

and straight women working collaboratively in the demonstration to promote lesbian visibility. "It's important to me to feel supported by my straight and bi-sexual women friends, to see non-lesbians who are as enthusiastic about projecting lesbian issues as they are other progressive issues. After all," she said, "every woman benefits from lesbian liberation."

The demonstration was sponsored by Women Against Imperialism and the Pledge of Resistance. In attendance were women representing many different organizations and issues, such as Committee Against Operation Rescue, United Communities for Human Rights, and several Philippine and Salvadoran groups and solidarity committees. Contingents from Mills College and San Francisco State University also joined the march.

The women maintained high energy throughout the march, using rhythmic chants, stickers, balloons, paper banners, and other creative props to highlight a broad range of issues. A roving guerrilla theater enacted symbolic resistance to the many perpetrators of violence, represented by giant puppet hands labeled "rapist," "Bureau of Prisons," "KKK," and others. Women dramatically fended off these enemies with large lavender women's symbols.

Passing a police station, women chanted, "Racist, Sexist, Anti-gay; S.F.P.D. Go Away!"

The station had been splattered with blood, alluding to -- among a long list of incidents -- ^{their} ~~the~~ brutal beating of Dolores Huerta, first vice president of the United Farm Workers, on September 15, 1988, at a demonstration against George Bush for president.

The demonstrators also attempted to enter the glitzy new Nordstrom's department store complex to protest sexist advertising which often glamorizes violence against women. Shouting, "We're Here, We're Queer, And We're Not Going Shopping!" the women were prevented entry by a squad of male security guards who hurriedly locked the doors and attempted to shove several women to the ground. Undaunted, the women marched on to the federal building, where they burned a giant paper hanger to protest right-wing attacks on abortion clinics, and the government's stated plan to overturn legalized abortion. Attention was then drawn to the flag pole where an FMLN flag was raised. Demonstrators