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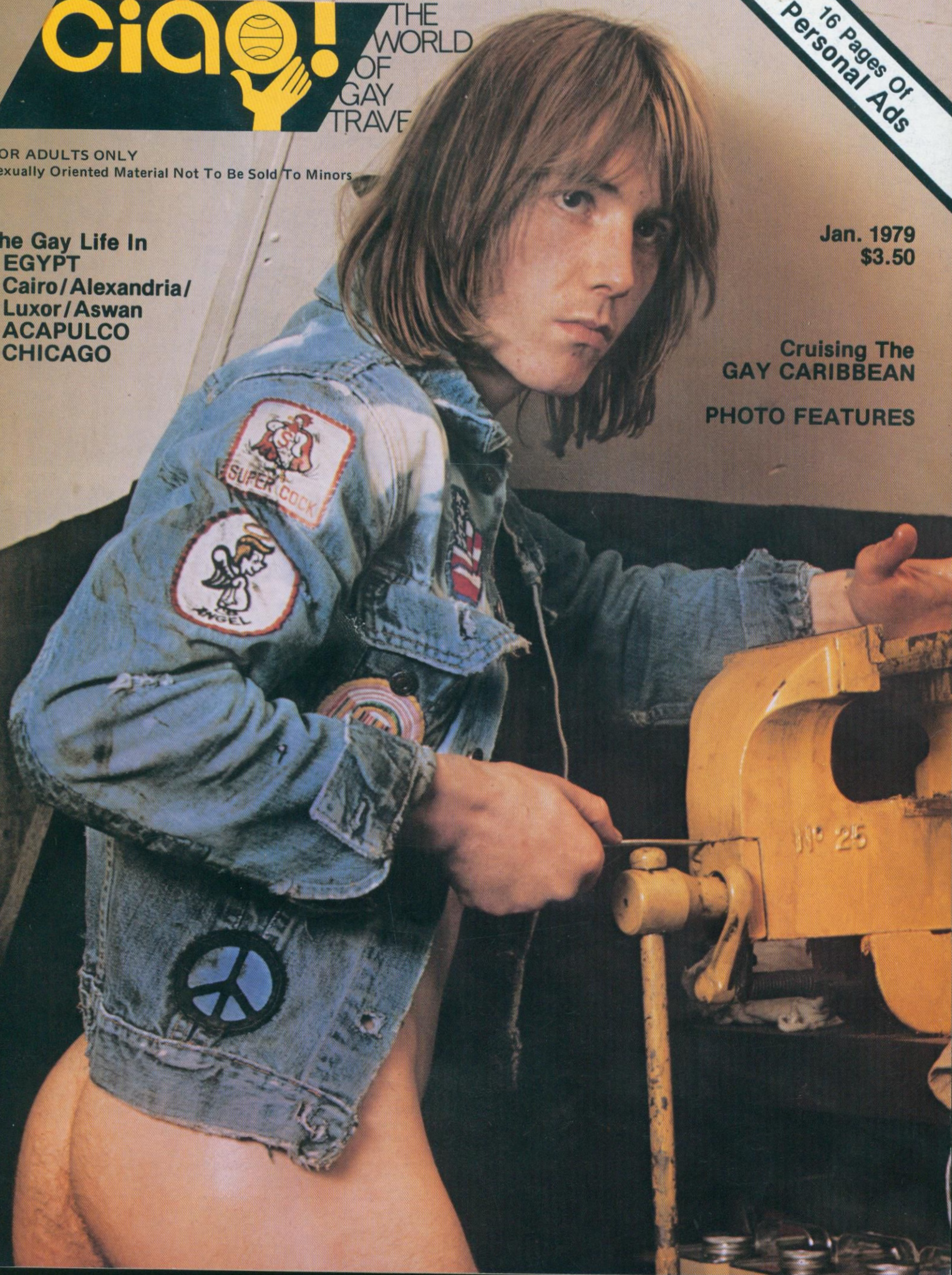
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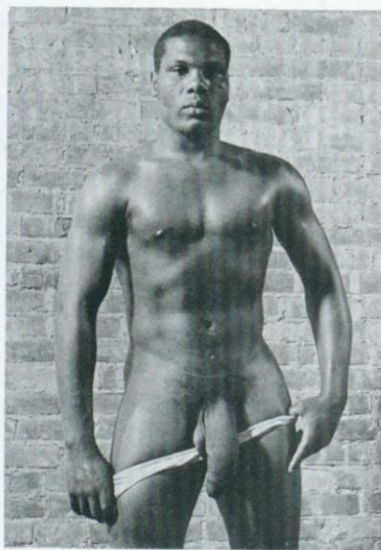
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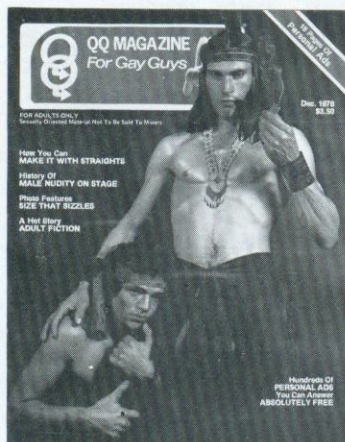
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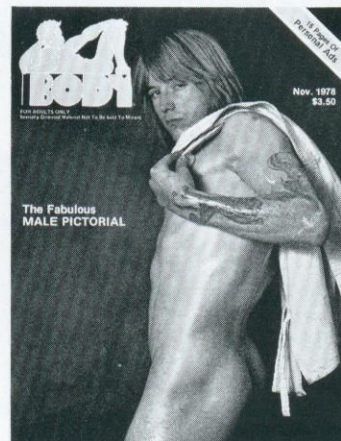


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Plane Speaking

How To Fly On The Cheap

By Jon Lorrimer

When is air travel a real bargain? With price-warring domestic and international airlines competing for your travel dollar—and with still new, and lower fares coming into being even as you read this, the more you know about low/lower/lowest in air travel costs—and how to pinpoint a particular low-cost flight and nail it down—the greater bargain you can strike. So at present what's the yardstick of 'bargain'? From 30% to 40% off standard first-class fares is considered **great**; 50% off is **greater** (since the 50% you save equals your return flight); and 60% is not only the **greatest** bargain: it's a downright steal!

You can save a bundle by analyzing newspaper advertisements, by following surprise developments in air travel (Freddy Laker's Skytrain is a good example), and by putting to use the **Ciao!** tips outlined in this issue. Then having made up your mind, you can approach your travel agent or airline-ticket salesman, ask for the precise flight arrangement you wish (having a well-thought-out alternate choice at the ready), and triumph every time, without heavy sales pressure by ticket or travel agent. Right off, each will be impressed by the fact that he's dealing with a seasoned air traveler—a real pro—and your no-nonsense approach—firm but kindly—will work miracles in minutes.

Thinking about it altruistically you'll see why such an assured approach works to the benefit of salesmen also. Often an airline employee works for a set salary, plus a small percentage of his ticket sales—'incentive increments' it's called. If he must start from scratch and explain in detail all the available low-cost flight modalities (especially to

those who have difficulty in making up their minds), the airline is not making even the nut on his salary, and he reaps no incentive increments. So unless you have it all together in your mind, and are precise, you will often get the brushoff: told that the low-cost flight plan you desire has been sold out. So you settle for a higher-fare ticket, and hear of someone on the plane who had bought **your** low-cost flight only moments ago, and is elated about saving so much money. You're justifiably angry. What's worse, you may find that the plane on which you depart has many empty seats! Salt in the wound.

From the travel agent's point of view, there are so many, and such constantly-changing air-flight deals he just doesn't have the time to keep current with them. Moreover, unless you are buying the many items of a tour package—which will net him more than just 7% of a low-cost to-and-fro flight—he loses time, money, and often his sanity.

DOMESTIC FLIGHTS Descending Scales of Airfares

Except for short-haul routes, such as from New York to, say, Indianapolis, most domestic airlines offer three standard flight classes: first class, coach (tourist), and economy (or 'thrift', or 'No Frills' flights, or 'K' Class . . . airlines having different names for the same thing). **Economy class** puts you in the rear of the plane for about 40% less than first-class fare. Since it's the cheapest, consider yourself lucky to get a free half-glass of Tab or a coffee. Bring fried chicken. The **coach** flight offers real 'togetherness' in seating . . . all in a row across the plane; some kind of snack; but you'll get a full can of Tab for your very own! You save about 30% off the first-class fare. **First class** offers wider, more comfortable seating, a full meal, maybe even a movie. The food, however, even though touted 'gourmet' is usually institutionally tasteless and only the 'malnurtured' would down every morsel.

But a flight, uncomfortable though it may be, is 'never

forever'. In a short time you've reached your destination. What discomfort you may have experienced is more than offset by the considerable amount of money you saved. Eat 'gourmet' later!

The trick of getting the best bargains in low-cost air travel is to use as your bargain yardstick the **regular day coach** or **basic economy fare**. Comparing possibly lower fares with these will impress you more with what a bargain you may be getting. Ask for a quotation of this basic rate, even though you plan to seek a further-discount fare. Because such fares are standard, and the airline ticket-salesman has them on a board right in front of him, he can quickly tick them off for you. Jot them down, **then** ask about alternative fares. Compare. You'll see in a flash how you can save 30% to 40%. And if you don't mind flying at night, you can get 'Deluxe Night Coach' flights for 50% off.

Still lower. If you'll take the 'Red-Eye Special', as night flights are known to the trade, on off-peak days (in midweek), this will save you about 60%.

Excursion fares. Also check these. Excursion fares can save you about 60% in **daytime** travel, and the reason is that you adjust your takeoff and return to a certain minimum/maximum days away from home, leaving and arriving on middle-of-the-week days. Your excursion trip must last beyond the next weekend; last at least 7 days; and maximum length of the excursion can be no more than 45 days.

The 'lowest advance purchase fare'. Still lower in price than the above. Greater discounts are possible in **daytime** flying when you reserve and pay for your excursion flight ticket from 7 to 30 days in advance. This helps the airline fill its planes. Your cue is to ask the agent (of any airline) for the "lowest advance purchase fare." All airlines understand this. He'll get what you mean, and you'll save more money.

Simple Saver fares. If you fly Allegheny, Delta, Ozark, Northwest, Eastern or Piedmont, you will find savings in **middle** dis-

tance flights. But these flights are not direct. What makes them cheaper is that they make stops along the way to deliver Uncle Sam's mail. It's an inconvenience, and a trip-lengthener, but the dollar bills you'll save will wipe away all tears. Even on first-class flights you get about a **third** off!

Recently it was decided that such travail in travel is worth more, and so by the time you read this you may find that by using Simple Saver fares you can get 50% off first-class for flights of this somewhat longer distance.

Such a flight has other advantages: round-tripping it, you'll need no advance booking. Also, reservations can be cancelled without penalty to you. No fear . . . the airline will quickly sell **your** space! Naturally the airline wants you to buy the more profitable-to-them and easily-explainable flights—fares of which are indelibly etched in the mind. So if you'll take the time to read about, study, and keep current with low-cost Simple Saver flights you can step right up, ask for them, get the flight you want at the price you expect—with no worries.

It's often possible that a particular flight on a particular day really **is** sold out. No brushoff. So when making inquiry, have in mind an alternate date, or an alternate (day/night) flight possibility. **Stay flexible.** And don't make the mistake of vaguely asking "Just what is your lowest possible flight fare?" No agent is going to wax enthusiastic about telling you that. It's simple: know what you want, ask for it, but have another option in case the flight really **is** sold out. Clinch it right then and there while you have the salesman's undivided attention. Otherwise you'll be back at Square 1 and have to do the whole bit over.

FLYING 'GROUPIE' TO THE GAY CARIBBEAN AND HAWAII

Here's a good tip for four gay guys who want to make it in Hawaii or the Caribbean. Why not establish yourself as a

'group'? A family of four is considered a group. Also at least four persons with a certain cultural bond—art-study, festivals, and the like. Though all of you may not share the same interests (except sex), the fact that you have available such an arrangement makes possible big savings to all of you. Once there, you do as you please.

There are virtually no restrictions on group flying. As a rule, a group that goes together may return **independently**—and generous is the time span allotted for your stay. (Icelandic Airlines offers this mini-group plan for those flying to Europe. You depart together on a certain day, but return independently, as you wish.) This is a little-known flight scheme that can save you money. There's also a somewhat similar flight plan, called "Unlimited Travel" and it works like this:

If you'd like to do the Caribbean, plus Mexico, for a fixed price you can fly to all islands, and cities in Mexico served by a particular airline. Check the timetables of Eastern, Delta, and National to see which serves the most areas you'd like to visit.

This is a **three-week maximum** deal. The requirements are that 2 people must fly together, and that the "Unlimited Travel" be reserved and paid for 14 days before departure. For as little as \$300 you can chalk up \$1000 worth of flying time!

You can visit all the gay places listed in **Private Stock**, our gay travel guidebook in however many Caribbean islands the airline serves, then on to Mexico City, Guadalajara, Acapulco and Puerto Vallarta. Stop-over wherever you like, then catch the next plane to the next dreamland. Look into it. Remember, it takes only **two** to make this "Unlimited Travel" arrangement possible. It's unique.

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS

Freddy Laker and his Skytrain have really taken the ginger out of airlines international! The competition for your dollar is fierce. When you can fly Skytrain to London and return for only \$299 . . . or to London, and

thence by ferry and train to Paris, and back home via London, for only \$325, what greater bargain? Not everyone, of course, cares for the hassle in getting a seat on Skytrain. They've seen TV news-coverage of the Plastic City in London, with would-be returnees anxiously queuing up for seats.

Many of the same low-cost flight plans offered by airlines in the United States are also offered by international airlines—the same 'Red-Eye Special' off-peak discounts. More in fall and winter, of course, than in spring and summer. For example, a night-flight round-trip to Paris after September 1 is just \$299. But come next spring the price is upped by only \$61—to a total of \$360. You can figure a 50% discount on night-flight round-trips to London or Paris, and other major European cities.

Excursion fares. There is a minimum stay of 7 days; a maximum of from 45 to 60 days. Your trip, like American excursions, must begin in midweek and you must return in midweek. Sometimes requirements vary, but in the main they are pretty flexible—you'll have enough time to see and do what/whom you want. Discounts average about 30% off standard fares.

APEX fares. This is the "advance purchase" idea again. While 30 days advance purchase is required domestically, APEX tickets to Europe can be had for about 21 days prior to flight. Book as early as you can, however, for the best seats. No stopovers are permitted, but "open jaw" flying is, in which you can fly to one city and **return** from another. Discounts fall into the 40% to 50% category.

The IT plan. Short for "Inclusive Tour." If 'tour' turns you off, turn on to this tour. The IT plan is an offer you can't refuse, once you've looked into it. You don't have to do the whole bit of flying to Europe with a gaggle of hens, busing around museums and art galleries, and dining together—always with an apple for dessert.

Once you book this tour, all you need 'take' from it, once

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there, is a token two nights in a specific hotel, or rent a car, or pay for a theater ticket! You'll have done a token 'tour'. Ask your travel agent, or airlines serving the country you'd like to visit about "Tour Basing" fares. Why take IT in the first place?

Because the entire package of air and land, including the items you're 'including out' **costs far less than regular air fare alone.** Moreover, your travel agent's eyes will light up like a pinball machine when he hears the word 'tour'. His commission, on the many items that make up such a tour, makes arranging the tour for you worthwhile. Generally, a fly/drive arrangement is integral to such a plan. A wonderful way to get there . . . drive wherever you like . . . letting the hens cackle among themselves . . . and come home relaxed and happy. Best of all—no standby hassle.

Budget fares. This type of flight package is a real bargain, offering savings of 60%. Just book at least 3 weeks in advance (Pan Am and TWA); tell the agent/airline which week you want to fly, and about 10 days before departure you'll get a call notifying you of the precise day and hour of your flight. The rate is the same as the 'standby' plan, but without the 'standing by'. All very comfortable and assured.

Pan Am offers budget fares to London, Berlin, Amsterdam, Vienna, and some Iron Curtain cities, such as Warsaw. Such budget fares also apply to Pan Am flights to Singapore, Hong Kong, and across the Pacific. A very inexpensive way to meet some of those humpy Oriental gay guys we've been telling you about in previous issues of **Ciao!** There is a cancellation fee varying from a flat \$50 to 50% of the fare. With regard to this latter requirement, if you can produce a doctor's note that you have an illness better treated at home, the requirement may be waived. Again, it's better to have a travel agent arrange for this European budget plan. In case one airline can't accommodate you, he'll know of another that can.

SOME TRAVEL TIPS

1. Try to catch an early-morning flight to Europe. Such a flight is far less tiring than on a night plane. It's also better for standbys.

2. Standby travelers going to London should buy an entirely 'open (uncoded) ticket', so that it can be used **on any available carrier.** Be sure to specify this. You're sure of being more quickly accommodated. Shorter waits.

3. Don't be shy about asking for bargain fares. Everyone knows that the dollar is almost ashamed to raise its lovely head in Europe. Thus when you ask for low-cost flights, you'll find that the ticket salesman will quite understand the need for your economy.

4. Did you know that if you arrive at Newark Airport from your home town, on your way to Europe from JFK, that helicopter connections between Newark and JFK are **free**? Such international airlines as Pan Am, TWA, Air India and Icelandic pay for having you transported to the take-off plane. If in doubt, check the New York Airways desk. Nice to know.

5. Don't automatically settle for first-class if the discount-fare flight you'd hoped to snare doesn't work out precisely. (Of course, if you take advantage of the several **secured** flights mentioned, there is no problem.) Have your name 'wait-listed'. You'll usually find that space clears in short order.

6. Check Icelandic Airlines for flights to Europe. If, for example, you're going to Germany first, you might consider Icelandic's very inexpensive flights to Luxembourg. Then, a few miles by bus and you're in Germany, where you can board train, bus or plane to your destination. All this for about 60% of Lufthansa's direct flights to Germany.

Such a variety of low-cost flights makes Europe possible for everyone—not just this year, but year after year. Don't miss!

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Gay Chicago

By Tom Loring

Chicago's O'Hare is one of the busiest airports in the world—which is a way of saying that a lot of people pass through the town. And many stay awhile; for a few hours; overnight, or longer. This is particularly true of gay guys in search of excitement on their way to or from other places.

Not too many years ago Chicago missed the mark as a gay haven. While the gay life was flourishing in such cities as New York and San Francisco, police harassment and arrests were the order of the day in this town. Now, thanks to the legalization of homosexuality between consenting adults, in particular, and permissive times, in general, Chicago is yet another center of the good gay life.

It's a great city with lots to do; once you know how to get around (get yourself a map as soon as you arrive, or rely on taxis) you won't have any trouble finding exactly what you want. Because the city is spread out you will have to limit your activities to sections—unless you want to spend a lot of time moving around. Pick the kind of places you want to visit and concentrate on the area—saving other parts of town for another time.

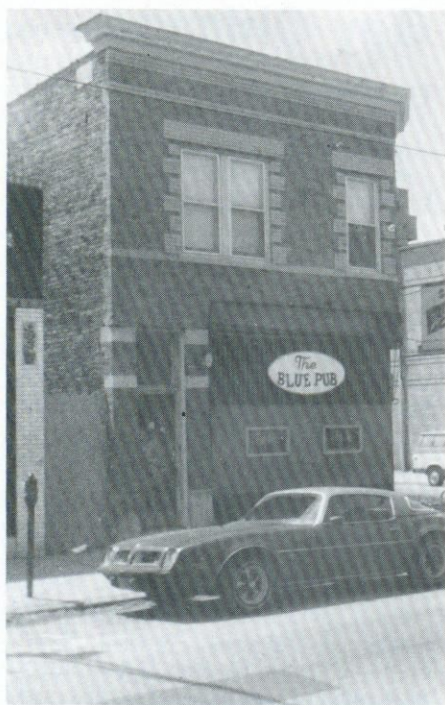
NORTH SIDE

Boundaries are Irving Park north to Howard Street, and from Irving Park west to the city limits. The farther north or west you go the better the neighborhood becomes. In the section north from Irving Park to Foster, and west from Sheridan Road to Ashland Avenue, there is a heavy deposit of Chicanos and Blacks; Foster and Ashland seem to be the cut-off point. That's when you start getting into ethnic neighborhoods populated by Swedes, Greeks and Jews.

Bars

Blue Pub, 3059 W. Irving Park Rd. Over 30, but humpy. Piano sing-alongs on weekends.

Closet, 3325 N. Broadway. Go



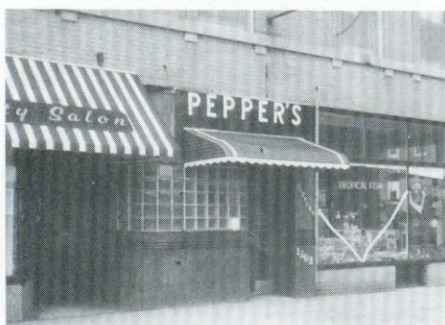
Blue Pub



The Closet



Mike's Terrace



Pepper's

around 11 P.M. for the best crowds; people start arriving about that time. Gay men and women fill the dance floor. On Sunday evenings there's a free buffet.

Lost & Found, 2529 W. Irving Park Rd. Mostly women. Dancing. Can be a lot of fun for guys too.

Mike's Aragon, 1113 W. Lawrence Ave. Day or night, there's everything here that's typical of bars in rough neighborhoods. Come and shop for rough trade, hustlers included.

Mike's Terrace, 1137 W. Granville St. Gets an older crowd. All right if you're in the area.

Pepper's, 1502 W. Jarvis Ave. The decor is 1930-ish and the young-but-not-that-young crowd is friendly. There's dancing.

21 Club, 3042 W. Irving Park Rd. The place is going on its 18th year—and that says a lot. Dancing to a jukebox. There is a good ol' midwest fish-fry from 8 P.M. until midnight on Saturdays, and an open buffet on Sundays at 8 P.M.

Baths

Man's Country, 5015 N. Clark St. Popular. You'll need a membership card to enter the chain establishment. Go with a member and join on the spot. Plenty of action and everything typical of gay baths, plus a cabaret and disco.

Man's World, 4740 N. Western Ave. The newest entry in the baths scene. Take your membership card from another baths for identification in order to join this one. Good reports on the action.

Outside Cruising

There's cruising east of Outer Drive, from Montrose to Lawrence, day and night—but beware of toughs. North of Lawrence there is a wooded area famous for its daytime orgies—but the bushes are dangerous at night. And not far away, between Montrose and Wilson, you'll find a john that faces Outer Drive. For general cruising, start at Montrose (in the park at the path near Outer Drive) and walk slowly to Foster Avenue.

NEW TOWN

Go north from about Fullerton

Parkway to Belmont Avenue, New Town. Not only is this area considered the best gay section in town, but wandering around is not only pleasant but rewarding (especially along Broadway between Diversey and Belmont).

Hotel

Abbott, 771 Belmont Ave. Average, but there's action on the spot.

Restaurants

Clark St. Station, 3218 N. Clark St. There's a good buffet on Sundays. Open daily for lunch and dinner.

Elly's, 3126 N. Broadway. Popular with gay guys, day and night.

Bars

Augie's, 3729 N. Halsted. Gay women.

Big Red's, 642 W. Diversey Pk'wy. Open afternoons too.

Broadway Limited, 3112 N. Broadway. This super bar is a Chicago favorite. All kinds of diversions, such as a beanbag-chair lounge that features a jumbo TV; pool table; piano bar; a western bar that opens at noon for leather/denim guys; live d.j.; dining in railroad cars (dinner from 6 P.M. 'til midnight; snacks and/or breakfast until closing; lunch at noon). You must join, but that's only a formality at the door. Wide age range—depending on what section turns you on.

Brownstone, 3435 W. Diversey Pk'wy. Entertainment. New but worth visiting.

Bushes, 3320 N. Halsted St. A pleasant bar decorated with live plants. Jukebox. The cruising is good.

Carol in Exile, 3510 N. Broadway. Dancing—but still a good cruising place. A lot of leather, denim and unusual tripsters.

Center Stage, 3730 N. Clark St. A young crowd gathers for the disco and cabaret. Food available.

Cheeks, 2730 N. Clark St. The place to go if you like watching go-go boys show their cheeks. There's dancing. Some hustlers.

C.K.'s, 1425 W. Diversey Pk'wy. Dancing and snacks—in that order. Some lesbians.

Crystal's Blinks, 3153 N. Broadway. There's entertainment at this disco. Open after-

and west from Sheridan Road to Halsted Street—and you're in noons too. Young crowd.

El Dorado, 2683 N. Halsted St. Go on weekends for the best crowds. Primarily Latin, lots of macho. Straights check it out too—particularly if they have meat for sale. Dancing.

Giovanni's, 3724 N. Clark St. Still another Latin disco. New and coming up fast. The crowd that gathers afternoons and evenings is young and hot.

Greenleaf, 1770 Greenleaf. Because of its proximity to Loyola and Northwestern, the crowd is humpily collegiate. There are game machines and a pool table. Dancing and snacks.

His & Hers, 944 W. Addison. Pleasant but mainly lesbians. Dancing (jukebox) and live entertainment Sunday evenings. Hot sandwiches.

Hoots, 2350 N. Clark St. Good cruising.

Knight Out, 2936 N. Clark St. Come day and night; there's food and a friendly square bar. Dancing (jukebox) and a bulletin board with a lot of amusing items that help start conversations. Gay men and women.

Little Jim's, 3501 N. Halsted St. The place opens at 7 A.M. Something special is going on all the time. Go-go boys in the evening. Jukebox dancing and occasional food fests.

Music Box, 3735 N. Southport. Lesbians. There's food.

Petunia's, 2559 N. Southport. The petunias here are female, but there are usually enough men around to make it interesting. Dancing. Friendly.

Shari's, 2901 N. Clark St. On weekends it's packed with young stuff. Very hip.

Touche, 2845 N. Lincoln Ave. The fireplace makes for very pleasant surroundings. A nice place to sit and talk. Hotdogs for hot leather/western guys (some S&Mers).

Virgo Out, 2546 W. Clark St. Home for a cycle club, so the ambiance is leather. Buffets are frequent happenings. There's dancing.

Baths

Steam Works, 3131 N. Lincoln Ave. The usual facilities. Popular.

Makeout Place

Try the john at the **Lake Shore Theatre**, a straight moviehouse at Broadway and Belmont St.

Outside Cruising

Where Broadway, Diversey and Clark meet is cruised. Walk Broadway from Diversey to Belmont for rewarding contacts. Also Pine Grove from Surf to Wellington. The park area near the lagoon, from Deming Place to Fullerton Parkway, is heavily cruised but very dangerous, especially at night. Ditto for the john near the lagoon, and hills on the east side of the lagoon.

The Belmont Rocks, from Belmont to Diversey, is still very gay for swimmers and sunners in warm weather. In the park itself, the john near Fullerton and Stockton Drive is popular with gays and vice during zoo hours.

OLD TOWN

This area is from Division Street south to Armitage Avenue; from Clark Street east to Halsted Street.

Bars

Butterfly, 1437 N. Wells St. Homemade fast-food makes the place a hit. There's a beer garden, dance floor (jukebox), and the crowd is mixed gay men and women.

Den One, 1355 N. Wells St. Large dance floor and special events. If you dig it with Black guys, try this one.

Glory Hole, 1343 N. Wells St. Night and day. On weekends there are go-go boys. Beer garden with an above-ground swimming pool and sundeck. Other amusements, including movies. Macho leather/western. Good makeout place.

Le Pub, 1944 N. Clark St. Dancing in this class place, plus movies in the lounge. Restaurant that's popular. Don't go in dungarees.

Gay Flicks

Try the **Bijou**, 1439 N. Wells St. Strictly gay—and the action is as hot in the seats and in the john as on the screen.

Outside Cruising

Lincoln Park is cruised—particularly the two johns . . . one in the fieldhouse basement, near the ball diamond at LaSalle



21 Club



Man's Country



El Dorado



Virgo Out



Deming Place/Lagoon



Butterfly



Le Pub



Bijou



Gold Coast



Wacker Health Club

Drive and Clark Street; and at Armitage and Clark, behind the museum and in front of the lagoon. Be cautious and don't go at night.

NEAR NORTH

Still the most elegant section of town. The area stretches from around Superior Street north to North Avenue, and from Lake Shore Drive west to LaSalle Street.

Hotel

Barracks, 506 N. Clark St. It's actually a baths, which also serves as a hotel. Hot.

Restaurants

Gay guys like **Country Cousins**, 508 N. Clark St., open day and night, and **My Brother's Place**, 111 W. Hubbard St.

Bars

Alfie's, 900 N. Rush St. Dancing, cruised. Young. Tea dances in the afternoon.

Baton, 463 N. Clark St. Shows at 10 P.M. Dancing too. Call ahead for a good table (644-5269).

Chatterbox, 744 N. Clark St. Afternoons too.

Dugan's Bistro, 420 N. Dearborn St. This super bar attracts a very hip and humpy crowd. On weekends there's a comedy drag show. A live d.j. takes over the disco from 10 P.M. Good cruising, too.

Gold Coast, 501 N. Clark St. This leather bar is among the most famous in the country. There's a pool table and a jukebox. All kinds of diversions—especially the action basement.

Haig, 800 N. Dearborn Pk'wy. This oldtimer has been around for years—and it gets all types, including a lot of losers who frequent the nearby Bug House Square. Nonetheless, it's popular—and somewhat of an institution. Note: It's right across the street from the Lawson YMCA . . . in case you are staying there and things are dull.

Jock's, 432 N. Clark St. A new entry in discos for the young.

King's Ransom, 20 E. Chicago Ave. The U-shaped bar is good for conversation. There's a small dance floor and the ambiance is masculine. On cold nights the fireplace helps.

O'Banion's, 661 N. Clark St. There's dancing.

Redoubt, 65 W. Illinois. If you're into leather/western. Good cruising.

Ritz, 937 N. State St. There's dancing. Black guys, mainly, and some of them are into hustling. Day and night.

Ten-Oh-Two, 1002 N. Clark St. Hustlers for sale.

Baths

There are three. **Club**, 609 N. LaSalle St. (part of the chain, membership required); **Ohio & State**, 9 E. Ohio St. (like the Club, and there's dancing); and the **Wacker**, 674½ N. Clark St. (best weekends).

Gay Flicks

The **Newberry**, 856 N. Clark St. shows the latest gay movies. Good action in the seats and in the john.

Magazines & Peeps

Good selections and hot peeps at **Bi-Way Books & Arcade**, 1020 N. Clark St., and **The Machine Shop**, 504 N. Clark St. (across the street from the Gold Coast, so traffic includes leather/western).

Outside Cruising

If you're looking for tough trash, try Bug House Square—and expect to pay. The Oak St. Beach at Oak and Lake Shore Drive is very gay and the place to go for your sun in warm weather. And don't forget that at Dearborn and Chicago, right across the street from the Haig, is the Lawson YMCA (already mentioned)—favored by gay guys for years. Naturally, the street out front can be interesting.

DOWNTOWN

The area is heavily Black when the offices close. Grant Park, between Randolph and Monroe Streets, can be cruisy—but rough at night. If you want to walk on the wild side—try the walkway along the Illinois Central tracks. If you're into johns, expect the usual at the Greyhound Bus Station. The john in the **Monroe Theatre**, 5 W. Monroe St. is alive (mostly Black); straight porno shown here.

THE SUBURBS

If you have wheels, and it's

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warm, drive out to Touhy (Iroquois) Woods, west of Touhy Ave., across the Des Plaines River, and follow the path from the parking lot. Daytime only—and exercise caution in the meatrack.

In nearby Forest Park, the bars are the **Hideaway II**, 7301 W. Roosevelt Rd., where there's a restaurant downstairs (also straights) and a disco (gay) upstairs; and **Nut Bush City Limits**, 301 N. Harlem Ave., for dancing.

In Calumet City, the **Bank Vault**, 200 S. State St. There's a square bar and dancing. Food too. Also, **Mr. B's**, 606 State Line Ave. It's been there over 25 years. Dancing. Popular.

In Evanston, go directly to the Northwestern University campus. Active john in the Drama Building; Fisk Hall, basement; Music Building, 3rd floor; New Library, 3rd, 4th and 5th floors; and Old Deering Library, basement. Have a reason for being there; carrying a course catalog is helpful, your excuse—if questioned—being that you're looking over the school with the thought of enrolling. (It should be noted that active johns in university buildings across the country are suffering a general crackdown at the moment—a general trend possibly caused by the gay awareness straights—including school authorities!—have these days, and the new boldness many gays exhibit lately—throwing caution to the winds and causing scenes with straight prospects—who blow the whistle.)

That wraps up Chicago—which is no longer under wraps. If you are planning to fly to the coast (either one)—plan ahead so that you can spend a night or more in the Windy City. The blowing is good!

Typecasting The Sex Bugs A Parasite Profile By Roger Watson

Modern jet planes and down-

ward-spiraling air-travel costs are making it possible for millions of tourists to visit previously inaccessible areas, each—unfortunately—having its own particular parasites and infectious diseases. Not having the built-in immunity to such parasites that natives of these areas have developed through years of exposure to them, travelers returning to the United States are bringing with them so many and varied parasitical infections—especially numerous after vacation seasons—that local physicians have had great difficulty diagnosing and effectively treating them.

Until the U.S. Center for Disease Control in Atlanta grew concerned about the rise in parasitical diseases, little attempt had been made to profile them. Now, however, because the Center is making available to all interested physicians its 'update', it has become the practice of many harassed physicians to treat **at once**, via profile/typecast, than by the slower ruling-out of more orthodox tests. This is pointed up wryly by Dr. Isadore Rosenfeld in his wonderfully informative book **The Complete Medical Exam**, recently published by Simon & Schuster—and it's a must for anyone concerned with maintaining good health. There is some good advice for gay people in it, too.

As he says, "Quite frankly, if you have some fever and a few aches and pains, I'm more likely to call it 'flu' or a 'virus' than dengue fever or tsutsugamushi disease—unless, of course, you tell me you've just come back from a vacation in the Far East, Africa, or the Caribbean. Or if you've had diarrhea for a few days, I may think of 'stomach virus', or something you ate that will clear up, maybe even colitis—unless you tell me you've just come back from a remote part of Mexico, or from Leningrad. In this latter city, the water supply has been contaminated by a parasite known as **Giardia lamblia**, which causes diarrhea. Analyzing the stool, identifying the infecting organism, and treating with its spe-

cific antibiotic, may be all that's necessary in such cases—not an extensive, expensive workup. So a travel history will alert me to 'exotic' disease possibilities and avoid a lot of unnecessary worry and testing."

GAY "NOT-SO-INNOCENTS" ABROAD

Gay people, though, are far from being touristically naive, and rarely come home with just some garden-variety of systemic upset that a less-experienced traveler might understandably contract. For example, long ago we typecast the sources/symptoms of **tourist diarrhea** (**turista**, 'the trots', 'Delhi Belly'). We know that it's caused by **protozoal** contamination of tap/drinking water. And we extend this to include Caribbean/Mexican/Asian food handled by cooks and waiters whose hands—if not washed after toilet—are rinsed in that same untreated water, and go on to poison luscious green salads, and contaminate fresh fruit they peel—to the same diarrhetic end. Such waiters can contaminate an entire shipload of gourmet diners (a true captive audience) feasting on beautiful-to-the-eye food of a luxury cruise. But we, more experienced, know how to avoid or deal with this. If we sometimes relax our hygienic vigilance (perhaps overcome by a special trick), we know how to slow the 'go' with Lomotil or paregoric.

Until recently there was little that travelers could do to prevent travel diarrhea. Now, however, medical scientists have demonstrated a method of prevention that, blessedly, seems to work. It is simple: take one 100-milligram capsule of the antibiotic **doxymycin** each day. This drug is a member of the tetracycline family, and is also sold under the trade name **Vibramycin**. It is available only on a doctor's prescription.

The proper regimen is to swallow the first capsule on the day of arrival in a foreign country, and continue to take one capsule a day. Dr. David A. Sack of Johns Hopkins University is said to believe there is no

point in beginning the drug in advance of the proposed trip, because there is no information that its effect lasts more than three weeks. A vaccine that, it is hoped, will prevent travel diarrhea is in the works, and this, it is expected, will extend the period of protection for many months. Good news.

A 'WORMY' ISSUE

Readers of **Ciao!** and **QQ Magazine**, who've taken to heart our articles on unusual parasitical **worms**, also know that we were the first to typecast the **fluke**, and so when in the Caribbean area, or in certain areas of Mexico, or in the Canadian lake country, they never go wading or swimming in some 'Paradise' mountain pool or stream whose water has not been treated. They know that lurking in that 'naturally pure' water the fluke operates by injecting his body into the skin of its victim, causing him long weeks of chills, fever, loss of weight, and possibly organ damage (not to mention putting the hex on sex for the duration!), until a tropical disease specialist can make a workup, pinpoint the culprit, and institute fast treatment.

Obviously, when one knows the profile or typecast of symptoms, many months of boring recovery—and lots of money—can be saved. Always remember to tell your doctor (a) what area of the Caribbean/Mexico/Canadian lake-country you visited; (b) whether you swam or waded in a secluded mountain stream or pool; (c) suggest 'fluke' to him to head him in the probably right direction, and (d) detail your symptoms precisely as and when they occurred. With this information, plus the disease/parasite profile from the Center for Disease Control to check against, he can proceed with fast corrective treatment.

ANAL-ORAL TRANSMISSION OF SEX BUGS

For every gay guy going to exotic places abroad, there are **five** 'exotic' gay foreigners who arrive here. Some enter as illegal aliens. Others arrive as

visitors in the hope that someone with influence can advance their names on the quota list since they have the advantage of 'being already here'. Still others arrive with legitimate passports and think well enough of the gay U.S. A. to become citizens, putting down (and in) roots.

But this influx is getting out of hand, and health. To Americans living in smaller towns it must be difficult to comprehend that there are more Egyptians in New York than in any other city except Cairo! Or that there are more Arabs in Brooklyn than in many Arab capitals! Many—perhaps a majority—are gay and daring. How can you tell? A wag friend of **Ciao!** says that you can tell a gay Arab from a straight because the gay is the one who bathes!

New India is also here: hundreds of thousands of them—most are illegals. They open an Indian or Pakistani restaurant and serve Pako-Hind diarrhea . . . or buy out a small mom 'n pop' business from retiring-to-Miami owners . . . or are professionals aiming for the top—such as resident physicians who are more numerous in New York hospitals than Yale or Harvard graduates. Except for the physicians, most of the other Indians bring their dubious standards of health/hygiene, and soon—one fears—New York will become Calcutta East . . . 'Black Hole' and all.

Jamaica is well represented, too. Brooklyn and New York's Upper West Side are where they live. They make up almost 90% of the nursing staff at more than one New York hospital! (Oddity: So many Jamaican gay guys become registered nurses. It's really 'hard' to convalesce with all those humpy numbers around!)

Of course, no one except the Arab or Afro-Arab has a larger cock than the Jamaican. And Jamaicans are so attractive in other ways one wants to know them better. Small wonder that native-born Americans find them such a different 'taste treat'. But one can get hooked on such absolutely monumental cock size, forgetting (or not

having known) that such **import-ed** magnificence brings with it its own Pandora's box of parasites, for which the Arab or Jamaican, the Indian or 'Hung-Konger' (lots of Chinese from Hong Kong are here, too) has a built-in immunity. He doesn't surrender it the moment he steps off the plane at JFK.

ENLARGING THE PROFILE OF AMEBIASIS/SHIGELLOSIS

What the Center for Disease Control, and the Bureau of Venereal Disease Control of the New York City Health Department are most concerned about is that parasites brought in by unwitting vectors from Caribbean, African, and Far Eastern countries can exist **outside** the body—**around** the buns, as well as in the crack—and return to home base in the rectum and lower colon at will. In this 'now you see me, now you don't' of amebic cysts it's possible that a vector may pass them along at one time, and not at another. Amebic roulette, one might say. Because of his built-in immunity the alien gay may never have known he has such parasites as amebas (**E. histolytica**, which causes amebic dysentery), and **shigellosis** (which causes bacillary dysentery). Therefore he's unaware that he's a vector among the vulnerable who don't have **his** immunity. Sitting ducks. Because he is otherwise strong and healthy, and parasites have never given him even a moment's teasy itch, he can make a play for gay others and infect them all, one after another. Falling dominoes!

It often happens that such an alien gay stud tries his luck at a baths. Nude, showing all that monster meat, every eye is glued on him, with everyone vowing, "I'm gonna get **my** share!" Before the last sudsy bubble has burst he will have fucked 'em all/been sucked by most . . . leaving his 'calling card' on each. After a few days incubation time, imagine their surprise when they turn up **en masse** at one of the three Tropical Disease Clinics in New York, or in those elsewhere!

Another likely place for dump-

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ing parasites is the pornomovie theater. In the Stygian darkness one cruises more by sense of touch than of sight. Octopus-like, hands weave blindly, groping for the 'big' prize. Who's biggest? Need you ask? So after more days of incubation time, the tropical disease clinic opens for another heavy, heavy day. This time, however, there's no sign of recognition among the fellow-sufferers. No one had ever seen his neighbor!

ENLARGING THE AMEBIASIS PROFILE

In earlier issues of **QQ Magazine**, we stated that amebiasis is a term signifying the invasion of human tissues by the protozoan parasite called **Entamoeba histolytica**, which is transmitted directly from man to man by direct contact; by certain insects; and through the contamination of water, milk or raw foods. (A weaker strain, or first-cousin to the *Entamoeba*, is **Escherichia coli**, which causes tourist diarrhea). The most important source of infection is the person who doesn't know he has it, has never felt symptoms of it, yet who passes stools that, when examined, contain cysts. (Our friend, the alien stud.)

Thus one might have sex with another who has amebiasis and **not** contract it if the parasite were taking a snooze higher in the colon. But when the cysts are passed in the stool, smears containing them line the rectum-through-anus area, and through rimming and deep tonguing of this anorectal area the parasite is 'licked in'.

Once it was standard lab procedure to examine a **dried** stool specimen, if amebiasis were suspected. But if the parasite were lying dormant above the rectum in, say, the sigmoid colon, the stool sample would be reported **negative**. No evidence would exist **there** and **then** in the piece of broken-off stool. Now clinics insist on **purged** stools . . . and more than one, just to be sure. In a purged stool the bowel action begins higher, and so evidence of parasitic invasion is washed down and caught, and is plainly visible under the micro-

scope. No guesswork. Just that slight change of lab procedure could give a positive diagnosis—at once. Imagine the amount of pain, discomfort, uncertainty and anxiety saved!

It might be well to note here a comparison between the diarrhea resulting from **Escherichia coli** and **Entamoeba histolytica**. This extends the profile, and may cause you to worry less (or perhaps more). If diarrhea begins **acutely**, and you go, go, **go** frequently for a day—and then it subsides and seems completely over with in about 36 hours, you may safely call it **tourist diarrhea**. But the diarrhea of **amebic dysentery** starts slowly, is not so violent or **spasmodically** purging and remains chronic until the treatment specifically contrived for it has begun to work well.

So, in a sense, these two forms of diarrhea are typecast, and there can be little mistake. If you have the former, forget it until/unless something else occurs. If you have the latter symptoms, get on the ball with a specialist in tropical diseases, or go to a tropical disease clinic (they're free), or an otherwise knowledgeable physician. Tell them/him your precise symptoms, giving a complete report on where you've been, and what you think it might be. This helps, and, as noted earlier, if the doctor is in doubt a comparison of all your symptoms with a chart from Atlanta's Disease Control Center will confirm your own diagnosis.

OTHER SYMPTOMS OF AMEBIASIS

Please memorize this. It can save you time, discomfort and pain. Other than the **gradual** onset of diarrhea, as mentioned, there may be abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting—with weakness and anemia following the diarrhea. The stool may contain mucous, blood and pus. Yet, as noted, some individuals go through the initial stages of amebiasis without having a single symptom! Your physician will require of you a complete blood count, stool examination—preferably purged—plus liver-function and agglutination tests.

Treatment for amebiasis can be made only after a determination of where the amebas are centered. Antibiotics work effectively on **intestinal** amebiasis. But if the disease has spread to the liver, lungs, skin or brain, generally anti-malaria drugs are more effective. Specific drugs, such as **Flagyl** (250 mg.) must be given (usually 2 tablets, 3 times a day for 10 days), and always under very close observation since their side- and after-effects may be dangerous. The prognosis for recovery is excellent if you see your doctor in time, and regularly. If you delay, however, the going can get very rough!

SHIGELLOSIS—BACILLARY DYSENTERY

This disease is named for Kyoshi Shiga, the Japanese biologist who discovered the parasite now known as the Shiga bacillus. It is especially important to include a summary of what shigellosis is and does, in view of the fact that it was of Japanese origin. That's where the Far Easterners come in . . . Indians, Hong Kong Chinese, Japanese and—in the United States—Hawaiians.

Also, because of the great oriental invasion of the West Coast, San Francisco has more than its share of shigellosis. It has turned up heavily in other states. There is so much shigellosis among gays in the Caribbean (due to an influx of Orientals) that it is sometimes thought of as a unique **tropical** disease. The Shiga bacillus is acquired by the ingestion of infectious material from human shit. Thus bacillary dysentery relates to defective water and sewer systems, or poor hygienic conditions. Still, it has much in common with amebiasis, in that cysts of the Shiga bacillus can retain their infectivity for considerable periods outside the human host. Therefore, any type of sexual activity that includes tonguing/rimming can pass on the infection. The incubation period is from one to six days, with two days being the median. Again, the initial symptoms are chills and fever and cramps. In severe attacks, appreciable

amounts of blood may be lost in the stools.

Don't think that just because there are periods of remission the disease is becoming more controlled, or waning. This is just another characteristic symptom, and it goes on and on and on until you have it competently treated. The stool specimens are the best clue to how the disease is progressing or retrogressing.

Treatment is at first palliative, because of its violence. An injection of 45 mg. codeine, or 10 gr. morphine sulfate quiets the shigellosis for the time being. Sulfas continue the treatment. Newer drugs are available. Anemia is a result, and there is loss of appetite. When it begins to return there is a long, boring period of jello and consomme, or other bland diet. Little by little the patient regains his strength. If untreated, this disease can cause death.

Although shigellosis is of Japanese discovery, and you have no plans ever to go there, you just may fall head over heels for one of the thousands of sexy Japanese gay guys who come to this country. Thus you stand a 'better' chance of contracting shigellosis that you otherwise would.

If you should develop what seems to be a harder case of **turista**, and it's not over in a day or so . . . and if you made the scene with a Japanese (Chinese, Indian, Korean, etc.) trick only a few days before, tell your doctor what you suspect. The tests he prescribes for you will likely prove you correct.

How ironic it is that gay guys can go abroad and take every precaution when sexing with those whose hygienic standards are not compatible with our own . . . come home, proud of being disease-free, only to meet fate coming in the back door in the presence of a handsome gay alien! We hope that the information we've given you here will be of help at such a time. Stay well . . . and sexing!

If you travel . . . don't spend hundreds before spending \$5 on a gay guide! See page 49 and go straight to the action!

Gay Acapulco

By Bill Deering

In spite of the bad publicity Mexico has received in the past few years concerning the treatment of tourists—**Norte Americanos** are still flying down in big numbers to soak up its winter-time beauty . . . its warm sun . . . its clear skies . . . its crystal waters . . . its lush mountains . . . its white beaches. There was that attitude concerning Zionism. There was that business involving crooked cops who participated in the murder of two U.S. travel agents in Acapulco. There was that comprehensive article in the **New York Times** last year that exposed its exploitation of American tourists by throwing them into its bleak prisons and extorting money from their families.

A few years ago that gay writer was shot to death on the road between Acapulco and Mexico City. The editors of **Ciao!** receive occasional reports from gay travelers who have experienced problems in Mexico. Just recently one of our subscribers told us about his having been approached by a young hustler outside **Sanborn's Department Store** in Acapulco. When he refused the boy's advances the hustler called a cop—who was going to make an arrest . . . until our friend volunteered a \$10 bill for the "policemen's fund." Two gay guys I know were arrested in Mexico City a couple of years ago for shoplifting. In fact, they tried to get a clerk to take their money for a few cents worth of souvenirs, and became so annoyed with the lack of service they simply walked out. Wrong, yes—but their suffering was extreme; they were arrested as soon as they left the store, thrown into a filthy prison, and were left there for several weeks until their families in the U.S. coughed up several thousand dollars to effect their release. And the last time I visited Acapulco I taxied uphill to a gay bar from my hotel for about \$2. On leaving it about midnight the

taxi-driver waiting outside wanted \$10 for the same trip back. I refused and mumbled something under my breath. Then I started walking downhill—and halfway down a van pulled up with some cops riding the bumper. They jumped off, with several more coming out of the van—all holding guns—and about eight of them frisked me. My identification was checked and they refused to answer my questions the whole time I was being searched. Luckily they either didn't find what they'd hoped to find (drugs!), or perhaps their intention was only to frighten me, and I was simply left standing in the road as they drove off. To this day I believe that episode was initiated by the taxi-driver whose services I had refused.

Then why do gay guys keep going back, particularly to Acapulco, for their winter vacations? There are several reasons.

For many, an Acapulco destination is nearer than the Caribbean—the latter being very popular with easterners—their favorite port being San Juan, Puerto Rico. This means less flying time and lower air fares. (Easterners flying to Los Angeles can return via Mexico City for only \$28 more.) Then, prices are cheap in Mexico—even when it comes to hustlers. And its natural beauty—particularly the stretch of Acapulco Bay—has no peer anywhere. The weather in January, February and March—winter fun time for a lot of guys who live in cold places—is excellent; the sun shines every day, the air and water temperatures are mild, and those who do experience problems represent a minority—perhaps one out of a thousand. On this score, the odds are in favor of the pluses Mexico and beautiful Acapulco, in particular, have to offer.

One plus is that older gay men make out like Mexican **banditos** in Acapulco. They rent a beach chair for a few cents at Beto's (see below), where the gay gather from sunrise to sunset, and literally have their pick of available studs—for the price of lunch, a few drinks, a few dollars

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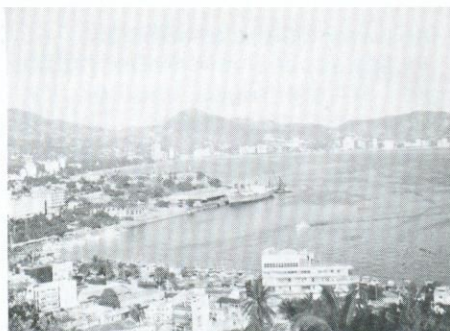
afterwards, and (perhaps) a small gift. Such men can buy flesh anywhere, but here the boys are very appreciative of the favors bestowed upon them, and enjoy being active, as well as passive bed partners; no trade is fair trade.

Mexico is very un-gay. Acapulco has the most going for it, as far as gay life is concerned. And even here it is quite limited. But combined with the usual things one does on a beach holiday—shopping in interesting markets, eating unusual food—what gay life there is is adequate to fill a vacation.

HOTELS

The lay of the land is simple because there is only one main drag—Costera Miguel Aleman, the road running along the coastline the length of Acapulco Bay. Everything of interest in on this avenue or a short distance from it. The bay has a mountainous backdrop, and taxis are advised if climbing hills tires you—even if where you're going is not far away.

Coming in from the airport by taxi, you enter the Costera about 30 minutes later from its east end, passing the magnificent **Hotel Las Brisas**. It's a cluster of 250 individual bungalows, most with small swimming pools, and favored by honeymooners. As you descend to bay level, the water is on your left, and so are the big hotels and many condominiums. As good as any is the **Holiday Inn** on the stretch of sand known as Icacos Beach. It's all one stretch of beach, but rocks jut out here and there, and parts are private or part of the hotel grounds—and so each parcel of beach has its own name. The Holiday Inn is at the west end of Icacos; at its east end are small hotels and condominiums, and beyond, deep water piers for cruise ships. There are many fine hotels in this section—Acapulco's "Gold Coast"—as well as some smaller, less expensive establishments on the other side of the Costera; rely on your travel agent to book space. But do not stay at the **Acapulco Princess**—a resort near the airport that is too



Acapulco Bay



Costera M. Aleman



Icacos Beach



Parachuting at Icacos



Holiday inn



Condominium Digs



Condesa Beach: Beto's



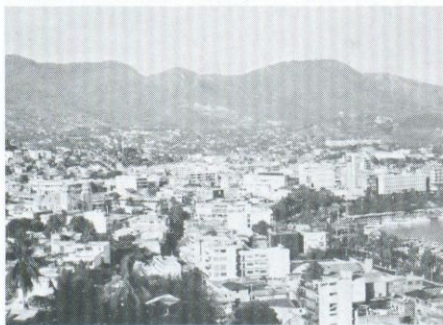
In Front of Beto's



Caleta Beach



Roquetta Island



Downtown Acapulco



Acapulco Shops



The Zocalo



The Malecon



The Market

far away from everything.

Less expensive, smaller hotels are at the west end of the bay—at Caleta Beach. This is the older Acapulco, the beach everybody did before the "Gold Coast" existed. It's very much like the French Riviera, and a favorite of conservative Canadians and Europeans who place importance on getting good value for their dollars. Along the way, particularly between the outdoor marketplace in downtown Acapulco and Caleta Beach—on the Costera and in the hills overlooking the road—there are numerous modest hotels that are never booked to capacity. So you can book a night in advance, taking your travel agent's advice, and then discover a place to stay the rest of your vacation simply by taking a walk your first morning out.

An alternative to hotels is renting a house or a condominium apartment. When you arrive, pick up a copy of the English-language **The News** and check the classified ads. Or go to a realtor: Ron Lavender is a good one, and his office is right on the Costera not too far from the "Gold Coast" (phone 4-02-41).

Generally speaking, it is very difficult to get hustlers into a hotel room; management is wise and will not hesitate to stop you at the elevator. Most condominiums have a staffed desk in the lobby and you will experience the same difficulty. If you rent a small house, you will be free to do as you please—but you should be careful concerning your trust of strangers (Mexicans are honest, for the most part, but they are poor—and bad boys exist here as anywhere else).

DAYTIME FUN

Most gay guys plop down in slat chairs under a **palapa** (a thatched-roof, open-sided hut) at Beto's Beach—a stretch of sand just in front of **Beto's Restaurant** on Condesa Beach (that's a strand just west of Icacos). The beach is very narrow at this point, but if you walk west a short distance, in the direction of the **Royal Hotel** (the old Hilton), the strand widens

considerably. At Beto's chairs are rented, which are in rows several aisles deep, all facing the water. Those in the first row have the best view of the water . . . and the strollers. It's the sweet life. Sit, drink, chat, flirt with the hustlers . . . and perhaps take one home with you for the evening, or several days. Contact is easy: one look and they'll buzz in like flies on honey. The food is good, so you'll want to take lunch here. Recommended is the broiled red snapper—an Acapulcan favorite that's especially good at Beto's. Perhaps after a few afternoons at Beto's you'll want a change of scenery. You can make the same scene at Caleta Beach, near the lifeguard stand. Not as gay as Beto's, but somebody in the crowd will get the message. On your day at Caleta you can take a small boat to the offshore Roqueta Island. It is sometimes cruised, and it's possible to find action on the wooded path leading up to the lighthouse on the top of the hill—but be cautious.

Perhaps later in the afternoon you might enjoy sitting in the main square downtown—the **Zocalo**. Interesting possibilities exist here, as they do in the big outdoor market-place a short distance away; on the waterfront—the Malecon; and downtown, opposite Sanborn's Department Store (the john is cruised, and so is the sidewalk out front—but be careful).

If you want to take a short excursion, taxi to Puerto Marques, a strictly-Mexican beach. Very shanty-townish. There are lots of food stalls; dogs and pigs walk about; and there's some humpy young stuff that's available if you speak the language and say the right things. But if you go, establish the fare with the taxi-driver before leaving, and make arrangements to be picked up when you're ready to leave—because taxis do not cruise the area.

Even if you do nothing but plunk down on Icacos or Condesa for the sun—life can be interesting. There are all kinds of beach peddlers hawking colorful straw items, shells, stuffed

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animals and pottery and food for which you can bargain (note: quality is usually poorer than in the better stores, for the same price or less!). If you're daring, you can be swooped up in a parachute—as the air currents lift you while being towed behind a speedboat, for a few dollars. Or, also for a few dollars, you can take a speedboat ride around the bay; the boys are forever making a pitch—and once they have you in the boat, you can get some action bobbing on the water, for a few more dollars (boat trips for sex are very popular at Beto's).

RESTAURANTS

There's no shortage of good dining spots—and rest assured that you'll have to wait on long lines at the better ones, even with reservations. Your hotel will provide you with a list, and you can find a lot of good places on your own.

For lunch, as already noted, you can't beat Beto's. Another good place, for lunch or dinner, is Sanborn's—the department store; there's a branch on Condesa Beach, and the main store, as mentioned, is downtown, on the Costera opposite the market-place. **Denny's** is another clean "American-type" place to eat; there's one on the Costera, opposite **El Presidente Hotel**, and another on the **Zocalo** downtown; they're open 24 hours. **Woolworth's**, downtown, is also good for lunch. **Carlos 'n Charlie's**, 999 Costera M. Aleman, right in the heart of things, and the nearby **Villa Demos**, an Italian restaurant that has a magnificent outdoor patio, are very popular with straights, and we have had numerous reports that gay couples are given less-than-the-most-attentive service deliberately—as a means of discouraging gays from establishing a beach-head. The seedy restaurants on the Zocalo downtown, like **Tirol**, have reasonably good food, low prices, and interesting diners . . . gay guys, hippies and seamen. No matter where you go in Acapulco, dress is strictly casual. Naturally, if you go to a better restaurant, wear neat slacks and a colorful

shirt, instead of dungarees and a t-shirt (which are o.k. at places like Sanborn's, Denny's, and Tirol).

NIGHT ACTION

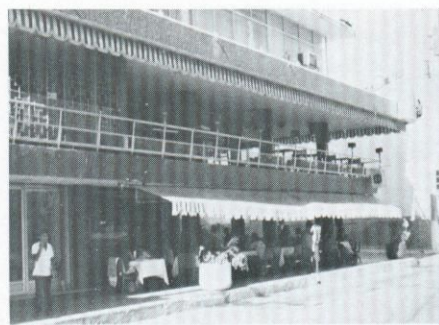
Street cruising is poor. You might luck out on the Costera, near your hotel—if you connect with a fellow tourist (who will not be stopped at the elevator in your hotel, by the way—as he is not a familiar local hustler). Chances are, you won't . . . because the Costera is not an established cruising grounds. The best possibilities exist in the vicinity of the Holiday Inn, just east of it. The boys at Caleta are wise and can be picked up in the early evening.

You might connect outside Sanborn's downtown, early in the evening while the store is still open (the restaurant within stays open later, and so does the john on the second floor—where connections are possible . . . but don't do it there!). Late at night, the Malecon—the waterfront just west of the market-place—is cruised, mostly by hustlers—and not many at that.

Your best bet is a gay bar. A new place is the **9 Disco Bar**, Ave. Deportes 110. There's dancing, naturally, and you'll find a lot of fellow tourists (your best bet for down-home sex!) and local hustlers—as well as hip straights. The crowd is young.

Another new place is the **Gallery**, Ave. Deportes 11. Featured here is a drag show, and a lot of straights make the scene. Call for information and reservations: 4-34-97.

Another diversion is **La Huerta**, a big bar in a compound surrounded by motel-type bungalows. Straight men go to the bar to connect with female prostitutes—who, for \$20 or more, will take you to their room for a quickie. Some male prostitutes work the place too, and there are usually some gay guys among the tourists at the bar—because La Huerta is a tourist attraction. And if you're gregarious you just might be able to snatch away a horny U.S. seaman who may see an advantage in getting a slow blow from you for nothing, as opposed to a fast



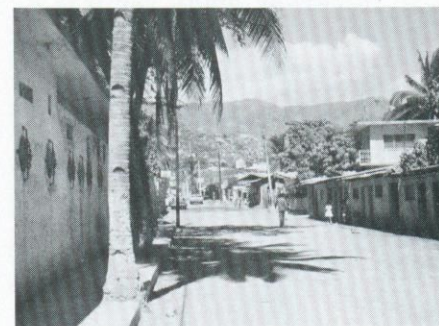
Tirol Restaurant



Puerto Marques



Puerto Marques Beach



"Red Light" District



La Huerta

fuck with her for big bucks. But, go by cab and make certain you have a taxi waiting within the grounds. La Huerta is in the "red light" district and the dirt roads are very dangerous at night.

If you're bisexual, just ask any cab-driver to take you to one of the classy brothels in a better neighborhood . . . like the **Casa Rebecca** or **Casa Alicia**. A \$25 service fee is typical, but it can run up if you buy something special or require something unusual.

That sums up Gay Acapulco—where natural beauty and the excitement of trying unusual foods and buying colorful what-nots help compensate for any low points the gay scene might have.

Gay Egypt

Cairo/Alexandria/ Luxor/Aswan

By David Bartel

In Broadway lingo, Cairo is a "hot ticket" at the moment . . . everybody wants to go. It's so popular a destination for world travelers, in fact, that getting a hotel room is difficult. The independent tourist should book space through a travel agent and secure vouchers for presentation at the desk on arrival . . . and be prepared to slip the clerk a \$20 bill if there appears to be a problem on checking in. Money talks in Egypt, and particularly in Cairo. The **Nile Hilton** and the **Sheraton** are on the Nile, and excellent.

Independent travel assures personal freedom to come and go as you please, but since it is necessary to engage guides locally throughout Egypt in order to get around and see a lot in a short time, you might consider going with a group as part of an organized tour. Your travel agent has details concerning the

numerous tours that are available—and not only will save you money, but the problems concerning hotel rooms are virtually eliminated because hotels are reserved in sections, on a regular basis, for better tours. **Mena House** is an old, colorful hotel in Giza that is popular with tours; the great pyramids overshadow it.

There are even air tours that take in Egypt along with other interesting countries. Royal Air Maroc offers its "Magical Mystery Tours" which include the best places in Egypt and Morocco, in 15 days. There are even optional Nile cruises you can add on. Olympic Airways has tours that include Greece, Egypt and East Africa (for game viewing). TWA also covers the same territory, and includes Jordan. There are many others; your travel agent is the man to see.

If money is no object, then consider cruising the Nile by private yacht for 19 days. There are stops in the main cities and you'll see things from the Nile that cannot be viewed in any other way. Price is in excess of \$2,000.00 per person for two (\$4,000.00 if you go alone). If this appeals, ask your travel agent about Linblad Tours. And there are cruise ships that ply the Red Sea, docking at main ports—where you drive or fly off on daytime or overnight excursions to places of interest. The **Jason** and **Neptune** (Epirotiki Lines) should be considered.

There is a third option involving Nile travel; you may check into a floating hotel such as those operated by the Hilton, the **Isis** and the **Osiris**, which alternate departures from Luxor to Aswan for 4-night, 5-day cruises. You can book ahead through your travel agent, or any Hilton. There are other floating hotels that ply the Nile—and if you become interested after arriving in Cairo, then check them out by going to the Tour Hotel Co., Corniche el Nil St., or the Road el Farag, on the same street, both offices being opposite the Nile Hilton.

IN THE NEWS

Egypt is in the news con-

stantly these days, and President Anwar Sadat has not only corrected the false image many Americans have had of Arabs, but has also called to mind the fabulous treasures of his country—treasures which in fact belong to mankind. Egypt is the "Cradle of Civilization," preserved to this day in the great pyramids and the mystery concerning their origin. And the King Tut exhibit currently touring the U.S. has more than sparked interest in Egypt. In a recent **Newsweek** there were no less than four items concerning Egypt: (1) the talks involving Sadat, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, and our own President Jimmy Carter; (2) the King Tut exhibit, generating unbelievably long lines in New York City; (3) an article concerning the smoke-happy Egyptians who spend the equivalent of 84 cents a day on cigarettes, and how the U.S. cigarette manufacturers are cashing in (in the Muslim world, where the Koran forbids liquor, and personal indulgences are sternly monitored, cigarette smoking ranks high on the list of permissible pleasures); and (4) a temple transplant, the moving of the Temple of Dendur to the U.S. and reconstructing it in New York City in the Metropolitan Museum of Art—where it is now on permanent exhibition. And in the same issue, serving to further point up the interest we Americans have in Egypt at this time, a full-page ad for the new Agatha Christie movie, "Death on the Nile"—which promises murder on a river yacht and fabulous views of the shoreline. That very same week **New York Magazine** reviewed Thomas Hoving's new book, "Tutankhamun, The Untold Story." According to Hoving, "... Howard Carter, who found the tomb of Tutankhamun, was a liar, a thief, an indifferent scholar, and a dealer in stolen art . . ." No doubt the book will be widely read, and it—along with viewing the treasures of King Tut—will encourage still other U.S. travelers to visit Egypt in 1979.

SIGHTSEEING MUSTS

Major destinations in Egypt

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are: **Cairo**, to view the great pyramids in Giza (a "suburb" of Cairo)—not the least of which is the Pyramid of Cheops, which overshadows the Sphinx; the Egyptian Museum and its priceless contents: the Citadel; and the Khan al Khalili Bazaar, the fascinating ancient marketplace; and much more . . . including nearby Sakkara and the ancient "Step Pyramid." **Alexandria**, to view the Catacombs of Kom El Shugaffa; Pompey's Pillar; and the Amphitheater with its 12 marble terraces; and more. **Luxor**, part of the ancient city of Thebes, where one goes to view the temples of Luxor and Karnac; and to ferry to the City of the Dead and the Valley of the Kings. And **Aswan**, the site of one of the highest dams in the world.

GAY CAIRO

If you opt to stay at the **Nile Hilton**, its lobby and outdoor pool are frequented by gay men; some watchful waiting will usually result in a contact. The **john on the main floor** just left of the entrance is sometimes cruised; its high partitions permit foot-tapping and note-passing. The **masseur** is wise, and special service can be arranged. Right **out front, hustlers cruise**; they are especially visible at night. Likewise for the vast **open area in front of the Hilton, Tahrir Square**. And the promenade behind the hotel, on the Nile—**Corniche el Nil St.**—is cruised at night; the armed soldiers who patrol it can be engaged in friendly conversation, and arrangements can be made for sex later on . . . for a price. Just to the left of the Hilton is the **Egyptian Museum**. All the guards are wise and available. They will persuade you to take a special, personally-guided tour of the museum—and for a price will permit you to grope them in the dark corners. If you wish, you may establish a price for a date later on, and arrange to meet at your hotel. So, as you can see, the Nile Hilton is truly in the gay heart of things.

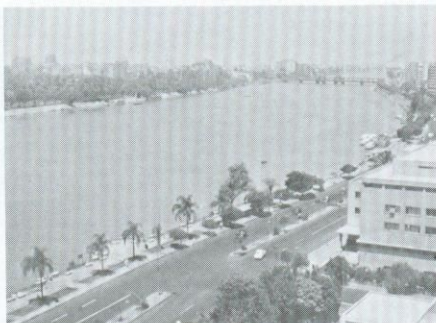
In the daytime just go on down to Corniche el Nil St. and **pick out a small boat**, not for its Nile-



The Nile Hilton



Poolside at The Hilton



View from The Hilton



El Tahrir Square



Egyptian Museum



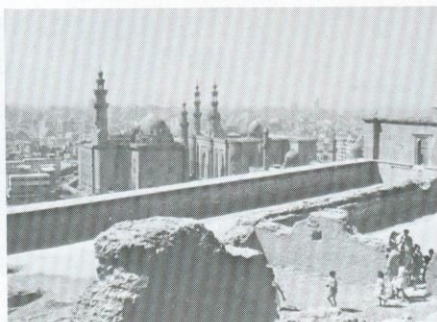
The Isis



Corniche el Nil St.



The Nile Boatmen (Cairo)



View from The Citadel



Khan al Khalili Bazaar



John in Mosque on Al Azhar St.



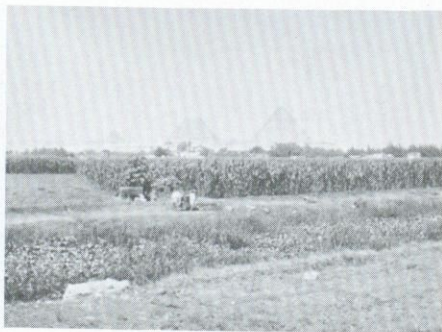
Underground John on Al Azhar St.



Cinema Opera



Azbakiya Gardens



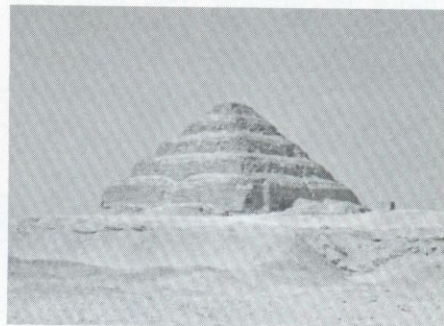
The Great Pyramids of Giza



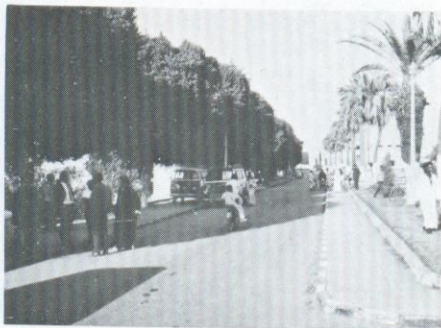
The Sphinx and Pyramid of Cheops



Carriages at Sakkara



The "Step Pyramid" at Sakkara



Luxor: Vicinity of Winter Palace Hotel



Luxor: Park Opposite Luxor Hotel

worthiness, but for its "captain"—who, for a price, will sail or row up the Nile to a secluded spot and whip out his huge hog for you to service.

Arabs in general are built big—some world travelers think the biggest cocks in the world. Generally speaking, they prefer to be serviced, and particularly like fucking. You can size them up in any public john; two, in particular, are recommended: (1) the one in the **small mosque on Al Azhar St.** (the main thoroughfare that leads to the Khan al Khalili Bazaar) near Port Said; and (2) the **underground john near Sultan Al Ghouri Mosque**, also on Al Azhar St. Both johns are attended, but good contacts are probable. Contact is possible in the **john in the main railroad station at Ramses II Square**. If you do meet here—never forget that you will be charged and that you should establish the amount at the outset in order to avoid problems later on.

If you prefer cruising movie-house johns, try the **Cinema Opera** in Opera Square. Some groping in the seats too. And to repeat, be prepared to pay; if he has an unusually big cock that commands top dollar—expect to pay even more, perhaps as much as \$20.00 (starting price for hustlers is \$2.00).

Near Opera Square you will find **Azbakiya Gardens**, at 26th July St. and Al Gomhuriya. The park is cruised; simply sit under the huge banyan tree and smile at your selection, also sitting there. Best time is early evening. Remember again, you will have to pay . . . so talk dollars at the outset of your conversation. **Orman Gardens**, near Cairo University, are also good . . . because of their proximity to the university (intersections of Abdel Salam Aref and Gameat Al Qahair St.).

You will undoubtedly spend a day or more wandering among the **shops in Khan al Khalili Bazaar**—where bargaining probably originated. Opportunities for sex may become obvious when dealing with certain shopkeepers; be assured that whether you make a merchandise pur-

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chase or not, if you allow yourself to be lured to a back room to relieve his huge hunk, you will be charged . . . so fix a price before spreading those cheeks.

What about baths? No, you won't find a Club chain establishment here—but you will find steam and very heavy hung studs who'll fill your holes for a price. They're hard to find. The first is **at the end of an alleyway called Atfat-al Hamman**, off Al Axhar St. on the right side going towards the Sultan Al Ghouri Mosque (about two blocks before reaching the mosque). Go at night, be discreet, and expect to pay. And if you can't find it, ask a shopkeeper where the "hamman" is (that's the word for baths).

There's another baths **in the Khan al Khalili Bazaar, in the goldsmiths section**. Turn left off Al Azhar St. just opposite the Sultan Al Ghouri Mosque into a relatively broad lane; walk the equivalent of a city block, turn left into an alleyway just opposite a very ornate, carved wood storefront . . . the baths is a few doors into the alleyway on the right (there is a mural painted on the door). Again, once you are in the neighborhood, ask anybody where the "hamman" is.

At both establishments, leave your valuables with the cashier; take enough to pay your admission and go up to \$20.00 more should you care to negotiate for sex. Tip the cashier on your way out, to make your return welcome. Likewise for anybody else who provides a service.

GAY ALEXANDRIA

There are two meeting places, where you may connect day or night. The **toilet under the central tram station** is one; the other is **along the waterfront boulevard and seawall**. Hustlers, of course.

GAY LUXOR

One correspondent flatly says that "everybody's available!" He's probably right. He especially recommends **a boat ride on the Nile** (you select your boat—and your man—along the riverfront near the Winter Palace

Hotel. At night you can opt for a **horse-drawn carriage**, and make a deal with the driver (who will probably match his horse in size!). On foot, walk the distance **between the Winter Palace Hotel and the Savoy Hotel**, on the Nile. Also, **the park across from the Luxor Hotel**; it runs along one side of Luxor Temple. The hustlers are quite aggressive and will come in like sharks. Remember to establish a price before going too far.

GAY ASWAN

Connect with **a boatman on the Nile** on the riverfront near the Cataract Hotel. Here, as everywhere in Egypt, hotel staff is wise and available . . . for a price. This includes bellhops, elevator operators, desk clerks, etc.

A WONDERMENT

All of Egypt is a wonderment. It delights the senses. It is a mystery as old as time itself. What you experience there will be part of you the rest of your life. And if on your travels you experience an abundance of sex as well—you can be sure that you will never forget the huge cocks you encounter . . . and perhaps be amazed by the human body's (your body's!) accommodating **stretchability!**

Discovering The Gay Caribbean

Tips To Help You Get It On

By Scott Young

It would be a pity if your first trip to the Caribbean turned into such a shambles as to be your last. This is not an indictment of these beautiful islands which surely must be nature's Paradise Plan for Earth. Rather, it's a caution to gay people not to over-expect. Over-expectation is

too often an unhappy synonym for underfulfillment—a disappointment to many gay guys who, inured to expecting little, sometimes get less.

Because Caribbean advertising is directed to straights, by straights—and particularly as it is erotically slanted in the Club Mediterranee brochures—gay people might understandably hope that a little of all that Caribbean sexabundance would rub off on us: that sex there, being so uninhibited and such an overriding lifestyle, everyone must do it dog-fashion in the streets, or crook-a-finger/flick-an-eyelid casually in the bushes off the byways; or in great humpy pyramids on the beach. So one begins a flight/cruise with high hopes that can later make one's disappointment all the keener.

RUDE AWAKENING

An initial shock occurs on your first day in the Caribbean. Accustomed to a mixed, but mostly White society, and now seeing a solid phalanx of Black faces—however smiling—is often traumatizing to White gay guys. All that blackness seems ominous. Instinct tells you to peer around to see if they've already lit the fire under the human soup kettle. How can you tell who's available? What are the Caribbean gay signals? How is 'Gay' spoken here? It baffles . . . it's unlike any situation you've faced in the United States or Europe. Quite naturally your sex compass is thrown off for a day or two.

If your trip begins with Haiti, however, Black can be more unsettling. Unlike other Caribbean countries, Haiti is so wretchedly poor, and the sea of Black humanity so engulfing, that the White dude from the Nawth—namely you—may intuit actual malevolence. You'll first be upset when hordes of young Haitian boys, wise beyond their years, begin the Haitian Hassle . . . milling around, begging for money, or to be your guide, get you a taxi, a man. If this doesn't work they'll pull out a huge Haitian hog and brandish its nine (or luscious more) inches in



Barbados: Accra Beach



Barbados: Harry's Nitery



Jamaica: Doctor's Cave Beach



St. Kitts: The Circus



Puerto Rico: San Juan's Gay Beach

your face. It's more upsetting when twentyish Haitian hustlers, having learned where you're staying (the word that you're **gay** and **here** and **have money** will have been flashed by Voodoo Video), somehow gain access to your hotel floor and hammer/clamor at your door, offering their even **larger** (overwhelming!) whoppers for a price. Fear not. Baby Doc's goon squads (the Tonton Macoutes) are ruff-f-f, and hustlers won't dare harm you, lest they be relieved of an arm or leg, or discover a gaping wound in the side, having been bashed in by a 2x4 during a police 'interrogation'. You'll be safer by far than on New York's quietest street. Visitors (and tourist dollars, plus Uncle Sam's strong financial support of the Haitian Government) are vastly respected.

A BURST BUBBLE

Meanwhile, back in the 'Caribbean Cluster', the next upsetting discovery is, that with all those throbbing cocks bursting jeans-seams—driving you into the shock of delirium—only a comparative few may be gayly available. This is disappointing in view of the fact that now you have your bearings; you find cruising easy and fun; the Caribbeans hangup-free; and you have no difficulty getting your message across. A meeting of eyes and a flash of 32 Caribbean pearlies are really just about the only gay 'signals' necessary. How easy! Moreover, those few goodies may cost you a pretty penny—either as a set fee, or more graciously, as a kind of good-will gift. If you're not asked for money, offer it anyway. There may be a few **gay** instances where it will be politely declined, but in these mostly-moral, mostly-straight, church-going islands, think 'rare'.

The oddity of this is not that—as in Haiti—the Caribbean male needs money desperately (which gay guys who travel abroad can understand, and sympathize with), as it is his pride of race; his feeling that on his own Black turf **he's** king, and that he must uphold the tradition that nowhere exists a

greater stud than the Caribbean variety. Macho in Madrid is not moreso than Calypso. Also one never fathoms the Caribbean male mystique, no matter how intimate Black and White become. Although he may go crackalicky all the way, there's still a bit of British colonial reserve. But why puzzle about it? Just enjoy every pink 'n chocolate inch of it!

ANOTHER LEAD BALLOON

If you have let your travel agent expensively 'Hiltonize' you, getting you elegant digs in the poshest in-town island hotel, your cruising score will be sharply reduced. Once you've got your guy in tow, where ya gonna go? Not to your hotel room: that's a no-no. Your guest—a native of the island, and undoubtedly living in more modest quarters—will feel uncomfortable amid such luxury. This leads to uptightness in bed; moreover, you can be sure the Hiltoneers will take a dim view of it. So if you **must** posh it, ask your travel agent to book you into a **cottage** (or a rentable home) within a large luxury-hotel compound; or into a motel near gay action areas. Either way, your accommodations are private; you come and go as you please, traipsin' in with trick after traipsy trick . . . no questions asked. And if we may use a simply awful cliché . . . it's your home away from home. It really **is**: use it as such.

Also be sure never to book into an **outlying** hotel. Here you circumscribe your cruising range by removing yourself **bodily** from possible action areas. As noted earlier, Caribbean flack is directed to straights, by straights, and so, in the main, is meaningless to gay maneuverers. Don't make the mistake of suborning information applicable to straights in order to effect a gay advantage. It's invariably disappointing.

This is where a gay travel guidebook, such as our **Private Stock**, updated annually (see ad on page 49), comes in handily. For example, straight Caribbean advertising bears heavily on beautiful Barbados, extolling

the glories of Paradise Bay Beach at Bridgetown. Yet the gay individual, lured thus descriptively, could traverse this beach for days without knowing that **gay action is heavy in the bushes of the area to the right of the hotel, as one faces the water**, which the **Private Stock** code makes crystal clear—in effect, it picks you up from all that 'straightness' and points you in the right direction. Also, by using the coded index, you would know that **there are hustlers here; lots of seamen when cruise ships are in port; a sizzling meatrack; and that the complexion of the crowd is mostly young-guy**. It can turn your Caribbean world around more dizzyingly, making it the really glamor-gay scene you'd expected it to be.

Because you are undoubtedly attracted to any vacation area for its natural beauty; special interests; and unique charm, continue to study those beautiful brochures of which your travel agent has such stacks. Take from them whatever general information you think would be useful. But in addition, have your gay travel guidebook at hand. Always look first in it to see whether there are any gay hotels recommended for the particular area you may be interested in. Why not choose gay over straight hotel? Certainly the **immediacy** of sex should add to your pleasure. You don't have to draw up extensive campaign plans. So much of the stuff is right **there**. Why waste a single cum a'drippin' moment?

If, of course, there are no gay hotels recommended, choose from the commercial hotels for (a) one that seems nearer the gay action area(s), or (b) which you may prefer for reasons of luxury living. By using the cross-references of brochure/gay-guidebook you can draw a pretty accurate picture of what to expect, and make your vacation an absolute delight. It's like putting the pieces of a puzzle together.

In the following listings we have selected a few of those Caribbean islands less frequently visited by gay people (al-

though jammed with seasonal straights), simply because little in the way of **known** gay action surfaces. It would be a shame to overlook these lovely islands when, by the interjection of one or two gay listings, they could have a greater appeal. The bold-type interjections are from the coded gay travel guidebook **Private Stock**. For your convenience we shall decode them narratively to point out how easily just one gay listing can change the mood-lifestyle of an island—however hidden—even a tiny island, as you'll see when we cruise into St. Kitts.

JAMAICA

The brochures tell us that "The Arawak word for Jamaica is Xaymayca, which means 'land of woods and streams'. Add to this Jamaica's towering mountains, its long white beaches, and its streams that pour down the 6000-foot-high mountainside to run through forests so green it hurts the eyes, and you'll understand why Jamaica was born for holidays. Montego Bay offers excellent free-port shopping; a fine nearby beach; and posh resorts. Ocean cruise-liners pull in here, and the beach at Doctor's Cave merits a visit." **Doctor's Cave Beach . . . the meeting place of island gay people is on the right side as one faces the water**. And the code further informs: **there are hustlers; some straights and bisexuals; and that it is a safe-in-daytime beach, and very popular**. Perhaps that doesn't sound like much, but when you put your puzzle pieces together you'll find that if you're on a Caribbean cruise, and your ship pulls into Montego Bay, all you need do is instantly jog over to this area of Doctor's Cave Beach and meet the lively **nucleus** of Jamaican gay life. And what a source of gay information this can be! Also you'll discover this beach area to be an excellent place to meet all the others on your ship you **thought** might be gay—and now you **know**. Since the crew will be largely gay (and gayly large!), all of you may cook up something very interesting when you return to the ship!

Although there's no overt action at Doctor's Cave Beach, it is a great meeting place. Put the Jamaican piece in your cruise puzzle!

ST. KITTS

This island is so miniscule (65 square miles) that the brochure writers are really at a loss for words (a realized cliché!). Generally they can give you the entire picture in about 100 words. Thus . . . "Growing sugar cane and catering for tourists are the main preoccupations of St. Kitts. Admiral Nelson married a rich young widow there, and it was also the birthplace of Alexander Hamilton. The best shops are in the **Circus** and on **Fort Street**, and the best buys are English imports, perfume, china, linens, clothing, and cosmetics." But what a gay listing in **Private Stock** (as well as in **Ciao!**'s special **Caribbean Guide**; see ad on page 49) tells us would almost fill a book about gay action! And why stay at one of the resort hotels in or around Basseterre, the capital of St. Kitts, when there is a recommended gay hotel listing? A gay hotel? And in a town of less than 20,000? Yes, and be assured it is not mentioned in any travel brochure! As both **Private Stock** and the **Caribbean Guide** clue us in: **Stevens Guest House is a small hotel in downtown Basseterre where rooms can be rented by the hour, day, or week. Available boys frequent the establishment—and for \$5 a boy you can keep them coming all night long. Visitors who are into numbers go down (sic) and rack up 20 in a single night**. Even the telephone number is listed. Dare we reveal it, lest you jump ship at Basseterre? Okay: 2116.

BACK TO BARBADOS

Much is made of Barbados as being 'Little England'. The brochure writers/travel agents have been boring in on this boring consequence for far too long. We learn that "Barbados was one of the first British overseas possessions and was claimed for the Crown in 1625. The British settlers soon arrived to introduce tobacco, cotton and sugar. Their

prosperous descendants built handsome mansions and immense fortifications to defend the island from the Spanish, French and Dutch. The slaves imported from Africa were freed in 1833 and the island gained its independence in 1966. A lively culture and civilization has evolved, combining much of the British way of life and African tradition. George Washington and his brother Lawrence came here in 1751 for the health cure. What better recommendation can there be for this relaxing and beautiful resort island?"

Well, er, lots. For starters, there's **Accra Beach** with its gay area just to the left of the popular Accra Beach Hotel. As **Private Stock** code-notes, "**It's out of town (Bridgetown), and has hustlers, gets a gay young crowd, and is very popular as a gay meeting place.**

And something rather unusual. If you're really horny and have failed to score during the entire evening, you can go to **Harry's Nitery** on Bay Street. Don't let those female strippers turn you off, however. Harry's serves a wonderfully mixed clientele. The gals have so much business they can't take care of it, and are more than happy to surrender an attractive number to an available guy. Or the bartender, a walking encyclopedia of Barbadian gay life, can put you 'in touch'. As the 'de-briefing' in **Private Stock** reveals: **Harry's Nitery has entertainment, and sex on the premises.** So for a supposedly staid, stiff-upper-lip (former) British colony, you have one of the liveliest arenas of gay life in the Caribbean. And paradoxically, while the travel brochures highly recommend the Paradise Bay Beach and Paradise Bay Beach Hotel, Accra Beach and the Accra Beach Hotel, gay life—unnoticed by the travel writers—goes swingingly on in and around these recommended places!

This is one of the great charms of going Caribbean. It's what **doesn't** meet the eye at first—but does later—that makes it a gay paradise. Here is understated gay life, as differentiated

from that gorgeous other paradise—Puerto Rico. Puerto Rico, particularly San Juan, is another planet, although it is earth-and-blood of the Caribbean. In San Juan even the shyest gay guy can't miss . . . it's all spelled out. Baths, bars, beaches, gay movies, restaurants, gay hotels and guesthouses by the dozen . . . sometimes it seems that San Juan has been geared for gays, and that the rest of the population is straight only by sheer accident. The action spots are listed in **Private Stock** and detailed in our **Caribbean Guide**.

All Caribbean islands have great beauty and charm, and a special gay life that's fun to discover. If it seems difficult to express yourself when you first visit them, be sure that the warmth and understanding of these colorful people will make it far easier. Go, and go again!

For Ship Travelers

Cruising The Gay Caribbean

How To Get The Most Out Of A Few Hours In Port

By Frank Keating

Cruise ships are an increasingly popular means of seeing a lot of places in a short time. Additionally, because they are in fact luxurious floating hotels with excellent restaurants, bars, nightclubs, gyms, casinos, tennis courts, movie theatres, and swimming pools, they assure ease of travel; one simply boards ship and travels about without ever having to pack suitcases between stops. And when disembarking at the end of a vacation there is a real feeling

of having relaxed—as opposed to having spent more time than not at airports and in the skies, friendly or otherwise.

Sometimes a flight is involved to get to a cruise ship. This is usually a relatively painless journey, however, as most cruise ship companies book certain flights for their passengers and meet them on arrival. They also pick up the tab. A lot of Americans are opting to vacation in Europe via cruise ship—flying to a single port and boarding a ship which makes several fascinating and hassle-free stops in several countries. (Have you ever tried to fight the summertime crowds in Europe vying for the same limited hotel space?) But the most popular cruises are those that float about in the Caribbean in wintertime, when workaday problems and snow are left behind and forgotten for at least a week, or two or three.

Because there are so many cruises to choose from, the best starting place is your travel agent's office. First, once you know how much time you have, decide where you want to go. Puerto Rico? Aruba? Curacao? Jamaica? Passage through the Panama Canal? Stops in Mexico too? Perhaps you might want to visit those islands you've never seen—in order to 'sample' them with thoughts of possibly finding a paradise to return to for a longer stay, another year. With this basic information your travel agent will be able to furnish you with a fistful of colorful brochures to study. Look them over, making comparisons for ports, shipboard facilities and price—and when you have narrowed your choice to two or three you are ready to sit down and talk seriously with your agent who, by phoning while you are in his office, will be able to book your cruise—giving you your exact room number (which you can locate on the diagram in your brochure). Tip: Request a midship location if you are sensitive to sea motion.

You may decide to bypass your travel agent and book a gay cruise directly, through an ad in a gay newspaper. Don't. If you really do want to go gay—then

try to find a travel agent who's gay himself (even if he operates or works for an ordinary agency). He will be able to advise you about the people operating the tour, and the ship that's being used. In order to guarantee themselves a big profit, such organizers too often turn to inferior shipping lines that are bad in every way—including old equipment that, most of all, guarantees a rough and dizzy ride. True, cruises in general are very straight—but almost always the entertainers are gay and as eager to find you on board as you are them. And once in port you can head straight for the action. You and your friend may appear to be a bit "different" to your fellow passengers, but the fact that everyone is in a holiday mood will pretty much eliminate any Anita Bryant-hostility and you will probably get along great with whatever little group you find yourself part of. Most cruisers—contrary to the distortions on TV's "The Love Boat"—are past retirement age, and those old aunties love us "boys" for the attention we usually pay them.

If you want to go on a gay cruise and can't confide in a local travel agent, then ask all the gay people you know about the company operating the tour. Failing to get that information, write for their brochures before booking—and check the references that are (by law) in the printed booklets. With assurances that the operators are all right, then do some snooping on the ship itself. Buy a copy of Fodor's annual "Cruises Everywhere," a \$9.95 paperback sold at most good bookstores (David McKay is the publisher). It gives a thumbnail description of all cruise ships—including the facilities they are lacking. If the ship is old you can be sure it will be a creaky, stomach-retching splash through the waves.

If you are planning to do the Caribbean by cruise ship this winter, then we urge you, to purchase (1) a copy of the 1979 "Private Stock" gay travel directory (advertised on page 49); (2) a copy of **Ciao!**'s special issue devoted to the Gay Caribbean

(see the ad on page 51), or Xerox reprints on the places you intend to visit (the ad for these is in page 48). Perhaps we are being a bit commercial—but you may be sure that our profit on each of these items is painfully small, and that you will have at your fingertips a wealth of information for a small sum—an investment that will guarantee you a truly wonderful time as far as gay activities are concerned.

The needs of the gay cruise ship passenger, concerning things to do ashore, are different from those for gay guys spending several weeks in one port. We repeat: You should purchase the abovementioned publications—but for our purposes now, to brief you on how you may best spend your limited time in each port, we offer our assessment of those ports most frequently called on by cruise ships.

A "PREVIEW"

But first, some general information that applies to most stops. Most islanders are Black. Without getting into the reasons why (which have been detailed time and time again in **Ciao!** and **QQ Magazine**, as well as in our specialty publication, "Black Whoppers"), Blacks prefer to be aggressive sex partners and like to fuck. If you are white and have a tight asshole, you had better concentrate on shipboard sex with the staff/crew.

Most islanders have no place to take you, and you probably will not be permitted to take visitors to your room on board ship (even if he happens to be white and cultured-looking; if he's Black and looks poor—forget it!). Consequently, you will have to count on making it outdoors (in reeds at the beach, etc.) or renting a short-time room at a local hotel (he will know of one, but you will have to judge for yourself his decency—lest you invite a mugging).

Most islanders are poor. Your color and means of travel spell m-o-n-e-y. So, even if you are young and pretty, expect to pay for his services. Be wise and establish his fee in advance, and pay him afterwards—adding a small tip to ward off possible

violence if you suspect its possibility. Moreover, don't flaunt your wealth (leave your flashy jewels on the ship), and if you take a lot of loot ashore, stash the bulk of it in your shoe, near the toes, but not in your socks (in case you remove them for bed sex). Keep a lot of small bills in your pocket, and no more than you intend to pay him.

Don't give him your right name, or other personal information. If he is aggressive he just may show up at the ship if it is still in its berth that night and cause you an embarrassment at the entry gate by demanding to see you, etc.

It's easy to cruise the islanders. Just look twice and they're on to you. Don't be so vain as to think it's your handsome face or muscles; it's your hot mouth and asshole (mainly) . . . and your money (mostly!). The island boys are wise. It may be your first time in port—but they've done it for years, day in and day out—every time a ship pulls in.

And now, the islands:

ARUBA (Oranjestad)

The white-sand beaches are beautiful—among the best in the Caribbean. Some of the best strands and hotels are a 10-minute ride by taxi from where the ships berth. The hotels are cordial to ship passengers and you can arrange to use the pool, etc. You can cruise the beaches, or stay in town (a short walk from the quay) and cruise there. There are no gay bars or established makeout spots.

BARBADOS (Bridgetown)

You can walk to Pelican Village, a touristy grouping of busy souvenir-merchandise huts where you may end up meeting one of the crew members from your own ship. (The crew—manual workers—is usually "down below" and not visible to passengers on board; whereas the staff—officers, entertainers, shopkeepers, etc.—mix freely with passengers.) If you do, you can arrange discreet meetings on board, in your room. But you must take the initiative, remembering that in his eyes you are the employer (as a paying pas-

senger) and that you may take it as an impertinence if he were to approach you, and threaten his job by doing so. Or you may meet a member of the crew or staff from another ship and possibly work out arrangements for a quickie. Walk on further to the business section of Bridgetown and you'll surely make contact with a stud. If your ship is in port at night, then go to **Harry's Niter**, downtown, for the female strip show. Male hustlers are in the minority, but they work the place too—and you can make arrangements with them or the bartender (if a hustler isn't present when you arrive) for some action in a room upstairs.

Count on as much as \$50 for his fee and the room, plus a tip for the bartender if he procures a guy for you. If you're young, dressed in tattered jeans and keep your mouth shut about having arrived by ship, your tab could be under \$20. In the daytime, take a 15-minute taxi ride to Paradise Bay Beach. (Cunard—the company that operates the QE-2 and other cruise ships—owns the Paradise Bay Beach Hotel and usually provides ground transportation for its passengers and employees.) Use the hotel facilities and their strand. Facing the water, the area that's cruised by both tourists and locals is to the right—where there's a wooded area behind the beach. You'll see trails, and contacts are relatively easy on the beach. Chances are, you'll meet a gay local, also in his bathing suit, and he will not expect or want payment—but he will probably be trade. Accra Beach, on the other side of Bridgetown—as far from it as Paradise Bay Beach is—is a popular public beach. A lot of hippie types—British and American—and locals. There's no place to go, except the John behind the Witch's Hut beachside restaurant—so you're really better off at Paradise Bay Beach.

CURACAO (Willemstad)

The big thing here is the shopping in town, and it is on the streets that you will make contact. Curacao's beaches are

rocky, but the Holiday Inn—a taxi ride away—welcomes cruise ship passengers and the beach is good. You may meet a local stud on the beach.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (Santo Domingo)

The old section is colorful and the men are wise. Go into any bar to take a piss and somebody will be there flashing his huge dong. And here the dongs are Black-size, but the guys are of Spanish descent. Your best bet by day is to go out to Boca Chica Beach, to the old hotel. About 20 minutes by cab—\$10. There's a broken-down change-room there and you can get lunch on the beach, purchased from and served by the hotel. Young studs come up to you by rowboat, offering a ride out to the tiny patches of islands the distance of a city block away, or the reef to view the fish. Once there they will offer more—for a price, of course. Or you will be approached on the beach—and arrangements are easily made for a quickie in the old change-room . . . for a price, naturally. At night, if you're in town, cab it out for around \$5 to **Nicolas**, a bar at **Felix E. Mejia 241** (near 32nd and Maximo Gomez). Hustlers and rooms on the premises for sex. There's another gay bar, but it's mostly for locals and you have to know Spanish. If you're interested, inquire at **Nicolas**—as it isn't far away.

HAITI (Port-au-Prince)

The most beautiful Blacks in the Caribbean—but they're all sharks. When tourists arrive they come in like **Jaws** after blood, trying to sell you their services. If they sense you are gay, out come the cocks—and if it's too crowded, they'll make certain you see the outline through their trousers.

In Haiti the slogan is "faut payer"—it is necessary to pay—and pay you must. It may be as little as \$2 for a hustler (if you look young and poor), or (most likely) \$10, plus \$10 more for a short-time room (which he'll take you to). It can look risky, but rest assured there is little crime in Haiti because the police

are ruthless in tracking down their man—and brutal once they have caught him. The guys know this, and it means added protection for you—an assurance that nothing bad will happen, no matter how Voodooish the joint he takes you to looks.

The location of the gay bar changes. Ask a taxi driver to take you to the Montana Hotel in Petionville (the hills above town) and establish the rate before you get in (about \$5). The bar is opposite the hotel, **Freda's**—and it's usually open when ships are in port. If closed or moved, work out a fair payment deal with the taxi driver to take you to wherever the gay bar is—and make certain it is gay when you get there, before you pay him and/or he drives away. If you're in town at night, have a drink at the old and very colorful Grand Hotel Oloffson, in town. It is frequented by interesting world travelers, many of whom are gay (and they usually have a room there or somewhere else). The beach hotels are way out of town and not practical for short-time visitors. The main thing you will want to do is shop for art—Haitian paintings being a national treasure of sorts of the entire Caribbean. A good gallery is the National, on the main Petionville Road.

JAMAICA (Montego Bay)

The only place to cruise is nearby (to where the ships berth) Doctor's Cave Beach. It's a public beach. You enter via a dirty change-room. The gay section is to the right, facing the water. Here you will see the gay staff/crew you missed seeing on board ship. You'll see gay tourists and locals—those who are actually gay as well as the hustlers. Be careful if you get involved with hustlers; Jamaicans have a reputation of being rough. Limit your activities to this beach in the daytime only.

MARTINIQUE (Fort-de-France)

There are many pretty beaches here, but cruising is downtown—such as it is, on the streets. If you speak French it will help. Hustlers, of course, though you may meet a local

gay—who will expect payment in some form, perhaps a gift.

PUERTO RICO (San Juan)

Really in a class by itself, unlike all other Caribbean stops. It is more like San Francisco or New York in the tropics. Plenty of bars. Your ship will berth in Old San Juan. Just a short walk away is a pleasant rooftop bar in the **La Vista** guesthouse, at 151 Calle Tetuan. You can get something to eat here, too. And it's open all the time. The **Small World**, right around the corner, is a quiet afternoon bar that gets a lot of gay ship trade; it's at 248 Calle San Jose. Still in Old San Juan is the **Rialto Theatre** at the corner of Calle Tanca and Calle San Francisco, which has a balcony that's cruised/used. The afternoon crowd is light and mostly tourists (though there are locals too, especially after 3 P.M. when schools let out—for older teenagers), but you're almost assured of some action. Chances are, the guys you meet on the street (you'll see a lot of gays, tourists and locals) are not hustling, and have a place.

Cab over (about 10 minutes, \$3) to the Condado strip, which is where the big hotels are. The very crowded gay section of beach is in front of the Sands Hotel. Next door is the Atlantic Beach Hotel, at the foot of Calle Vendig. It has a good outdoor bar on the beach. There's a disco (night) on the roof. Chances are, you'll meet someone at the bar who has a room there, for action. If not, you'll surely connect on the beach itself with a gay guy who has a room. And if you're still in port at night, right in Old San Juan, just a short walk from your ship, is the **Lion's Den** complex—a bar with a sex room; a separate disco next door (**Lion's Disco**); and a separate baths upstairs (**Lion of St. Marks**). It's all at 205 Calle Luna. If you prefer a flashy disco, go to **The Abbey**, 251 Calle Cruz; it's very popular.

There are many other places in San Juan, and if you're going we especially urge you to send for a copy of our Caribbean guide to gay action. The ad, to repeat, is on page 51.

ST. CROIX (Frederiksted)

Pretty beaches, but boring for the short-time gay visitor. You'll connect anywhere, if at all.

ST. KITTS (Basseterre)

Very few cruise ships make this port, but if yours does, go right to the **Stevens Guesthouse**, downtown (phone 2116). You'll have to rent a room there (inexpensive) and they will assist you at no charge in meeting the many boys who frequent the establishment. For about \$5 a session you can keep them coming all afternoon and evening (if you're still in port and want to keep them cumming). There's a pretty beach—but Stevens is where the action is.



ST. MARTIN (Phillipsburg)

Not a popular cruise ship stop, but if you pull in, go directly to **Tamarinde Guest House** by taxi. There's a bar and pool—though you may have to rent a room if

you intend to make an afternoon of it. It is gay.

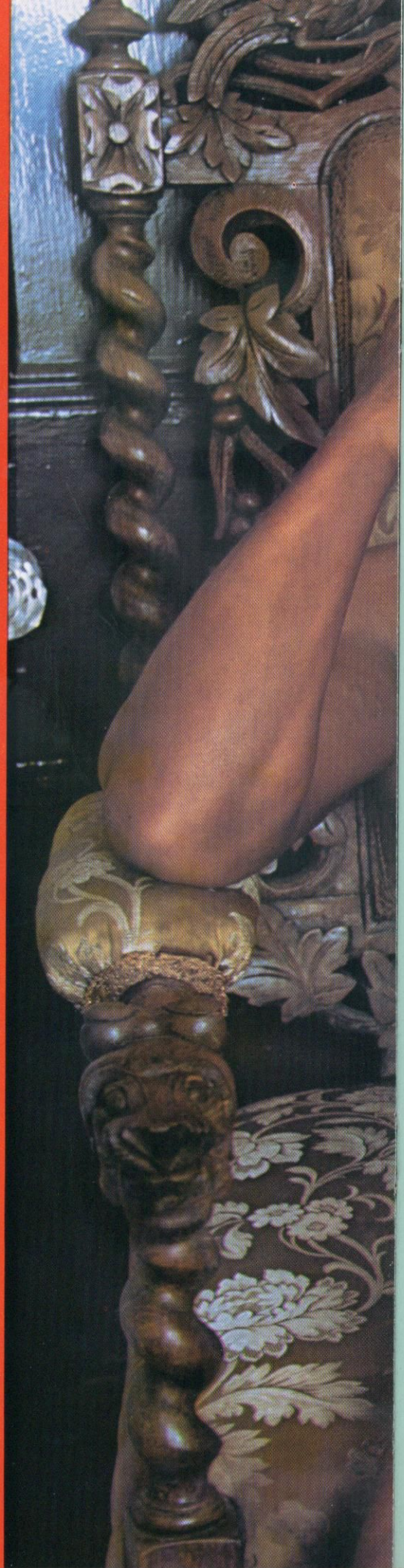
ST. THOMAS (Charlotte Amalie)

The downtown section is jammed with shoppers. Hustlers too. Or taxi over to the other side of the island in about 15 minutes to Morningstar Beach. You can use the facilities at Morningstar Beach Cottages (there's a modest fee for the change-rooms) and sun on the beach. The place is frequented by gay vacationers, so your chances of making out are good. When the tide is out, there is cruising (light) away from the hotel, along the beach. Mostly white guests and visitors like yourself, and action is possible. If you prefer Black locals (hustlers, mainly) go instead to Lindbergh Beach, on the same side of the island. Action is possible.

VENEZUELA (La Guaira)

You can either stay on the water and taxi over to the Sheraton Hotel for a day of pool-side sun, where you may or may not meet somebody gay who has a place; or, you can take a taxi for the 30-mile highway drive (about \$20 with tip) to Caracas to sightsee and shop. The hustlers (of Spanish descent, not Black) are very visible, blatant and available; you will have to rely on them to find a place to go, and you will have to pick up the tab. If you're going to be in town when the bars are open, there are two: **Annex**, Calle Acueducto and Calle Real de Samana Grande; and **Goyesca**, Ave. Casanova and Calle Union.

These represent the most popular cruise ship ports, plus St. Kitts and St. Martin—not popular in the same sense, but of special interest to gay travelers who may opt for cruises which include them. Brief yourself thoroughly on each stop before you arrive—using the information provided here; the special publications we make available; and general information available from your travel agent. In this way you'll get the most out of your floating holiday.



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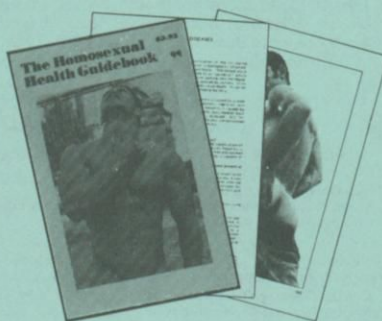
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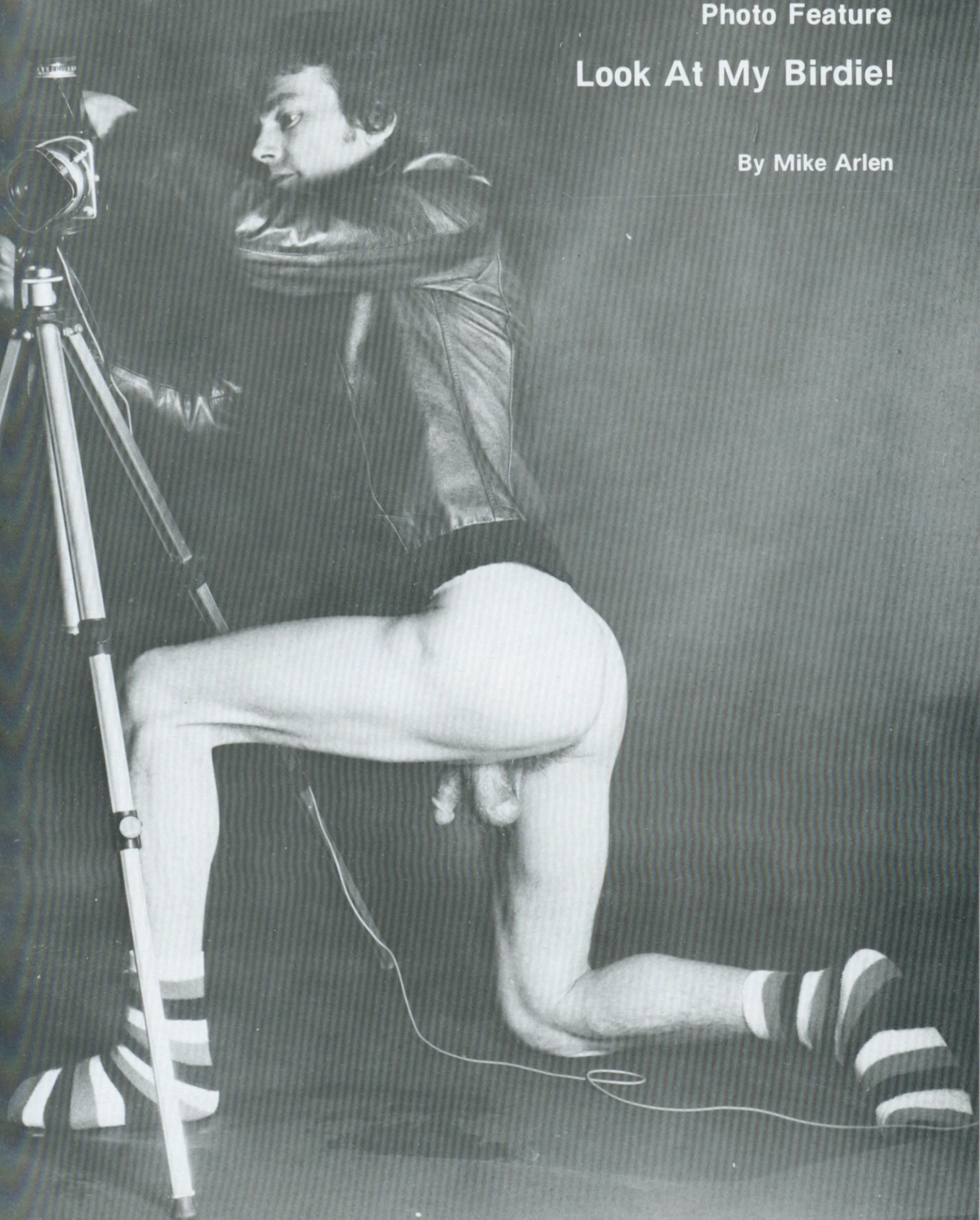
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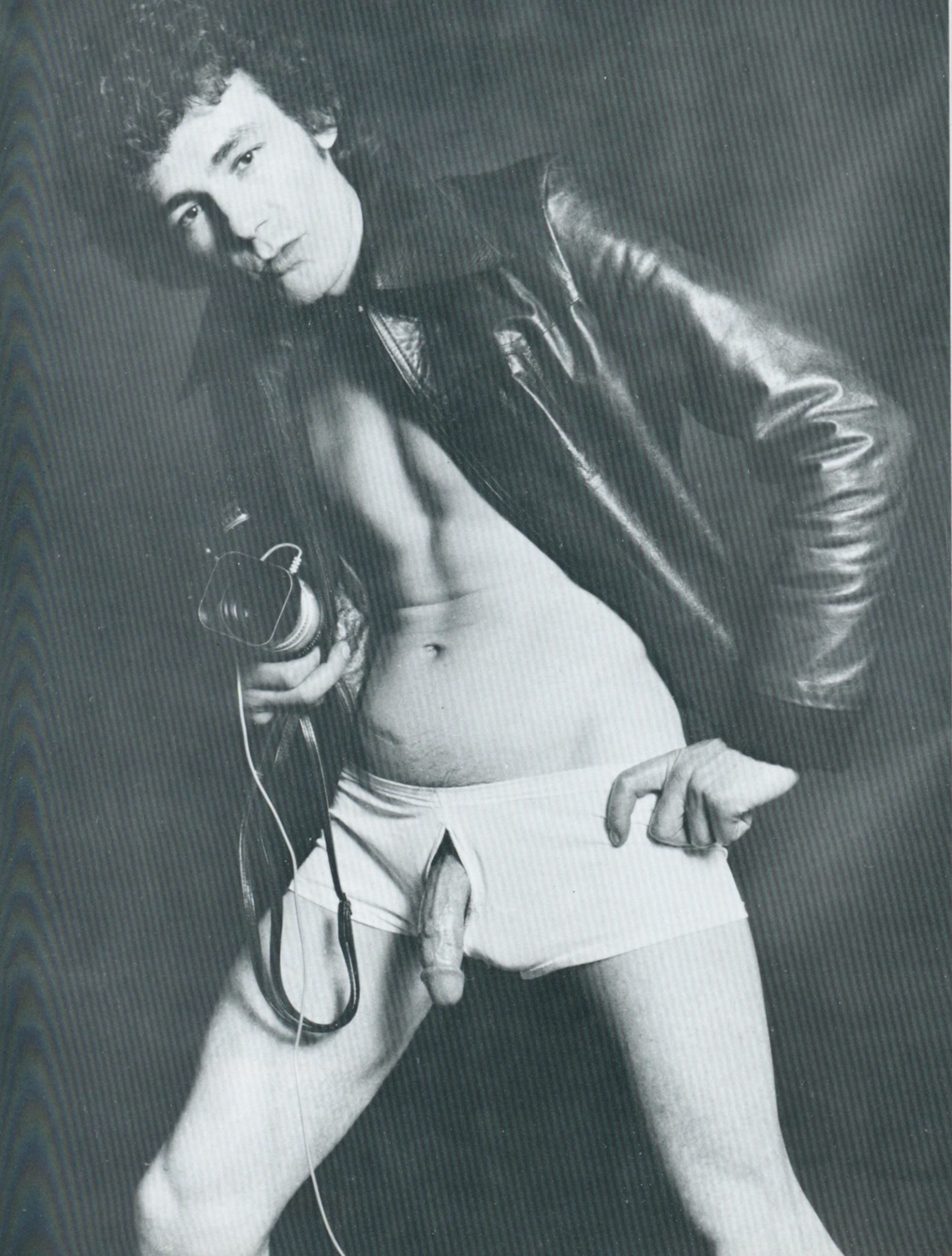


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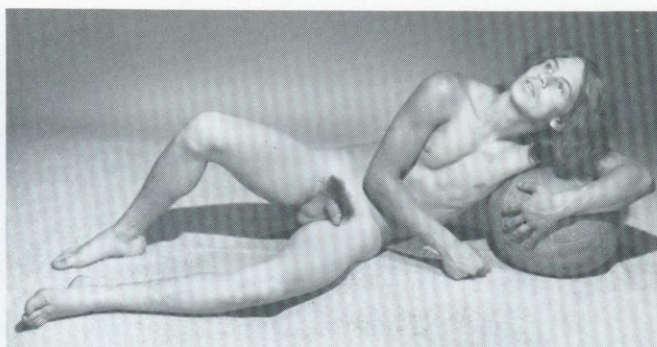








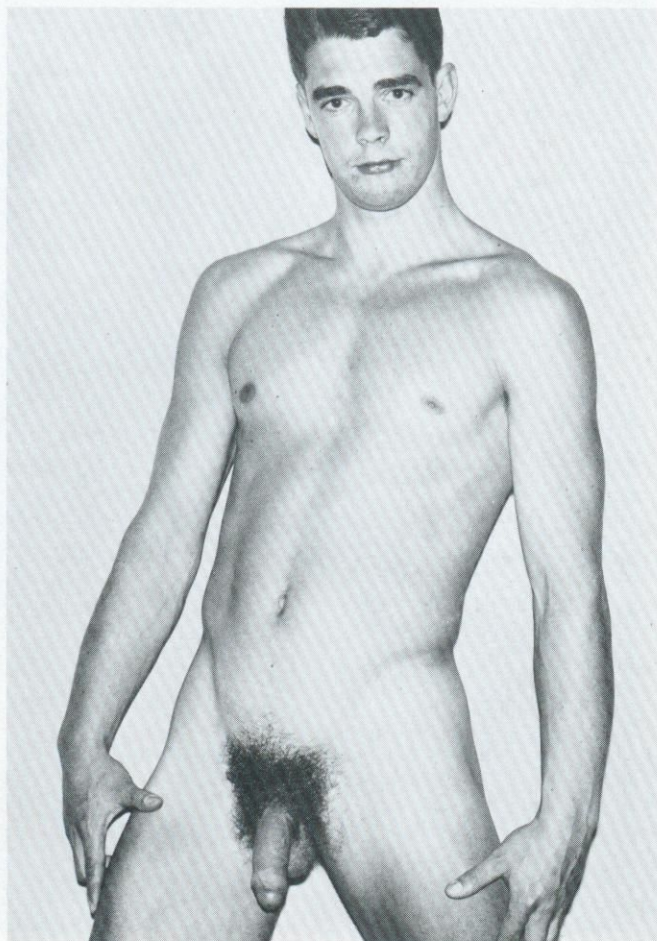
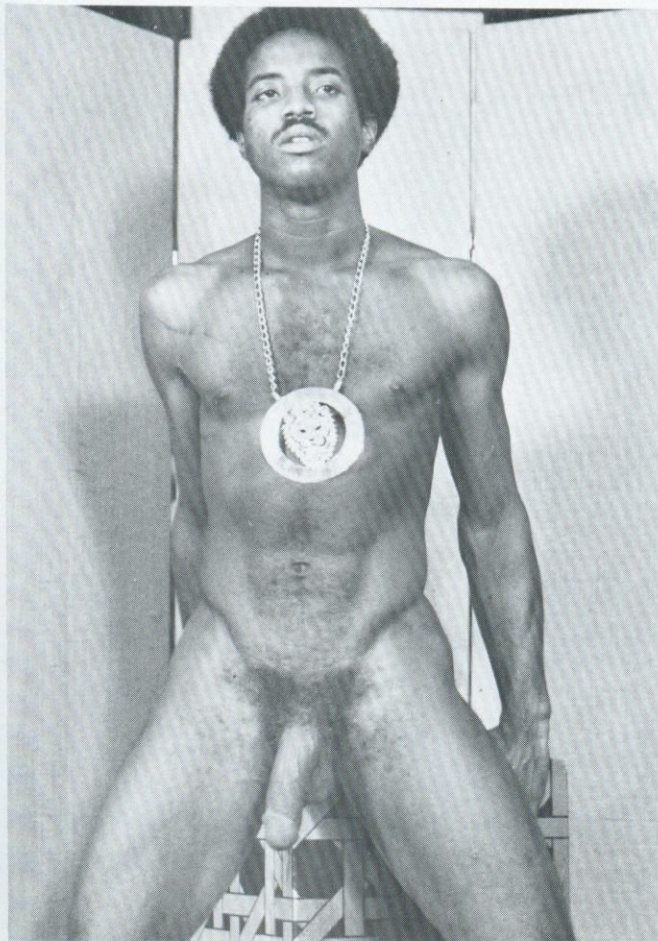


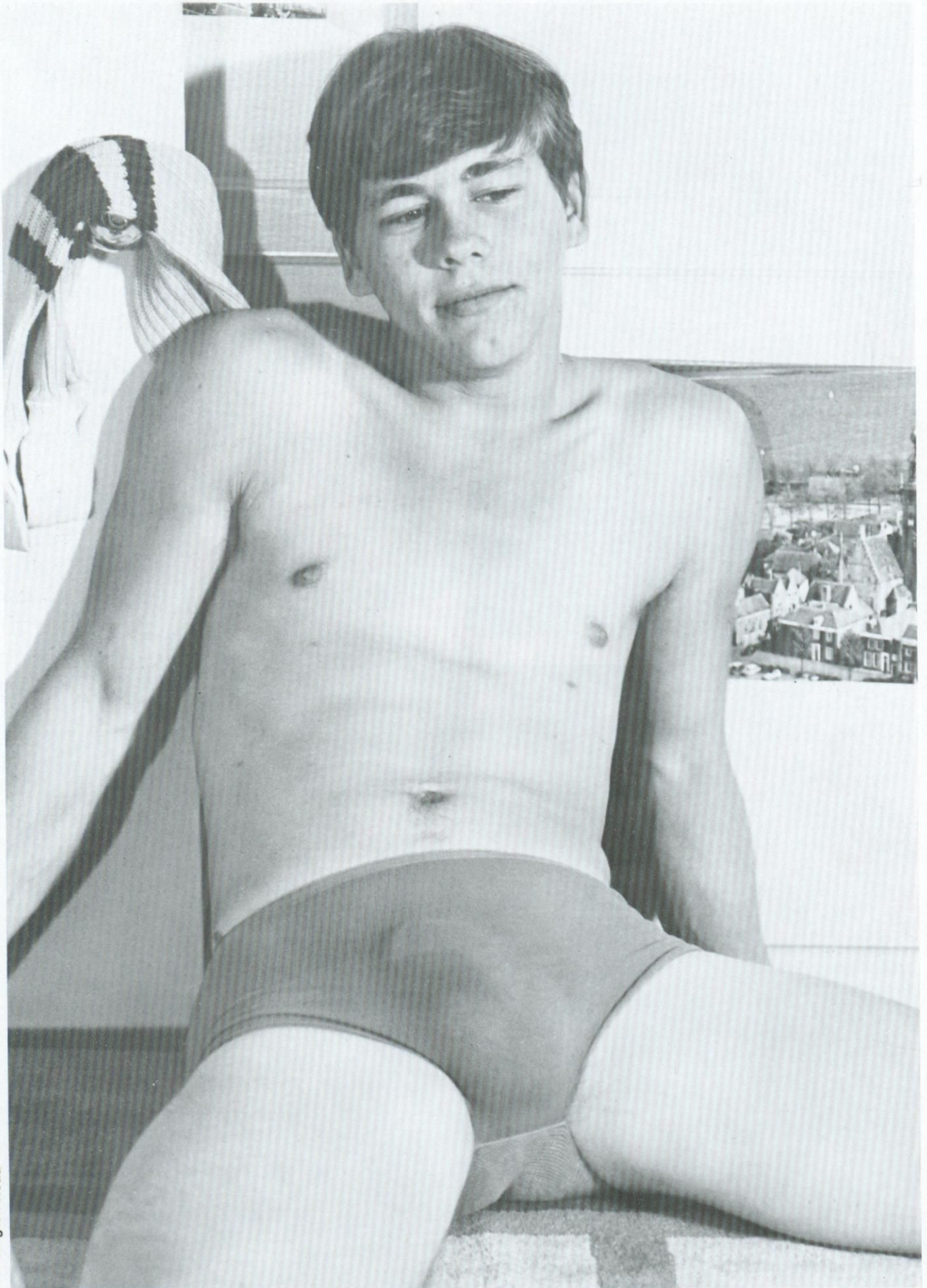


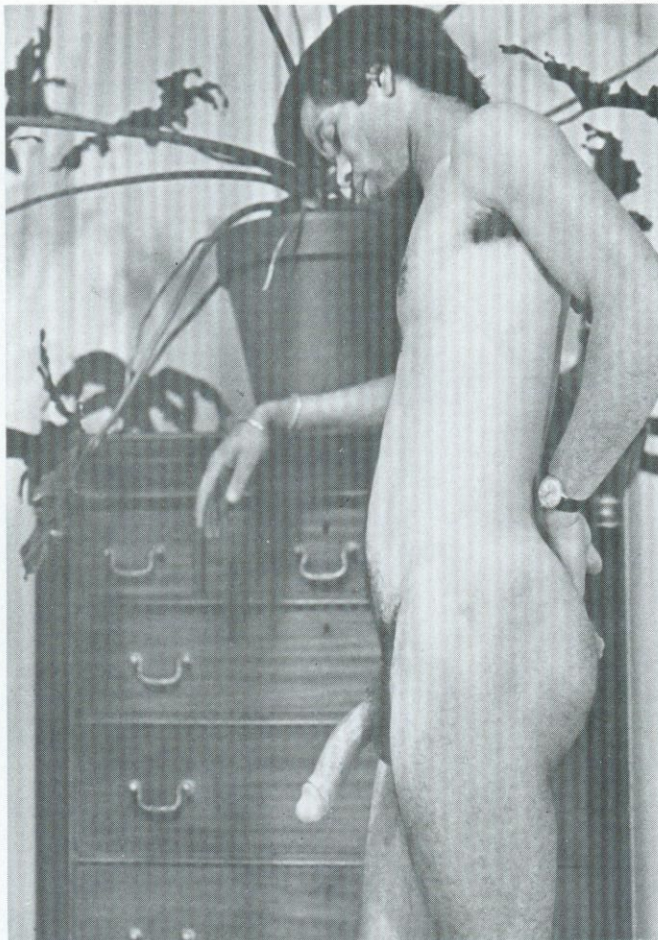
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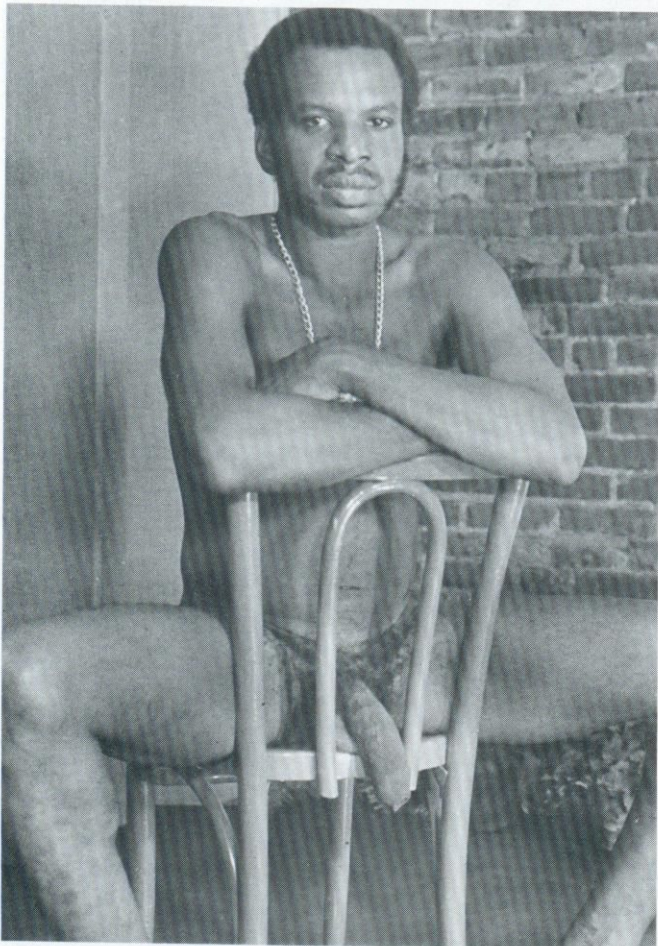
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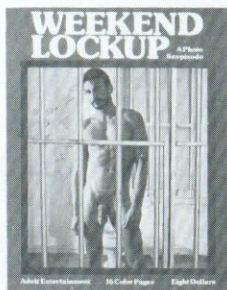


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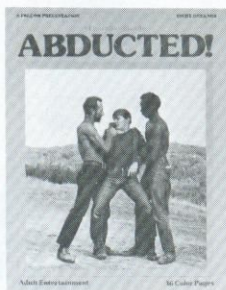
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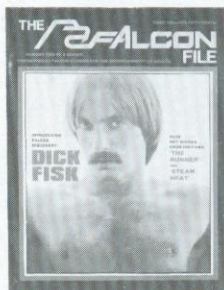
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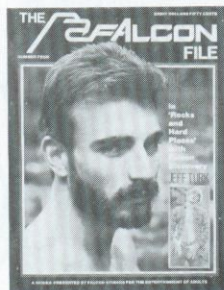
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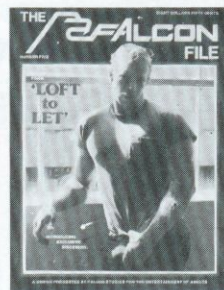
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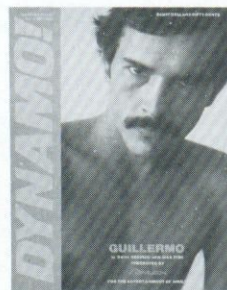


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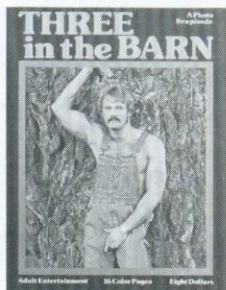


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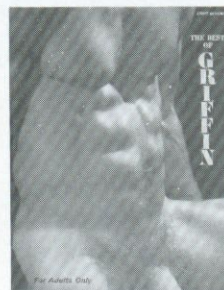
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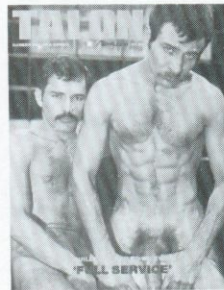
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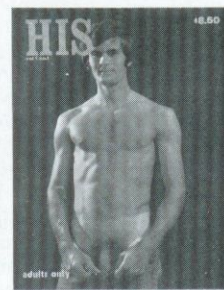
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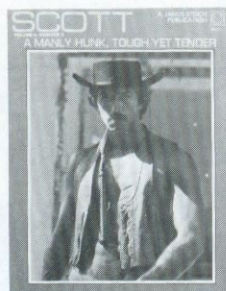


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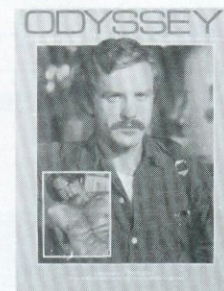
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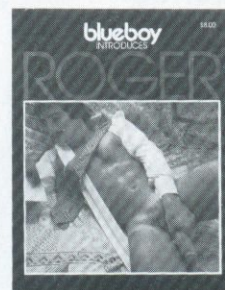
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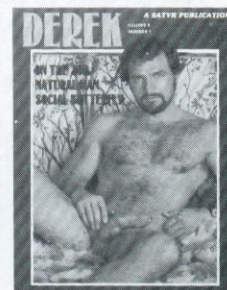
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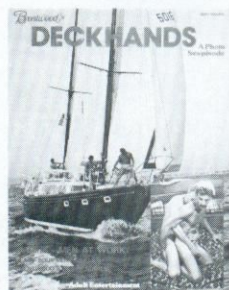


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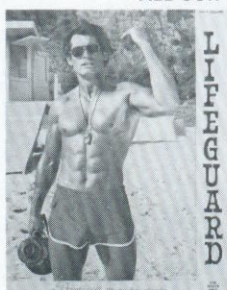


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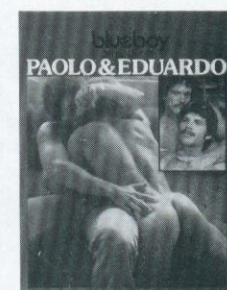
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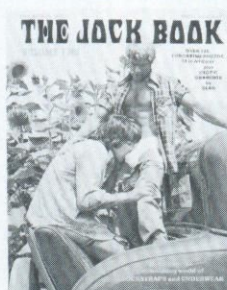


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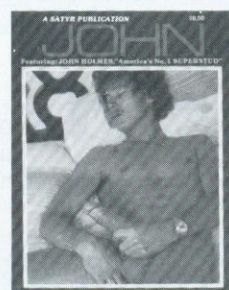
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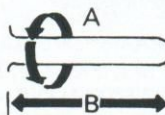
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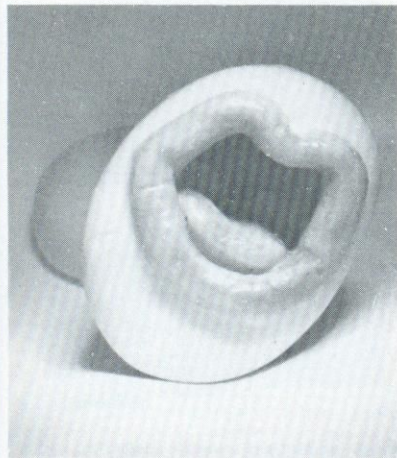


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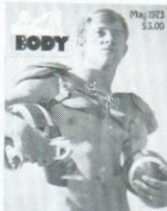
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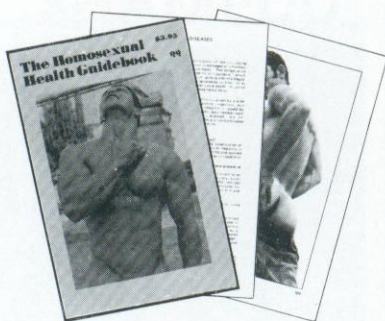
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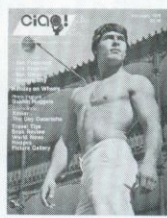
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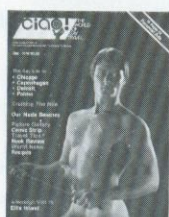
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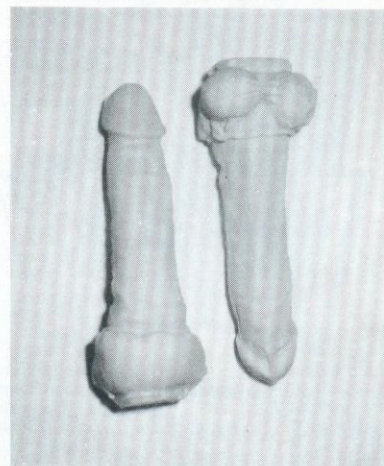
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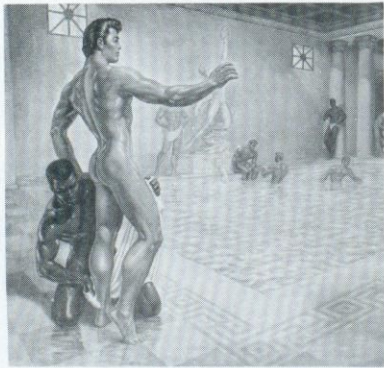


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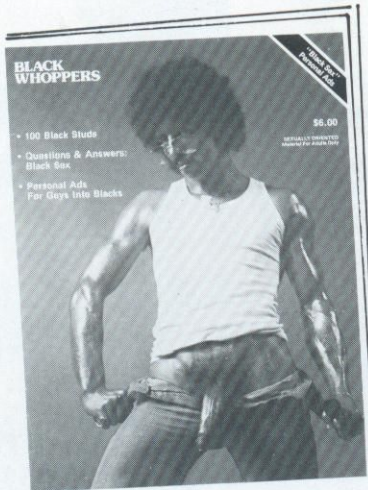
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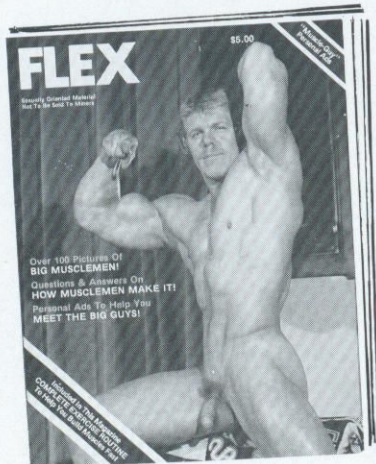
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