PAGE 26. SCORPIOS JUNE 1974 CAMP Incand it's AIMS

The Campaign Against Moral Persecution was founded in 1971 by a number of socially aware citizens to assist any member of any persecuted minority. At that time, and still today, we consider that homosexuals are the most morally oppressed group in our society. Accordingly, the Campaign is currently working for the right of homosexuals.

We, as members of the Campaign, must continue our work in society by providing assistance to homosexuals and enabling homosexuals to come to terms with their homosexuality, ie: to 'come-out' and live their lives as ordinary citizens without the fear of being discovered and/or blackmailed. Homosexuals are discriminated against by the Law, State, Religion, Education and Family, to name a few societal influences. Homosexuals are Australia's largest minority group comprising somewhere between 4-5% of the population. These figures represent only individuals who live exclusively or predominately a homosexual life-style.

I have heard repeatedly that homosexuals in Western Australia are not really being persecuted and this is the reason that most do not wish to belong to C.A.M.P., or will not even seek assistance when it is required. Unfortunately most homosexuals do not understand that they are being persecuted .. by themselves. Our society continually 'tells' homosexuals that they are sick, perverted and unnatural and that they act in this way. To a large degree many homosexuals have come to believe this and thus they oppress themselves with the greatest destructive force that exists to destroy the human personality ... Guilt, because they do not conform to the standards and norms of society. Guilt is at the centre of the homosexual life experience. It is their heritage from the past; it controls their present and robs them of their future.

I say now is the time to stop withering and to start struggling vigorously - not only homosexuals but all enlightened people in our society.