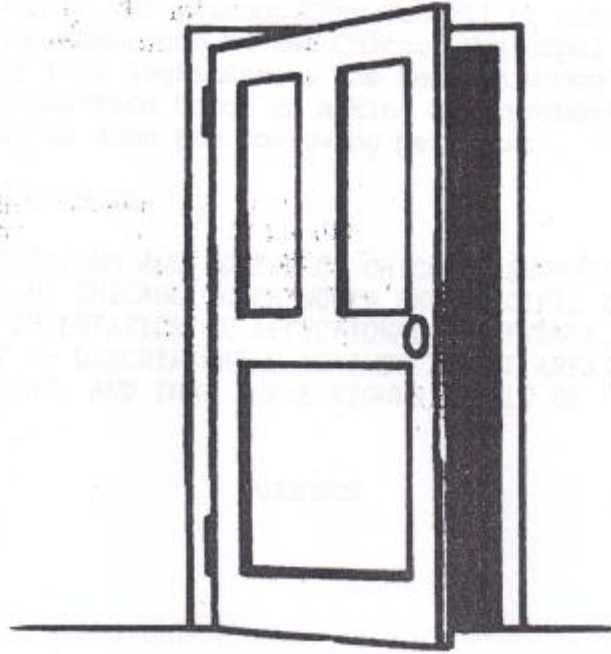


**Meet your secretary, your teacher, the auto mechanic, the steelworker, and maybe your daughter or your son.
(They all live in closet.)**



Ten million Americans live in a closet. You'd never guess their curious home, because they're your plumber, your doctor, your mailman, and maybe your mother or your father, your son or your daughter. They'd like to, introduce themselves to you, but they can't because they're invisible. You can't see them and they really don't want you to. If they suddenly materialized, you might call them gay, but it could be pretty sad if they did. Those gay people who have come out of their closets have often lost their jobs and their homes, and even their family and their friends. They've been harassed and beaten. But living in a closet isn't much fun either. Being invisible, gay people are often stepped on and jabbed. You've probably seen it happen even if you didn't realize (Remember the time you all it. laughed at that 'queer' joke — you probably didn't know that that hurt the person sitting next to you.

Some of this is changing. More and more gay people are opening the closet doors and working for the rights that should be theirs — the right to a job, a place to live, a place to get together with friends. You can help too. Here's how:

1. Write your alderperson in the Chicago city council and urge him or her to vote for Ald. Clifford Kelley's gay rights bill.
2. Sign the petition on the back of this leaflet. Get your friends to sign it.
3. Write your Senators and Representatives urging them to support HR 5452, the gay rights bill introduced by Rep. Bella Abzug.
4. For more information on these or other ways to work for gay rights, call BLAZING STAR at the Chicago Women's Liberation Union, 953—6808, or stop by our office at 2748 N. Lincoln.

