



Photographs from HBO

Ron Woods, left, an auto worker who left Chrysler, and Cheryl Summerville, who was dismissed by a restaurant in Georgia, are featured in an HBO program on anti-homosexual discrimination on the job.

### TELEVISION REVIEW

## *The Face of Hate Made Plain*

By WALTER GOODMAN

First prize in tomorrow night's contest for crudeness and cruelty to homosexuals must go to middle managers of a West Coast branch of Cantor Fitzgerald, a big securities trading company. The disgusting adolescent pranks of these million-dollar-a-year traders drove Mark Anderson out of what he thought was a bright new career.

But blue-collar workers, too, showed they can compete, sometimes physically, by picking on Ron Woods, a Chrysler electrician. Fearing for his safety, he left the company.

And lest the working class get all the credit for anti-homosexual enthusiasm, Cheryl Summerville was dismissed by Cracker Barrel, a Southern restaurant chain, on the ground that her "sexual preference failed to demonstrate normal heterosexual values."

The three case histories that make up H.B.O.'s "Out at Work" attest that animus against homosexuals is still alive if not exactly well around the nation. As the program, narrated by

### AMERICA UNDERCOVER Out at Work

HBO, tomorrow night at 10:30

For Anderson Gold Films: produced and directed by Tami Gold and Kelly Anderson; Lillian Benson and Ms. Anderson, editors; original music by Don Dinicola; Grethe Cammermeyer, narrator. For HBO: Sheila Nevins, executive producer; John Hoffman, supervising producer; Geof Bartz, supervising editor.

Grethe Cammermeyer, an Army colonel who was discharged for revealing that she is a lesbian, reminds us, in 40 states it is still legal to get rid of people because they are not heterosexual.

If there is an upbeat note here, it is the resistance shown by the subjects of the abuse. Ms. Summerville especially was championed by picketing, sit-ins and other well publicized demonstrations, which resulted in Cracker Barrel's protesting that it did not discriminate, not that Ms. Summerville or the others who had been discharged got their jobs back.

Mr. Woods won election as a union delegate and went on to campaign

### Homosexuals fight back, but their gains are not easy.

for a "sexual orientation" clause in the anti-discrimination provisions of the new Chrysler contract. He didn't succeed entirely, but changes have been made.

Most striking in these accounts is the mockery, the revulsion, the downright hate evidenced by some of those who are caught on camera. No sympathy for Ms. Summerville is detectable among worshipers at the local Baptist church. Elsewhere a man quotes the Bible as his authority that homosexuals ought to be killed. The milder punishment, defended by Cracker Barrel patrons who say their "family values" are offended by the presence of a lesbian waitress, is to take away her livelihood.

"Out at Work" is a close-up of how deeply feelings against homosexuals can still reach and how vicious they can be.