evening a dance was held celebrating one year of meeting.

Initial meetings of the Cincinnati Gay Community were held at United Christian Ministries, but soon moved to St. John's Unitarian Church, 320 Resor Avenue, in Clifton, where they continue at 7:30 pm Friday nights. The meetings are open to any one.

Free Clinic to Hire M.D.

As we go to press, the Cincinnati Free Clinic is in the process of changing its operations to better serve you. Loss of funding has necessitated cutting administrative expenses. All administrators now make \$75.00 a week. Ken Bausch and Beverly Dixon resigned, and an acting director, Barbara Linowitz was hired to work with the one remaining Free Clinic staffer, Ellen Wood.

The board of trustees is negotiating with several doctors to fill the newly established post of medical director.

The Clinic is now open 3:00 to 11:00 pm Monday thru Friday.

The Clinic staff and board hope that hiring a doctor to co-ordinate medical care will provide better quality service and continuity of care for the people who use the clinic. If you have any suggestions for improving the Clinic's services, please call or write the Clinic. Cincinnati Free Clinic 2444 Vine Street Cincinnati, Ohio 45219 621-5700

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