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**Violence
hurts
more if
you do
nothing
about it.**

If you are a witness or a victim of harassment or an attack, do something. Anything. But don't ignore it.

For support, referral and information or to make a report, call the Lesbian & Gay Anti-Violence project.



NEW SUMMER CAMPAIGN

The NSW Lesbian and Gay Anti-Violence Project launches its most extensive safety campaign ever this month, with a series of posters and advertisements on the theme of *Violence Can Happen: Just Be Aware.*

The campaign includes images designed to target the Asian and Koori communities, as well as dealing with abuse ranging from physical violence to verbal harassment in the workplace. School-aged young people, transgenders and situation-specific areas of risk are also targeted. Anti-Violence Project coordinator, Bruce Grant, said the campaign is timed to coincide with the increase in anti-lesbian and homophobic activity which takes place with the onset of summer.

Grant said: "Unfortunately there's a high correlation between crime rates and summer months, with more people out on the streets and vulnerable to abuse or attack. This is our fourth annual summer campaign, incorporating seven images which will go out on posters, leaflets and in the print media."

The Anti-Violence Project, which is based in Sydney, records almost 200

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Chief criminologist calls for action now

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MINISTERS COMMIT TO VIOLENCE PREVENTION

The Australian Institute of Criminology's (AIC) First National Conference on Violence Against Gays and Lesbians concluded in Sydney in October, with calls for the government to fund anti-violence projects in each state and territory.

Speakers at the event, which was held at the University of Sydney between October 27-28, included Federal Justice Minister Duncan Kerr, NSW Police Minister Paul Whelan and President of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Board, Chris Puplick. After a brief welcome to conference participants by AIC Director, Dr Adam Graycar, the opening address was delivered by Duncan Kerr.

He said: "As the Federal Justice Minister I am acutely aware of the work ahead of all Australian governments before we can claim that justice is as available to gays and lesbians as it is to some others in our community . . . society has shown time and time again that it can turn a blind eye to criminal violence by making the victim legally and socially invisible.

"The Commonwealth Government won't waiver in its commitment to prevent and deal effectively with violence against all Australians, including gays and lesbians, and to provide a leading role in Commonwealth/State initiatives in the area."

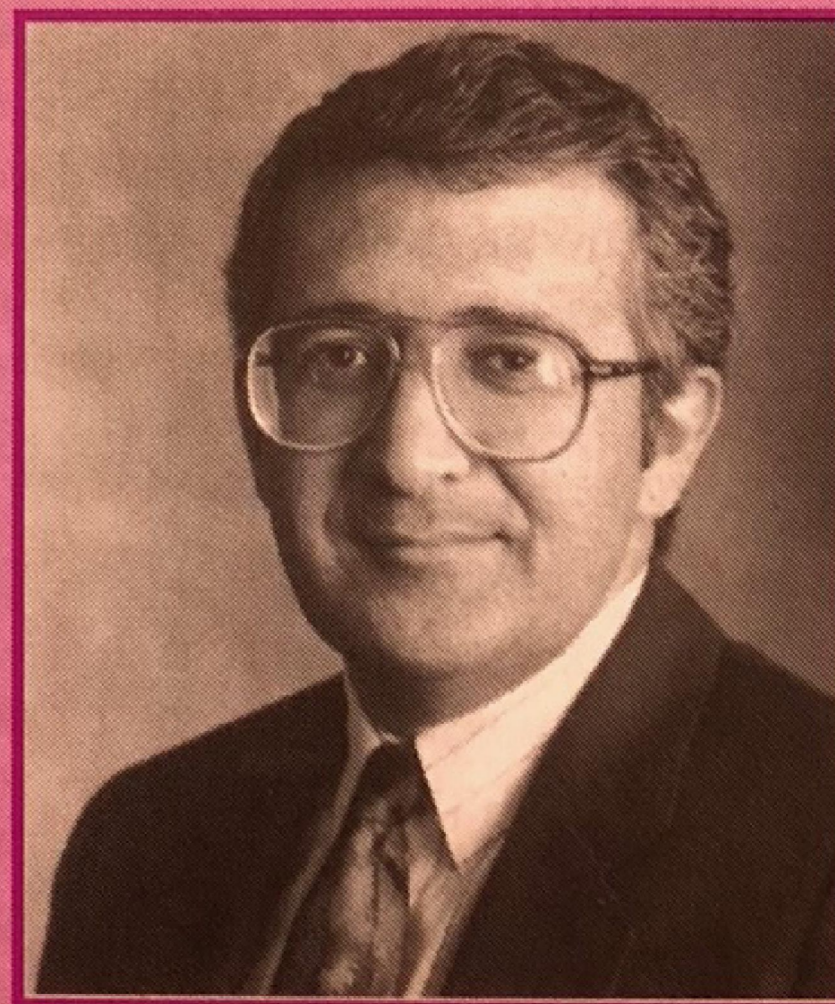
In his speech on the second day of the conference, Paul Whelan made three important announcements concerning police responses to homophobic and anti-lesbian violence. *(to page 2)*



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MAJOR YOUTH CAMPAIGN FUNDED

State Attorney-General, Jeff Shaw, announced in January a \$50,000 grant to the Lesbian and Gay Anti-Violence Project (AVP) from its Juvenile Crime Prevention Division budget. The money will go towards a new \$85,000 campaign designed to reduce the level of involvement of young people in violence against lesbians and gays by contributing to a social climate which encourages and supports young people to take a stand against anti-lesbian and homophobic violence.

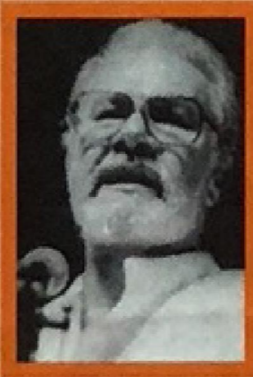
The idea is based on a similar campaign conducted by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission, which addressed youth attitudes towards racism.

Shaw said: "The project (to page 2)

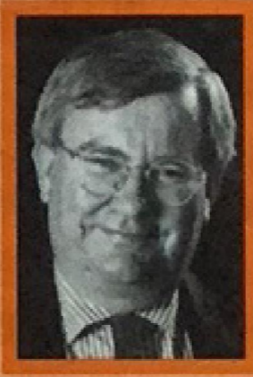
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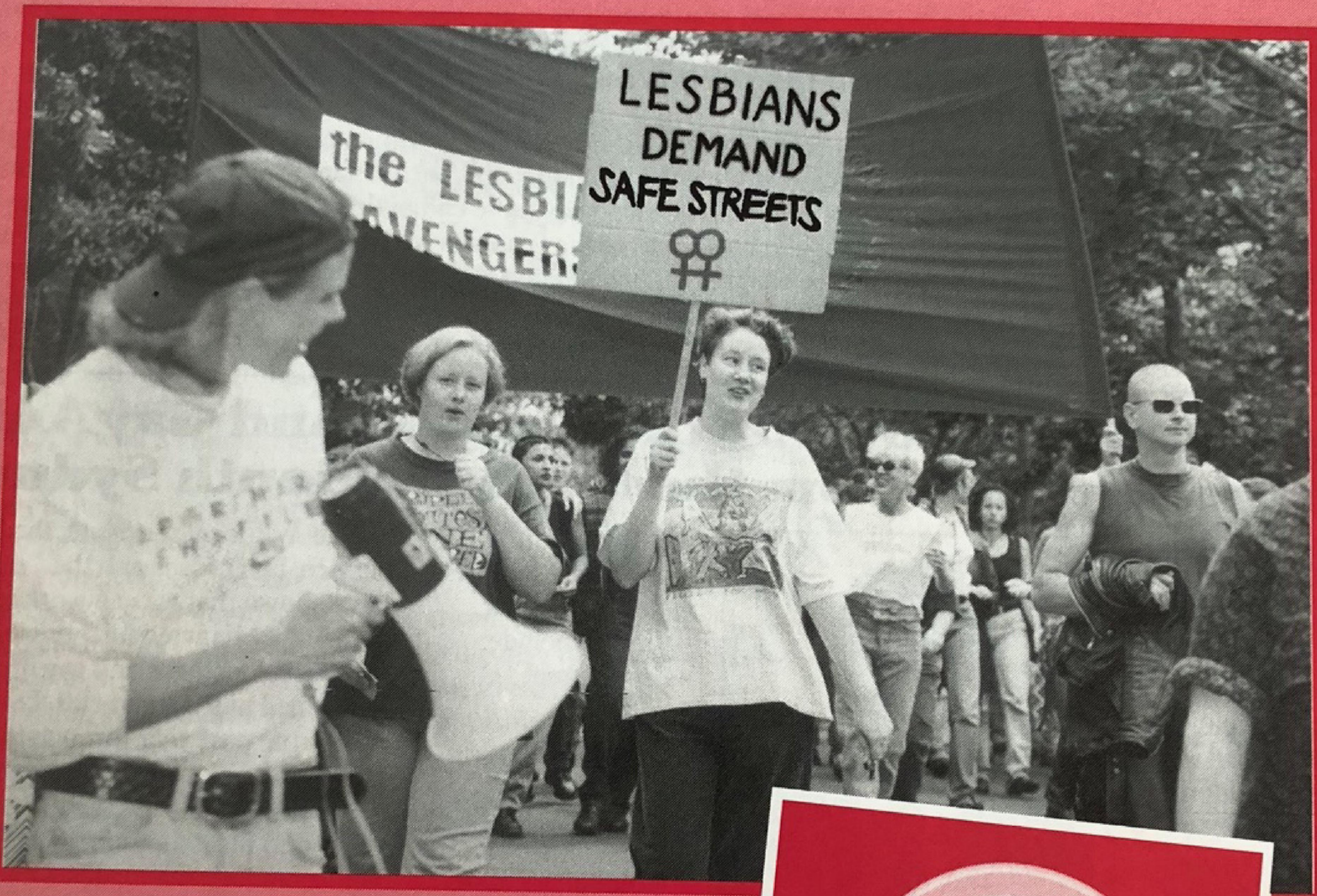


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 the feedback,
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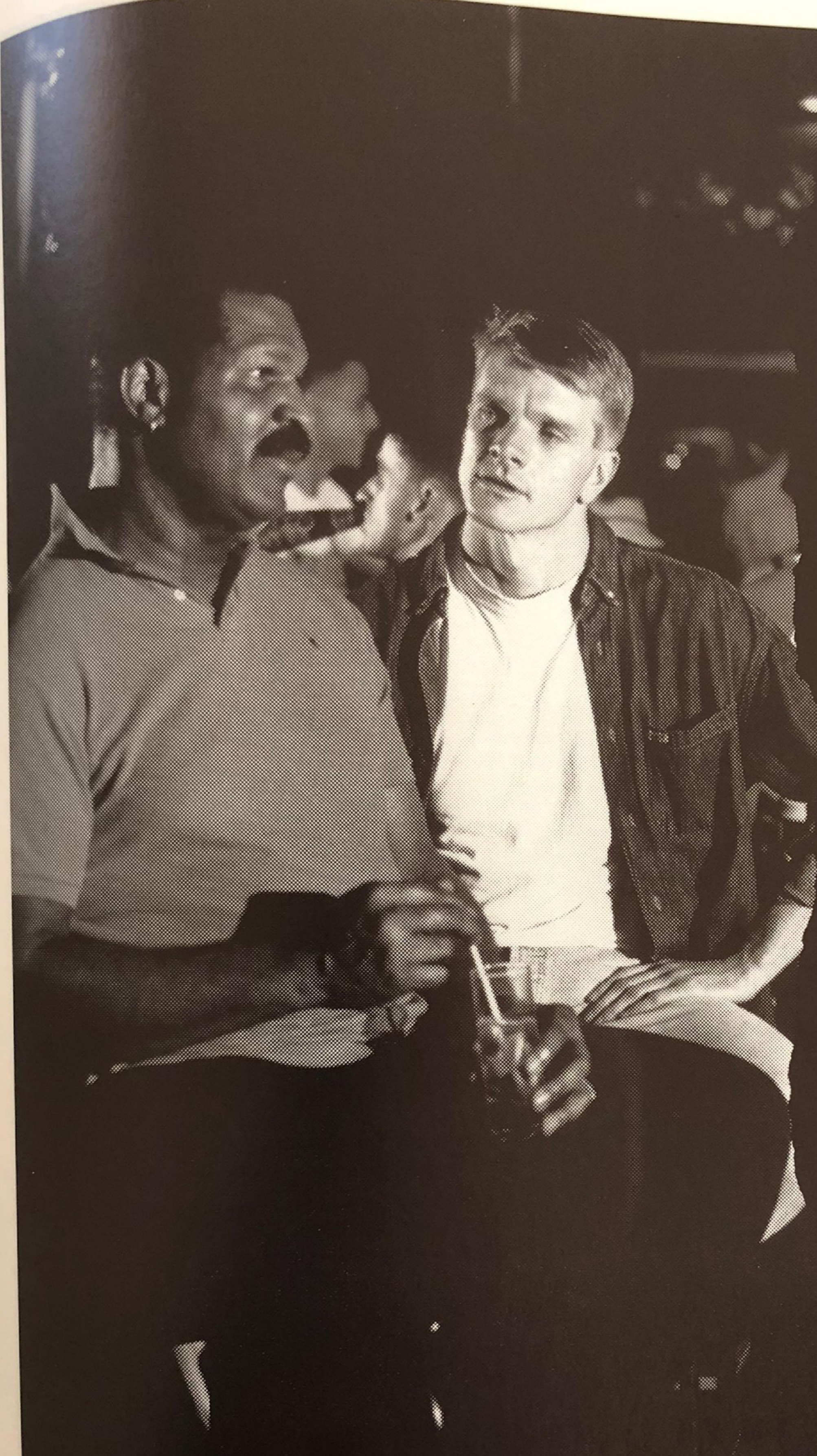
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**Which one of
this mob is gay?**

Who cares anyway – we are all family.

RECONCILIATION PAGES 6-8



"ROUGH TRADE.
 HE SEEMS VERY
 INTERESTED.
 BUT IN WHAT I DO.
 WHERE I LIVE.
 AND IF I LIVE ALONE.
 I DON'T KNOW ABOUT
 THIS GUY. HE'S
 GOT THE BEST
 BODY THOUGH.
 I MENTION I HAVE
 A FLATMATE AND
 HE'S NO LONGER
 INTERESTED.
 I'M NOT HIS TYPE.
 I'M NOT A VICTIM."

VIOLENCE CAN HAPPEN.
 JUST BE AWARE.

If you leave a bar, club or cruising area with someone you don't know, tell them you have a flatmate (even if you don't have one). Trade that intends robbing, drugging or bashing you once you get home may be deterred if you introduce them to someone else.

For support, referral and information, or to make a report, call the Lesbian & Gay Anti-Violence Project.

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"A MEASLY 50 BUCKS!
 I SHOULD GET THAT
 JUST FOR LOOKING
 AT HIS UGLY MUG.
 AND HE'S GONNA LEAVE
 ME A FEW BRUISES AS
 A TIP. TYPICAL.
 I GET FUCKED OVER
 WHERE I LIVE.
 I GET FUCKED OVER
 ON THE STREET.
 I GET FUCKED OVER
 AT WORK. I'M NOT
 GONNA TAKE THIS
 SHIT ANYMORE.
 NOT AT THESE
 PRICES ANYWAY."

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COUNT & COUNTER

ANTI-LESBIAN AND ANTI-GAY VIOLENCE

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Just words? Next time, it might be fists and feet.

Words can be more than just talk.

Every time you're harassed, attacked or victimised for being lesbian or gay – on the street, at work, at home, anytime anywhere – report it!

REPORT IT!

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Count and Counter is a violence monitoring project. Your reports are critical in focussing attention on hate-crimes, in making the system more responsive, and in making NSW a safer place for all of us.



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HATEWATCH

MONITORING VIOLENCE AGAINST LESBIANS & GAYS

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**...I'M DROWNING
IN A SEA
OF ABUSE!**

**I KNOW DARLING
...IT'S GOTTA STOP!!
WE'VE AS MUCH RIGHT
AS EVERYONE
TO BE SAFE!**

LESBIANS DO HAVE RIGHTS!

HARASSMENT-IT'S NOT OK...

VIOLENCE-IT'S A CRIME!



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