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COP GETS 15 YEARS FOR KILLING GAY MAN

BY RANDY WICKER

New York, N.Y. Colin Kelly, 28, was sentenced April 19th to 15 years for the homosexual shakedown killing of John Allison, 46, a Manhattan publishing executive, on the night of August 23, 1968.

At the time of the shooting, Kelly, a Transit Authority patrolman, claimed he was driving past a group of parked trucks under the West Side Highway between Christopher and West 10th Streets when he spotted Allison attempting to enter one of the parked vehicles.

The area at that time was the locale of the "trucks scene" in West Village. Homosexuals met and had sexual relations in the rear of the parked vehicles or between them.

Kelly fired the six bullets in his gun at Allison hitting him four times as he attempted to run away, begging for mercy. The *Daily News* praised officer Kelly the next day and said the action of the off-duty transit patrolman was commendatory. The *News* urged Kelly be decorated for slaying Allison.

All the other frequenters of the trucks fled during the shooting. A few gay spokesmen complained about the shooting but their complaints were ignored in large part by the media.

However, Allison's family—which is reported to be very wealthy—was not satisfied with patrolman Kelly's explanation and brought a great deal of pressure to

bear on the District Attorney's office to investigate the matter.

Patrolman Kelly said that Allison had first pulled a "knife" on him before attempting to flee. The "knife" turned out to be a screwdriver. Kelly said he had killed Allison in "self-defense." However, the shots which killed Allison were spaced and Kelly continued firing bullets into Allison when he was 20 to 25 feet away and attempting to flee.

Frequenters of the trucks recognized the photos of Patrolman Kelly as a frequenter of the area. However, the police maintained that they couldn't bring Kelly up on a murder charge because of lack of evidence of malicious intent.

After being approached by the family, the District Attorney's office was persuaded to get a friend of Patrolman Kelly's to talk to him about the incident while wearing a concealed tape recording device.

Patrolman Kelly declared on the tapes played at the two-week trial that "I killed the ----- in cold blood." However, the jury still refused to convict him of murder.

Other testimony indicated that Kelly was shaking down Allison, using threats that he would expose the fact that Allison was homosexual.

According to the testimony, reported in the *New York Post*, Kelly had shot Al-

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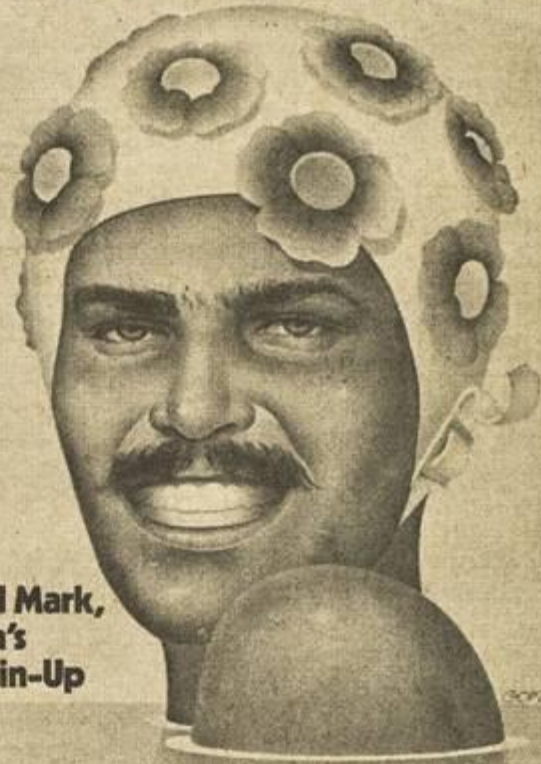
ROLLING STONE

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Is Freedom of the Press in Danger?

Lennon Ordered Deported Lance Loud Blows Whistle Interview: Formerly Little Stevie Wonder



Meet Talented Mark, America's Latest Pin-Up

Is Rolling Stone Uptight? In the last issue of GAY, Randy Wicker's Report stated that "straight" men were made uncomfortable by male pin-ups. The April 26th issue of *Rolling Stone* has confirmed this observation by poking fun at Mark Spitz, the Olympic swimming star who is now America's No. 1 pin-up.

MARYLAND VOTES "NO" ON SAME SEX MARRIAGES

BY CADE WARE
Washington Correspondent

Annapolis, Md. Same-sex marriages may not have been legal in Maryland, but if there was any question about it, a few nervous homophobes wanted to make damn sure. Result: the Maryland legislature last month passed by all but unanimous vote a bill requiring "that a marriage must be between a man and a woman in order to be valid."

Questions actually did arise in Maryland last year when same-sex couples started trying to get marriage licenses. Nothing in the law said they couldn't have them, and even a hasty opinion from the Attorney General didn't offer solid grounds for refusing such an awkward request.

So some very worried clerks of court got together and went to colonial Annapolis, famed for a Naval Academy, seafood and—as the state's ancient capital—legislative derringdo, where they lobbied for a

measure which would outlaw this thing once and for all. With only a single dissenting vote in the Senate and one in the House of Delegates, they got it resoundingly.

Senator William A. Wilson, a Republican from the small town of Allendy, Md., sponsored the bill. "I have no objections whatsoever to gay people living together," he told GAY. "But I'm against legalizing it. How can they be married? They can't reproduce."

"I'm not opposed to gay liberation," he said. "They have a perfect right to do what they want. I'm just a little hung up on this marriage question."

"Legal marriage would allow them to adopt children. I wouldn't want a kid living in an environment like that. There's no question in my mind of what that child would become."

When asked about the property ownership and income tax problems gay people face, Wilson said, "I understand they

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International Swedish Sex Star David Davidson will play opposite Linda Lovelace in the sequel to *Deep Throat*, *Deep Throat II*. David, who has been called "a combination of James Dean and Mick Jagger," was Frederick in *The Sound of Music*. Vito Russo interviews the handsome young star on page 12.

WHERE WILL YOU GO TONIGHT?

A DIRECTORY FOR DISCRIMINATING DISPOSITIONS

Manhattan

WEST VILLAGE

Benzie & Clyde's (GR 3-5304), 82 West 3rd St. Mostly women. Dancing. Free buffets on Sundays. Rock bands on weekends. A friendly spot. (Mostly women)

The Real House (CH 3-4214), 570 Hudson St. Jammed any night of the week. The "hot" bar in Greenwich Village. (Men)

EAST VILLAGE

Club Baths (673-2283), 24 1st Ave. (1st Ave. & 1st St.). Mr. Clean must work here! A hurmy crowd in a lavish setting. One of the nation's finest baths. Reasonable room and locker rates. Half price for students. Don't miss it! Open 24 hours. (Men)

GRAMMERCY PARK & MURRAY HILL

Bar (473-9080), 232 Park Ave. South (19th St.). Lots of room in an atmospheric setting. (Men)

Beau Geste (475-9724), 239 3rd Ave. (20th St.). Top-notch food that's reasonably priced. Fresh salads. An exciting menu. A romantic atmosphere with a bar upstairs. One of gay Manhattan's finest eateries. (Men or Women)

Uncle Charlie's. Always jammed with three large rooms in which to wander. Nice folks go here. (Men)

MIDTOWN & MIDDLE EAST SIDE

Beacon Baths (667-0322), 227 E. 45th St., 11th fl. A well-run establishment with clean rooms, polite attendants, a good steam room. Don't miss the weekly matinee usually attended by lunchtime nibblers. Two large floors of fun. Reasonable rates. Open 24 hours. (Men)

Continental Sauna, 111 West 60th St. Not as grand as the "Mother Church" on 74th St., but interesting nevertheless, and well-run. Afternoon and lunchtime get-togethers are common. Open 24 hours. (Men)

Walter's Apartment (371-3374), 1068 2nd Ave. Fine music, entertainment and the wild joy of being in a penthouse overlooking NYC. This restaurant/bar is a winner! (Mostly men)

DANCE BELT & HELL'S KITCHEN

Big Spender (586-9882), 315 W. 48th St. Lots of gypsies from the nearby shows. Some beauties. Good times. (Men)

Tijuana Cat, 350 W. 46th St. If you're wondering what it's like to spend a chic evening among Latinos, go. Fine entertainment. Lots of hoopla! (Men or Women)

UPPER EAST SIDE

Harry's Back East (249-6991), 1422 3rd Ave. (81st St.). One of the Upper East Side's long-lived spots. (Men)

New Jimmy's (860-4509), 1576 3rd Ave. (87th St.). First-class New York supper club. Exciting food and drink and the best in entertainment. (Men and Women)

UPPER WEST SIDE

Bike Stop (874-9014), 230 W. 75th St. A fun spot. (Men)

Continental Baths (799-2688), 230 W. 74th St. The largest, swiftest bath/cabaret/sym/fun-house in the world! Hundreds of private rooms, lockers, mini-lockers. First-class entertainment on Saturdays. Swimming pool. Cavernous steam room. Open 24 hours. (Men)

EROTIC FILMS (Male)

55th Street Playhouse (JU 6-4590), on 55th St. between 6th & 7th Aves.

Jewel Theatre (240-1090), 3rd Ave. at 12th St.

Park-Miller Bldg (9-3970), 43rd St. between 6th Ave. and Broadway.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Metropolitan Community Church (212) 225-5137. Services on Sundays at 4 p.m. at 90th Ave. and 28th St. Rev. Roy Birchard, Pastor. The Manhattan congregation of a rapidly growing denomination which—nationwide—makes no secret of its appeal to the gay community.

GAY ORGANIZATIONS

GAA Firehouse (226-8572), 99 Wooster St. Get in early for Sat. Nite dances. Marvel at the Cabarets every other Fri. Lesbian dances last Fri. of each month. Sponsored by one of Manhattan's most active gay lib groups. (Women and Men)

Gay Switchboard (924-4036). Call this number if you're new to New York and they'll tell you where to go! (Women or Men)

Mattachine Society (691-1066), 59 Christopher St. This venerable gay lib organization has serviced the New York community for years! Stop in and visit the fine offices on Sheridan Square. Apartment listings, social services, travel assistance, legal advice and counseling. Evenings.

Saturday afternoons.
West Side Discussion Group, 37 9th Ave. (at 14th St.). Since 1956, every Wednesday night at 8 p.m. over 100 non-political, non-activist men and women gather to socialize, read and dance. Go and enjoy! (Women or Men)

Brooklyn

Danny's Brooklyn Heights (625-8844), 108 Montague St. Two floors of fun and frolic. (Men)

Man's Country Baths (624-1362), 53 Pierrepont St. Clean, well-run, top-notch bath. Olympic pool. Lockers, rooms reasonable rates. Dancing, gym, sauna, steam. Open 24 hours. (Men)

GAY ORGANIZATION

Gay Alliance of Brooklyn (256-0249). Dances every other Saturday night at 9 p.m. in the Hotel Rossen, 65 Remsen St., Brooklyn Heights. \$3 admission. G.A.B. is Brooklyn's largest gay lib organization.

NEW YORK STATE RESORT

Mister G's Round Hill Resort (914) 496-9845. A large Tara-like Hotel that's popular with New Yorkers seeking a country rendezvous. Pool in summer. 25 acres of good time with hills and woods in which to wander. Meals, Rooms, Cabins. Reasonable rates. Open all year. (Men and Women)

Washington, D.C.

The Pier Nine (488-7969), 1824 Half St., S.W. You've heard of superstars? Well, this is a SUPERSTAR! One of the largest, swiftest, most astonishing nightspots—gay or straight—in America. Bring your I.D. (Men and Women)

Lost & Found (488-1200), 56 L St., S.E. Another superb restaurant, dancing, crowds, joy! A classy, happy atmosphere. Bring your I.D. (Women or Men)

Georgetown Grill, 1329 Wisconsin Ave., N.W. in the heart of Old Georgetown and near "the block" where crowds take walks after 2 a.m.

Phase One (544-6831), 525 8th St., S.E. Washington's bar for women.

Club East II Baths (488-9731). Open daily 24 hours. \$5 membership required. May be purchased at door with I.D. Clean, comfortable. (Men)

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The Mattachine Society of Washington (383-3841), P.O. Box 1032, Washington, D.C. 20013

Metropolitan Community Church (547-2773), 705 7th St., S.E. Services Sunday 2 p.m.

Philadelphia

Alliego (KI 5-9953), 1412 Spruce St. Open daily 4 p.m. till 2 a.m. Three floors. Philadelphia's oldest and most well-known nightspot. A real blast for everyone! (Men)

Penrose Club (546-2650), 1415 Locust St., 2nd fl. Considered an afterhours club. 11 p.m. till ... Dancing, liquor, beer. A poor table. (Men)

Miami

Warehouse VIII (445-8713), 3600 S.W. 8th St., Coral Gables, 9 p.m. till 5 a.m. Dancing, liquor, beer, food. Three different bars upstairs and downstairs. Pool tables. Patios. (Men)

MIAMI BEACH

Ambassadors III (538-9967), 427 22nd St. Large club-like atmosphere. Dancing. Not unlike a Manhattan bar. (Men)

Bachelors II (446-9261), 2847 Coral Way. One of the best bets in the Miami area. (Men)

Club Miami Baths (448-2214), 2991 Coral Way. A member in good standing of the Club Baths chain. Pool, Steam, Sauna. (Men)

GAY CHURCH

Metropolitan Community Church (576-0708), 3901 N.W. 2nd. Services Sunday 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Baltimore

Club East Baths (727-9320), 1105 Cathedral St. Open 24 hrs. Membership required. Can be purchased at door with I.D. This bath is one of the

finest in the famed Club Baths chain. (Men)

Eddie's, 102 Water St. Daily 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. The oldest gay bar in Baltimore. (Men)

JERRY'S SPHERE



BY JERRY FITZPATRICK

NEW YORK, N.Y.: For the first time in city politics, a mayoral candidate is seeking help from the gay community in getting elected. The candidate is Herman Badillo. Mr. Badillo has asked me to take him on a tour of the gay bars and, because I believe in his candidacy, I have agreed. I support Mr. Badillo not only because of his positive stand on gay rights, but because of his views on human environment in the city that I call home. He is a truly remarkable man and I honestly feel that the entire city would be better off having HERMAN BADILLO FOR MAYOR. Among other innovations promised by the candidate, he proposes, if elected, to name a Commissioner of Gay Rights! Do you think your Aunt Tillie is ready for that one? I know that mine isn't.

THE CANDIDATE'S NAKED TRUTH: Last week I was invited to a meeting for Chuck Choset, candidate for councilperson-at-large. You can imagine my bemusement when Mr. Choset answered the door buck naked. No apology, just an honest "I do this all the time. (Walk around his house naked.) If anybody is really offended, I'll put some clothes on, otherwise fuck it." Well, you can't get much more honest than that. The meeting was called to discuss the auction that Bud Noro is giving in order to secure funds for the candidate's campaign fund. If you have any antiques or anything else auctionable, please contact me at the paper or Chuck Choset at 90 Bedford St., Apt. 5B. The auction will take place Saturday, May 12th, at the Church of the Holy Apostles at 29th St. and 9th Ave. The previous day, the 11th, will be for people to go and see what they might like to bid on. Besides Mr. Choset's naked honesty, he is more than qualified for the office that he seeks. I urge you all to back him in the primary and in the election.

ACTS—ACTS WITH THE BEST OF THEM. Her interpretation of Gilel Mosca is at once tender, romantic, poignant, incredible! She makes an otherwise forgettable show unforgettable. (Must tip the old hat to Tommy Tune also.) If you get the chance, go see Michele Lee and find out how to spell S*T*A*A*R.

SHERIDAN SQUARE RIP-OFF: A couple of weeks ago I took Mike up to Central Park where we ran into our favorite Annabelle with one of the best looking women I've met, Cass from South Africa. Cass is sort of a cross between Grace of Monaco and Candy Bergen. Anyway, the



Fribzy's Chef: Bob Wilson

NEW WOMAN IN TOWN: In 1967 I worked at a private discotheque in L.A. called The Factory. There were more celebs than you could shake a quivering

finger at. Among all of these carryings-on, there was one woman who was my own favorite. (As a matter of fact, after leaving work I'd go home and play her album until I fell asleep. After all of the noise of the joint it was a pleasure to listen to a melodic voice.) In the years that followed I found it hard to believe that she wasn't



Fribzy's Owner: Ted Kall

one of the BIGGIES in show biz. Well, a couple of days ago I had the pleasure of seeing this young woman again. (I must apologize to Mrs. Vito but the girl is FANTASTIC!) The woman in question is Michele Lee, the play is See Saw. Michelle sings like a bird, dances like a gazelle and



Mike soon celebrates a birthday

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THE EDITORS SPEAK

APRIL 27, 1973: GAY RIGHTS BILL DEFEATED AGAIN

In spite of great public support from all segments of the political and intellectual community, New York's gay rights bill, Intro 475, has failed once again to pass in the General Welfare Committee of the City Council. Entrenched prejudices, even in this so-called enlightened city, die hard.

Seven of the fifteen members on the General Welfare Committee voted for the bill. The deciding vote, which should have been cast by Aileen Ryan (Bronx), was bypassed when Ms. Ryan left the Committee for lunch and never returned. Ms. Ryan is hereby notified that the homosexual community in the Bronx and elsewhere will work indefatigably for her defeat in upcoming elections.

Twenty liberationists were jailed for participating in a sitdown protest in the rain. Among them were Bruce Voeller, Ginny Vito, Ronald Gold, Pamela Spates, Marc Wald, Sylvia Rivera, Nath Rockhill, Joe Wey, Jim Jacobs, Charles Burch, Steve Askinazy, Bill Bahlman, Jean O'Leary, Liz Devlin, Jim Glaser, Dac McFarland, Benjamin Rivera, Hal Offen, and Dan Gladstone. These people are heroines and heroes in the gay community. They put their bodies on the line.

The defeat of Intro 475 demonstrates now more than ever that New York's gay community must work much harder to secure its basic rights.

Presently, there are two candidates (see below) whose support in such matters has been unflinching. We must all take an active interest in the political fortunes of our community. Otherwise, every advance made in New York—every free institution we now enjoy—can be destroyed. It is possible, in fact, for New York to return to the pre-1966 era when almost every gay bar in the city was either raided or closed and when entrapments, firings, and ugly discrimination reigned unchecked.

COUNCILWOMAN RYAN'S RESTLESS NIGHT

Violence or its threat is inimical to gay liberation as we know it and it is unfortunate that each advance made by our community has come on the heels of threat.

The fear that gripped Ms. Ryan after Intro 475's defeat when angry callers threatened her may tell her something of what it is like to live without social protection. Ms. Ryan has threatened our community too. While we deplore threats of any kind, City Hall must expect that there will certainly be those in our large community who resent retrogressive policies. Ms. Ryan has created her own Karma.

OUR BEST POLITICAL FRIEND: ELDON CLINGAN

In the next issue of GAY there will be a full feature interview with Eldon Clingan, an honest politician who for years has courageously led the fight for gay rights in New York City. Clingan is the best political friend New York's gay community has ever had. He deserves widespread support for writing and pushing Intro 475, the gay rights bill, in the City Council.

Eldon Clingan is running again for the City Council as Councilman-at-large for Manhattan. He needs our assistance. Volunteers. Funds. And—spread the word—our votes. Everyone in Manhattan can vote for him on June 4th.

If you are never again political in your entire life, at least take this man's candidacy seriously just this once and work by word of mouth or as a volunteer to return him to the City Council. His presence there will continue to guarantee a strong voice on behalf of our community and its freedoms in New York City.

If you can possibly help him, call (212) 535-3810, or go to his headquarters at 154 East 79th Street in Manhattan.

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Suburbia

Are you tired of center city? Do you think you'd be happier in a house? Have you been considering a move to the suburbs? Think twice.

A brilliant collection of photographs (by Bill Owens) has just been released by Straight Arrow Books, capturing the suburbs in all of their fashionable squalor. The book, *Suburbia*, is a coffee table must. It is also one of the funniest, saddest, most disconcerting commentaries on life in Middle America ever published. As you turn the pages, you'll learn more about these United States than any sociology course will teach you. A picture, as the Chinese once said, is worth a thousand words.

Photographer Owens says that the families he photographed have "realized the American Dream." They are proud to be home-owners and have "achieved material success."

Thumbing through *Suburbia*, you'll

wonder how Bill Owens cajoled these families into being photographed. Probably he told them that he was doing a photographic essay and asked for their signatures on photo releases. Little did the families know what sort of collective impression they'd make once Owens' book was finished.

Under each photograph there is a quotation—some verbal gem—spoken by a member of the family pictured. The total effect of both quotations and photos boggles the mind.

Here in GAY are a few of the photos, a sampling that may demonstrate what it is like to return to a truly "straight" life.

Get your copy of *Suburbia* today, either by ordering it through your local bookstore or by writing directly to Straight Arrow Books, 625 Third Street, San Francisco, California 91407. The book costs \$5.95 and is well worth it.

Sunday afternoon we get it together. I cook the steaks and my wife makes the salad.



How can I worry about the damned dishes when there are children dying in Vietnam.



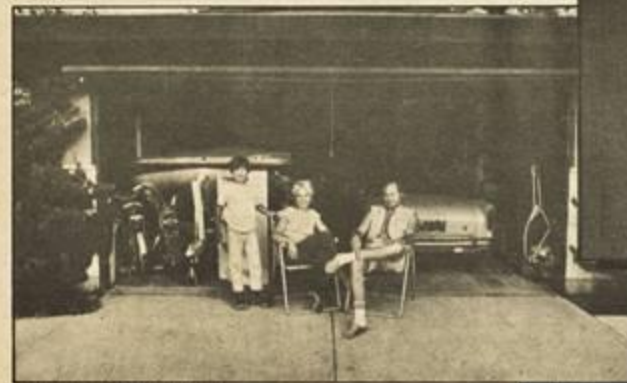
We're really happy. Our kids are healthy, we eat good food and we have a really nice home.



They're still going together.



We really enjoy getting together with our friends to drink and dance. It's a wild party and we're having a great time.



Our house is built with the living room in the back, so in the evenings we sit out front of the garage and watch the traffic go by.



Togetherness really exists in our family. My daughter and I operate the lunch room at the Valley Inn. My sons work part-time with their dad,

hanging sheet-rock. And my eldest two sons work at the Gulf gas station on P St. We have 7 cars and 2 motorcycles in our family.

This is our second annual Fourth of July block party. This year thirty-three families came for beer, barbecued chicken, corn on the cob, potato salad, green salad, macaroni salad and watermelon. After eating and drinking we staged our parade and fireworks.



The Wicker Report



Randy Wicker

BY RANDY WICKER

GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER WANTS MANDATORY JAIL SENTENCES FOR SODOMY

The New York Times reported April 13th that along with a bill to give mandatory life sentences to drug pushers, Governor Nelson Rockefeller "would also extend the concept of mandatory minimum sentences to other crimes, including arson, burglary, sodomy, rape, kidnapping, manslaughter, assault and robbery."

John Howard, lobbyist for the New York State Coalition of Gay Organizations, reports that he has managed to obtain copies of Rockefeller's proposed changes. However, the modifications refer to other statute numbers and he is currently researching the references to determine just what kind of minimum mandatory sentences Rockefeller wants instituted for what kind of sodomy offenses.



Rockefeller: jail sentences for sodomy

Howard says that there are a variety of classes of sodomy offenses. Consensual Sodomy is a Class B misdemeanor, a minor offense. Other classes of Sodomy offenses are considered felonies, serious law offenses, and range from a possible one-year imprisonment for sex with someone under 17 years of age up to a possible 25-year penalty for forcible sodomy with someone under the age of 11, with a variety of gradations in between. Most of the statutes, including those with the 25-year provisions, give the judge a great deal of discretion in meting out sentences.

"I believe that Rockefeller wants mandatory minimum sentences for only the felony level convictions," Howard said. "I don't believe he is concerned with the minor misdemeanor category of consensual sodomy offenses."



Neil Coward, on the arm of Marlene, makes his last public appearance.

GAY CASTRATION ARTICLE CAUSES MEDICAL STIR

The detailed coverage of the castration of Ernest Aron by Dr. Benito Rish at Yonkers Professional Hospital, which was also reprinted by SCREW in a slightly abbreviated form, has reportedly caused a minor furor among Dr. Rish's professional colleagues.

"Dr. Rish was called before the board up there and everything because of the article you wrote," Lee, an ex-roommate and long-time friend of Aron who was along on the day of the castration, declared when contacted by phone. "Ernie, I mean Liz, had to get another doctor to finish the operation. Dr. Rish refused to do it."

"Look, I don't want to talk to you about it," Lee added quickly after saying Aron had seemed to be in very good spirits during the past two weeks while recovering from the second part of the operation.

Dr. Michael M. Baden from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for the City of New York requested a copy of the article.

Jeff Kamen, a television network news correspondent who is producing a series on "The Sexual Underground" for radio station WERE in Cleveland, Ohio, has been interviewing a variety of experts on transsexuals around New York City.

Kamen said that he had spoken with Dr. Baden and that Baden had expressed concern over the large number of suicides by transsexuals which had come to the attention of his office during recent years.

"At one point," Kamen related, "Dr. Baden took me downstairs to the morgue and rolled out this slab with an unidentified body of a transsexual who had committed suicide on it."

Kamen described Dr. Baden as a very conscientious and concerned member of the medical profession who had first brought attention to the growing number of deaths among young drug abusers by calling in the media several years ago when a 12-year-old boy died of an overdose in a Harlem toilet.

He said that Dr. Baden was "very concerned" about the lack of controls to prevent mentally disturbed individuals or guilt-ridden homosexuals from getting a transsexual operation they would later regret but that the Medical Examiner's office did not have broad enough authority to do anything about it legally.

BILLY GRAHAM ADVOCATES CASTRATION

Evangelist Billy Graham, who was reported by the April 2nd edition of Newsweek to have advocated castration for rapists during a press conference in Johannesburg, South Africa, disavowed his proposal as "an offhand, hasty, spontaneous remark" when the Newsweek report created controversy.

"I realize it is not the responsibility of a minister of the Gospel to go around setting penalties for crime," Graham declared in a statement issued from his Montreat, N.C. home. "I unfortunately used a word which, in our sex-oriented culture, was emotionally charged and did not really clarify my true thoughts."

Graham said that he got the idea of castrating rapists from "a black tribal chief in South Africa" and had just passed it along at the Johannesburg news conference.

"Even in a mea culpa, the preacher could not resist delivering a sermon to his critics," Newsweek reported, and went on to quote Graham as declaring: "It is interesting that the thought of castration for

some people stirs a far more violent reaction than the idea of rape itself. Perhaps this is part of our permissive society's sickness."

PRATT INSTITUTE GAYS DECORATE BROOKLYN SCHOOL'S MAIN BUILDING

The Pratt Gay Union, a newly formed campus gay group at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, had their first "Coming Out Party" March 17th in the form of a dance. Speakers from Mattachine, GAA and other gay organizations came to the campus and spoke at the group's functions, but its members felt that other Pratt students didn't take the group seriously. So the Pratt Gay Union publicity committee decided to decorate their famed school of design.

A 37-foot banner reading "Good morning Pratt, love the Pratt Gay Union" was strung up on the school's main building in the early morning hours of April 4th. "Love" and "Gay" were done in silver glitter.

Some very interesting comments were heard around campus. "We've started publicizing ourselves more," the group's newsletter HOT FLASH reports, "and we've met with opposition from many straights. Although I must say everyone seems to be taking the Union more seriously now."

ILLINOIS LEGISLATOR CHARGES SCHOOL GRANT SUPPORTS PERVERSION

Representative Webber Borchers (R. Decatur) has introduced a resolution in the Illinois House of Representatives condemning the Illinois State University's student fee support of the School's Gay People's Alliance. Rep. Borchers says the grant to the gay group places the governing boards of the school in the position of supporting "perversion." Consenting homosexual acts between adults have been legal in Illinois for nearly a decade.

The Illinois State University legal counsel said that the "university had decided during the student fee budgeting process not to preclude any group from petitioning for allocations."

The University President's representative on the Student Fee Budget Advisory Committee, which had recommended funding the gay liberation group, issued a statement at the time the recommendation was made.

The statement said in part that since Gay People's Alliance was a recognized campus organization whose members paid the same student fees as others and since the organization was established to meet the needs of the campus community at large and since the proposed programs were of educational value, it would "be negligent on our part to deny funds to the organization solely on the basis of moral judgments or a prescribed and limited set of ethos."

"It was in the spirit of equality of opportunity, commitment to intellectual inquiry and promotion of student independence, growth and development that the Student Budget Advisory Committee made the allocation," the statement concluded.

Rep. Borchers insisted he had not singled out the Illinois State University and

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The Mayoral Candidates Speak:

Herman Badillo Talks to Gay

INTERVIEW BY RANDY WICKER

In early April, Josh Dietrich, who heads a group he calls "Gays for Badillo," called GAY and said he would like for someone to interview Herman Badillo, one of the leading contenders for the Democratic mayoral nomination. Dietrich said he was supporting Badillo because he "wasn't a politically advantageous speaker who would say anything to win votes but a man who could be depended on to keep his word." The following interview took place in Badillo's headquarters at 225 West 57th Street at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, April 13th. Don Goodwin, president of New York Mattachine, sat in on the interview and occasionally interjected some of his own questions or asked for elaboration by Badillo on certain specific points.

GAY: Mr. Badillo, what have you done, what are you doing and what will you do as Mayor of New York City for the gay community?

BADILLO: I have supported Intro—what is it?—"475" Goodwin volunteers—Intro 475 in City Council. I submitted a statement during the hearing urging the City Council to support this bill.

GAY: Were you asked to submit a statement of support or did you do it on your own volition?

BADILLO: I was asked and I did it on my own volition. I was familiar with the situation. Hal Morrison, a young lawyer on my staff, helped draft it.

As Mayor I would move to open up all areas of employment. As a member of a minority group, I understand the importance of overcoming the stereotypes of all minority groups. I don't accept the idea that gays are unable to be good workers. I have gay people who work on my staff. I don't want to identify them but I'll introduce you to them if you like.

I was born in Puerto Rico and lived there till I was 12 years of age, so I come from a Spanish and Latin tradition. The Mediterranean tradition is more like the Greek tradition than the traditions of England and northern Europe. When I was a boy, kids were not kept away from gay people. There was not the feeling that gay people had to be persecuted, but that both views of life had to be accepted.

GAY: As Mayor, in the event Intro 475 is not enacted into law, would you keep Mayor Lindsay's Executive Order banning discrimination in employment on the basis of sexual orientation in force?

BADILLO: Yes. Definitely.

GOODWIN: I believe Mayor Lindsay's order does not cover employment of gays by the Fire Department and the Police Department. Would you continue these exceptions or would you eliminate them from your Executive Order?

BADILLO: There would be no exception exempting the Fire and Police Departments in my Executive Order.

GAY: What would you do in areas where city programs overlapped or were jointly run by the State and Federal Governments as well as by the City? For instance, the Federal Civil Service totally forbids homosexuals from working for the Government, even in areas where they are dealing with homosexuals specifically like in the Public Health Department. A few cases have challenged these policies and retained low-level government jobs for gays employed by the Post Office.



Mayoral Candidate Herman Badillo

BADILLO: The City should work to eliminate such restrictions, to change the law. The heart of all these problems is that being gay is considered a symbol of moral turpitude. Not only must you change the law, but you must change the attitudes which see being gay as evidence of moral turpitude. When you do that, you remove the institutional basis of discrimination.

GAY: To the public, the Police are seen as symbols of law, order and authority. Several gays have joined the auxiliary police force in Brooklyn Heights. Would you encourage that more gays be recruited for New York's Auxiliary Police force to increase the abuse of minorities there?

BADILLO: Yes, I would.

GAY: As Mayor, would you appoint openly gay people to positions of civic responsibility, especially in agencies dealing with minority problems like the Human Rights Commission?

BADILLO: Certainly.

GAY: Many gay groups have proposed leasing some vacant property owned by the City and establishing a community service center for gays. Two sites that have been mentioned are the old 6th Precinct Station House and a vacant two-story pier at the end of Christopher Street. As Mayor, would you favor leasing of some public properties to gay groups at nominal rents so such community service centers could be established?

BADILLO: Yes. I've done that in the Bronx for young people, for the aged.

GAY: Syndicate control of gay bars is a problem in New York City. How would you fight this and what would you do about the anti-gay SLA regulations which are still on the books?

BADILLO: This problem also arises out of the legalities which make gayness evidence of a moral defect or moral turpitude. Therefore, gay people have great difficulty in acquiring liquor licenses in their own names. Other people become involved as front men. We not only have to repeal the sodomy law, but we have to change the legal definition of moral turpitude so that being gay is no longer included. As Mayor I would speak out, ad-

vocate, lead the way.

GAY: What about the discrimination faced by gays in the areas of bonding, insurance, and other areas? What could you do there?

BADILLO: The City could lead the way. The Commissioner of Personnel, who is appointed by the Mayor, drafts job requirements for many positions.

GAY: I assume you are Roman Catholic. The Roman Catholic Church is one of the most vociferous opponents in New York and elsewhere of sodomy repeal, freedom of the erotic arts, sex education in the schools and family planning. How would you handle these problems?

BADILLO: I am not a Roman Catholic. I am a Protestant. My ancestors were said to have smuggled the first Protestant Bible into Puerto Rico. We are called "Biblicals." People have many stereotypes of Puerto Ricans. When they meet me, many people are surprised I am tall because Puerto Ricans are all supposed to be short. They might think I am "aloo" because they think Puerto Ricans are all into backslapping, failing to realize our tradition of Spanish reserve.

GAY: Spanish and Latin traditions reputedly involve a lot of so-called "machismo" on the part of the male. Gays who visit Puerto Rico sometimes get the impression that the men are more relaxed about sexual experiences, including homosexual ones. However, this apparent tolerance and permissiveness co-exist with a very rigid role-playing and a Puritanical, up-tight official morality. Latin culture is also considered to be very restrictive on women. Why should you not be suspect on that level by gays and women?

BADILLO: The so-called "whore-madonna" concept which places women strictly in one category or the other is just a myth. Women in Puerto Rico are no different from women anywhere else.

GAY: Would you favor giving time on the City-owned Channel 31 so gay programming could be done like that regularly produced for other minorities in the City?

BADILLO: I would have no objection to it. Anything that would make WNYC-TV more interesting is certainly a good idea. However, I can't say that I would support giving you time on a regular weekly basis.

You have so many groups, Lithuanians, Poles, etc., all asking for time, so you have to set up guidelines. I would have no objection to time being set aside for such programming, but I couldn't make any definite commitment that it would be possible to do that on a weekly basis to say how much time could be made available.

GAY: As someone active in the political process, could you give me your impression of the impact on most politicians and their reaction to zaps, confrontations and gay militancy by groups like GAA?

BADILLO: Some of the gays in the City Council got very upset over public displays of affection during the hearings on Intro 475. Some Councilmen said that caused problems in getting support for the bill. It's my impression that the gay movement is perceived publicly as a Manhattan, Village and West Side thing. I know that there are gay people all over the City. You should try to get more publicity for your local branches and establish contact on a local level with the politicians from the Bronx and Queens with whom you deal.

GAY: A previous member of the New York Assembly from the Bronx named

Ramos ran against you last year and lost. Ramos spoke very caustically against gay people during the debate on a gay fair employment bill in 1971 in the State Legislature, calling gay people "filth and scum" among other things. Did Ramos use your support of Intro 475 against you in this past election?

BADILLO: Oh yes. I was accused of being for all the misfits of society. One of my great accomplishments has been to retire Matty Ramos from public life. He's just an obnoxious guy up there.

GAY: Is fair employment for gays and your support of Intro 475 mentioned in your literature?

BADILLO: Well, right now we have no campaign literature, except for an ad which appeared in the New York Times. We will be developing campaign literature and would be happy to have your help in designing it.

GAY: One of your opponents, Albert Blumenthal, has been a sponsor of sodomy repeal and fair employment laws for gays for several years in Albany. Why should gays support you rather than Albert Blumenthal?

BADILLO: The basic thrust of my campaign is to open the City up to minorities—blacks, Spanish-speaking, ethnic groups, sexual minorities, youth. As a member of a minority group, I am a symbol of that kind of thing. I have historically supported the underdog—at Attica, in Forest Hills, women's rights. On women's rights, I have a 100 per cent voting record which makes me the most radical liberal of them all.

I come from a Mediterranean atmosphere which is much more tolerant, more relaxed. We've never had toilet squads and the like in Puerto Rico. The discrimination against gay people is not something that exists throughout the world. In some places, it doesn't exist and gay people make contributions in society, the arts, politics, what have you.

I have had openly homosexual friends who have known me for a long time. I also have gay employees. Historically, persecution of gay people has not been part of the Latin tradition. It is part of the northern European traditions.

GOODWIN: One final thing I would like for you to elaborate on is your feelings about homosexuals being teachers. We have this myth that homosexuals are child molesters.

BADILLO: I know. Certainly homosexuals should be allowed to be teachers. I am against discrimination.

GAY: Some politicians in other cities and Bella Abzug among others in New York have visited gay bars, baths, beaches and the like seeking gay votes. Do you plan to actively seek the homosexual vote in your campaign and visit these places?

BADILLO: Yes, I certainly do.

The interview ended and Josh Dietrich escorted us to the door. According to Dietrich, Ron Portante, a gay friend of his, "had been very friendly with Herman and his wife for years, went up to Cape Cod and everything." Dietrich said that he was arranging a tour of the gay bars with Jerry Fitzpatrick and that he felt such a tour was going "to be an education for Herman because he's never been to any of these places before." However, Dietrich confided, he didn't know how much time Badillo would be able or willing to spend seeking the gay vote, saying "We'll be lucky to get one night."

The Mayoral Candidates Speak:

Al Blumenthal Talks to Gay

BY DAVID COMBS

Since political season is upon Fun City, GAY contacted the headquarters of Mayoral hopeful Albert Blumenthal and on very short notice, Diane Staab, one of Blumenthal's press assistants, arranged for a private half-hour interview with GAY in Blumenthal's law offices on the 18th floor at 18 East 48th Street on Tuesday afternoon, April 24th.

GAY: Mr. Blumenthal, what have you done, what are you doing and what will you do as Mayor of New York in the area of gay civil rights?

BLUMENTHAL: I have sponsored several bills over the past several years. I introduced the first set of bills three years ago. **GAY:** How did you first become aware of the problems of homosexuals?

BLUMENTHAL: I became aware of the issue for the first time during the 1970 gubernatorial campaign when one of the gay groups was trying to see Arthur Goldberg. Bob Egan of the Urban Coalition was working on them with it. I helped work that through and we got a gay civil rights plank into the 1970 Democratic gubernatorial platform.

In 1971, I submitted a package of bills. One was a constitutional amendment which would outlaw discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Another would amend the civil rights law to include homosexuals. I also co-sponsored the Passanante bills which would have legalized consensual sodomy and extended the protection of the fair employment laws to homosexuals.

GAY: How actively did you work for this legislation?

BLUMENTHAL: During the debate on the fair employment law, I spoke in favor of the bill. I was pleasantly surprised that it did as well as it did the first time out, getting something like 68 votes in the Assembly.

GAY: Has your strong support of gay civil rights caused you any flak or ribbing by other politicians?

BLUMENTHAL: No. I don't think too many people object to fairness. People out there should understand that fairness is what we're talking about. If they realized that, we'd get a lot more progress very quickly.

GAY: Right now there are two 1973 bills, co-sponsored by yourself and William Passanante, which would repeal New York State's sodomy law and expand employment protection to homosexuals. These bills have both gotten into the single key committee in both the New York Assembly and the New York Senate. What do you think of their chances for passage?

BLUMENTHAL: It's hard to say. We're dealing with a Republican Legislature and we're the minority party. If we could get them onto the floor, we could pass them. The problem is that it takes a member of the committee to exert the kind of pressure necessary. I know that Passanante has tried.

GAY: During the 1972 presidential campaign, I understand that you served as Chairman of the New York State Democratic Party Platform Committee and were instrumental in having a gay rights plank included among the recommendations made by the New York State party to the National Democratic Platform Committee.

BLUMENTHAL: That's true. I was Chairman of the State Advisory Committee



Blumenthal: "The kind of city where homosexuals, like others, can live comfortably."

and I included the gay civil rights proposal.

GAY: You mean you lobbied for it or you got the committee to include it?

BLUMENTHAL: I mean that I myself included it. I put it in myself.

GAY: What would you do to protect the civil rights of gay New Yorkers if you were elected Mayor of New York?

BLUMENTHAL: I would ensure equal protection of the law in the areas of employment, housing and public accommodation by issuing an executive order.

GAY: Mayor Lindsay has in fact issued such an order, but it is my understanding that Lindsay's order exempts the Police and Fire Departments. Would your executive order contain any such exclusions?

BLUMENTHAL: I would exclude nobody. The sole determining factor of filling any job should be a person's capabilities to do the work.

GAY: A large number of homosexual bars are owned by and controlled by the syndicate. This stems in part from the State Liquor Authority's anti-homosexual policies. What would you do as Mayor to combat this problem, to enable gay people to gain control of their own institutions?

BLUMENTHAL: The City could use the penal law, enforcing a whole variety of things. It's a question of fighting organized crime. On this, the Lindsay administration has been stronger than others. The Crime Council Task Force, which coordinates the efforts of all the law enforcement agencies of the City, has been a very good thing.

Organized crime controls a whole variety of enterprises affecting the lives of certain groups of people in this city, homosexuals being one of them. While attacking organized crime and their businesses, however, we must be sure that our actions are not used as instruments of op-

pression against homosexuals or anybody else. We must eliminate syndicate and underworld elements without oppressing innocent people.

GAY: As Mayor, would you be willing to appoint openly gay people to positions of public responsibility? For instance, would you appoint a gay person to the City's Human Rights Commission?

BLUMENTHAL: I will appoint qualified people whether or not they are gay. I'm changing your words around because I would not allow any group of people to have a lock on any particular position. In other words, I would not appoint anyone to any position because he was a member of any group. I would appoint qualified people of any group to any position because they were qualified.

GAY: Do you have any close, long-time gay friends or gay social acquaintances?

BLUMENTHAL: Yes, social acquaintances.

GAY: Do you employ any people you know to be homosexual?

BLUMENTHAL: I never asked. I hire people on the basis of the qualifications. I would certainly hire a qualified person whether he was homosexual or not.

GAY: Are you making any plans to specifically seek support from the gay community in this election?

BLUMENTHAL: Yes, I've been doing that for a long time. I go everywhere. **GAY:** I mean, have you gone into gay bars and clubs like Bella Abzug has?

BLUMENTHAL: I'll go anywhere they'll let me in seeking votes. No, I don't recall going into any specific homosexual bar. **GAY:** Is your record of support for homosexual civil rights mentioned in your literature?

BLUMENTHAL: I don't know. I don't think so. **GAY:** Why not? **BLUMENTHAL:** Well, my record is so

clear in this area that I don't feel I have to mention the issue. I led the fight for abortion reform in this state for many years and my literature doesn't mention abortion either. Everyone knows about my work on the abortion law and my work for civil rights.

GAY: Gays have commenced joining the auxiliary police force in some areas, especially Brooklyn Heights. Would you encourage gay people to join the auxiliary police to increase minority representation there?

BLUMENTHAL: I would encourage homosexuals and everybody else to join the auxiliary police force because it is a good thing, properly run and supervised. There has been a big change in the past five years. Homosexuals have been finally discovering that they are people too and have commenced participating in civic life.

GAY: Have any of your opponents made an issue of your strong record in the area of homosexual law reform? Does the issue of gay rights come up in public debates very frequently?

BLUMENTHAL: My opponents haven't made any comments on my record in this area so far as I know. As I go about the city, the issue of gay rights is raised occasionally. I went out and spoke to a gay group in Queens in February. I was the only candidate to appear that night. Whenever the question is raised, I always tell them that I think the sodomy repeal and fair employment laws should have been passed a long time ago.

GAY: But is a mention of gay civil rights part of your standard speech when you talk to groups?

BLUMENTHAL: No. There are a lot of other things, general city concerns, that get the most attention. But I never fail to respond to the issue whenever the question is raised.

GAY: Some gay groups have proposed attempting to rent vacant city properties to use as community centers for gay people. Two properties have been proposed. The old 6th Precinct Station house and a vacant two-story pier at the base of Christopher Street. These gay community centers would provide such services as employment counseling, consciousness raising, social events. Would you favor renting such city properties to gay groups?

BLUMENTHAL: I would favor renting such properties for use as employment counseling centers or as other service agencies. But they would have to be established to serve everyone in the community. I would not be for centers for just social activities for just one group of people. They would have to be set up to serve everyone.

GAY: Finally, Mr. Blumenthal, could you tell us why homosexual voters in New York should support your candidacy?

BLUMENTHAL: Who to support for mayor is a decision homosexuals have to make for themselves. However, I would urge gay people to look at the records—especially my record—and the records of other people running for public office. I don't mean the promises candidates are making at this particular moment, but what they have done in a concrete way in the past, over the past few years. My record in this area is very clear. After looking at my record, homosexuals, like other people, must come to the conclusion that the kind of city I am talking about is the kind of city they could live in comfortably, and I mean they specifically.

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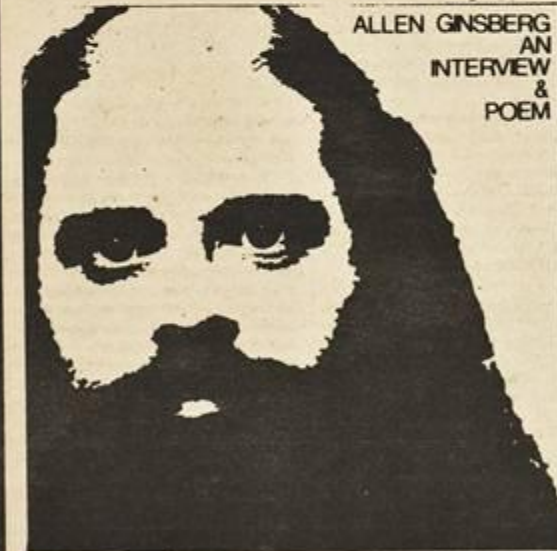
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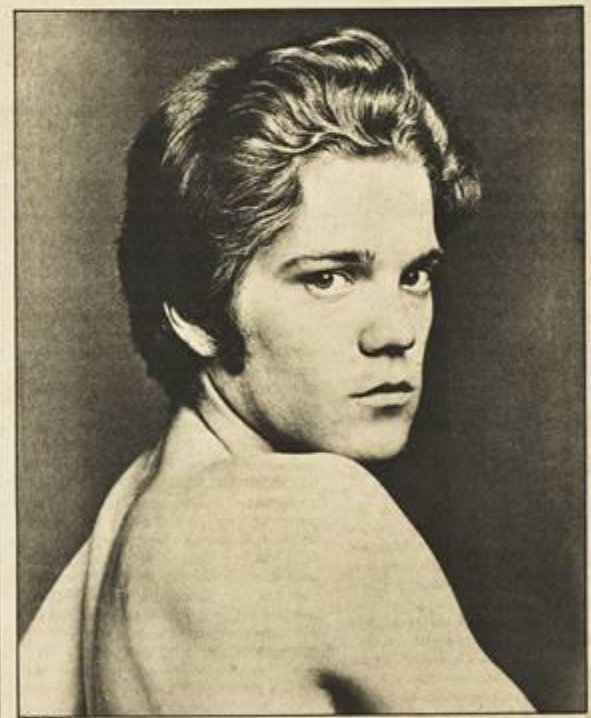
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lison after his victim had paid him \$40, and refused to pay him more charging: "You're not a cop."

At that point, Patrolman Kelly became angered and commenced shooting Allison. However, some witnesses maintained that Allison had refused to give Kelly any money at all and that Kelly had "rolled" Allison for the \$40 after killing him.

At the trial, the prosecution presented evidence that Kelly had a reputation for shaking down homosexuals he met in subway men's rooms while he was on the Transit Police Force.

Among the witnesses at the trial was Dan Tuite, a gay West Village resident who was recently elected to the Executive Committee of the Village Independent Democrats.

Tuite says that he had seen Kelly hanging around Danny's and Keller's bars in the Village and had also frequently seen him standing on the corner of West and Christopher Streets.

In 1970, Patrolman Kelly, who lives with his wife at 43-19 76th Street, Jackson Heights, was indicted for murder. However, the D.A.'s office continued to gather additional evidence as late as early 1973.

"In January, I was asked by a friend to meet him in a West Village bar," Dan Tuite reports. "When I got there he introduced me to two detectives and asked if I would talk with them."

"They showed me about eight photographs of different people and asked me if I recognized any of them. I recognized two from the eight."

"Then they asked me when and where I recognized these people from. One of the two I recognized from a period about two years ago. The other I recognized

from several years back, around 1968."

At that point, Tuite reports, the detectives told him that that was the man they were interested in and asked if he would testify at the trial. Tuite agreed to do so.

Tuite said that others who recognized Kelly were Dino DeSimone and Don Volz who worked as manager and bartender at the Stud bar in West Village before it closed. GAY's efforts to reach DeSimone and Volz, however, were unsuccessful.

Tuite said that since he was a witness, he was not allowed to sit in and hear the testimony of other witnesses. However, he said that the testimony included at least one witness who had actually seen the shooting.

Patrolman Kelly was suspended from the Transit Police Force after his indictment in 1970. He continued to maintain that he was not homosexual during the trial.

"He even brought his 'wife' down to court," Tuite noted. "But she had a record several inches thick. It filled seventeen yellow pages."

Tuite said that the jury didn't convict Kelly of murder because one juror refused to go along with a guilty verdict on the murder charge. Finally, the recalcitrant juror agreed to vote for a conviction on a second-degree manslaughter charge because he agreed "Kelly did shoot him."

After the conviction, Assistant District Attorney John Van Lindt asked Judge Murtaugh for the maximum 15-year sentence on the second-degree manslaughter charge.

At the sentencing, Judge Murtaugh gave ex-patrolman Kelly the maximum 15-year sentence, saying, "Anything less would be inadequate."

Kelly will be eligible for parole in just five years.

year for prostitution, which the report states "are probably all homosexual 'hustlers.'" The Board noted a "great difference in socio-cultural factors" between gay and heterosexual prostitutes. "Heterosexual prostitutes commonly are in complicated emotional-financial bondage to their pimps (including drug pushing); today the 'quickie' motel has replaced the 'bawdy house.'"

On the other hand, "homosexual 'hustlers' are lone-wolf operators," the report contrasted. "The main 'pimping' outlets have been 'modeling agencies' which keep only name/address files."

Because San Francisco, to some extent, is an island of enlightenment surrounded by alien waters, gays who fought their case in court often have been found not guilty. In discussing entrapment by the vice squad at Golden Gate Park, the Board pointed out that "the 'erection' in an officer's tight jeans was his pistol."

The report also noted that in one trial for gay solicitation, the defense speech was one sentence long: "Either my client is lying or the policeman is." The jury, after only 20 minutes, voted 12-0 to acquit! Finally, the committee quoted one police official as saying, "Now that the gays also are a pressure group, we can never go back to the old ways."

The committee also found that there is

a sudden increased enforcement of a particular law at certain times of the year. For example, of 75 arrests in 1972 for "obscene" shows, 55 occurred in just two months (April-May).

In conclusion, the Board recommended that "since modern scientific findings... have thoroughly demolished the 1870's definition of 'natural' sex, and since it is patently obvious that millions of 'normal' people practice the so-called 'unnatural' acts hundreds of millions of times; and

"Since constant violations of law on such a massive scale breeds a contempt for it and for law in general; and

"Since the only function of these laws has been a threat and/or an open invitation to blackmail; they all add nothing to the public safety or welfare

"We recommend the total repeal of all laws which define the 'normality' and the 'abnormality' of the types of possible sexual actions.

"Pending repeal of laws defining 'unnaturalness,' we recommend that the law enforcing agencies... not attempt to vigorously enforce these 'laws' except where the sexual activity is a true public nuisance."

The Board voted to send a copy of its adopted report to each state legislator in Sacramento.

GAY FATHER DENIED ACCESS TO CHILDREN

Paterson, N.J. Jerry Purpura, 28-year-old president of GAA/NJ, married in February, 1967. In July, 1971, he told his wife he is gay and left their Passaic County home. During the next six months, his wife permitted him to visit their two young sons a few hours one evening each week. Then in February, 1972, his wife forbade him to see his children at all and in-laws allegedly intimidated he would be injured if he tried.

Jerry, who has kept his last name out of print only to protect his children, got an attorney who commenced a series of informal meetings with Judge Salvatore Ruggiero in the Passaic County Courthouse in Paterson, New Jersey, seeking to have Jerry's marriage resolved.

Judge Ruggiero refused to resolve the marriage until Jerry and his wife resolved their controversy over visiting privileges. Jerry's wife subsequently commenced allowing once-a-week visits again. However, he was not allowed to take the boys out of the house and was permitted to enter only one room in the house. His relatives were not allowed to see the boys at all.

Jerry found this intolerable and met with Judge Ruggiero personally on March 1st. The Judge told him the visiting arrangement would remain as it was and reportedly urged him to stop leading a homosexual life.

"He wants me to disinvolve myself with anything gay," Jerry told the *Bergen*

County Record. After 30 days, he wants me in psychiatric treatment."

Jerry's employer and co-workers know he is gay. However, Judge Ruggiero got a commitment from Jerry that he wouldn't release his name to the press until after April 1st.

"He seems pleased to discuss his homosexuality," the *Record* noted. "He does not deny that he looks forward to explaining it to his sons."

"I intend the kids to see me with another man as they would see me with a woman," Jerry reportedly told the *Record*, and then added that such an experience is just what his wife and the judge fear.

Jerry is being counseled by a Newark attorney who works with the American Civil Liberties Union. He sees his case as a challenge to the court system which denies his children and others like them "their right to a father because he's gay."

"All I want is what other fathers get," Jerry told the *Record*, "every other weekend and two weeks in the summer. They just don't understand."

A press release attached to a reprint of the *Bergen Record* news story asks for letters of support to be sent to both the newspaper and Judge Ruggiero.

"It's about my difficult fight to see my children," Jerry explains. "This is not just a personal matter. It affects millions of gay parents and children."

GAY LOBBYIST PRAISES BLUMENTHAL

New York, N.Y. John Howard, who serves as official lobbyist for the New York State Coalition of Gay Organizations (NYSCGO) in Albany, praised Democratic Mayor aspirant Albert Blumenthal but said he didn't feel it would be proper for him to come out with an official endorsement for any mayoral candidate.

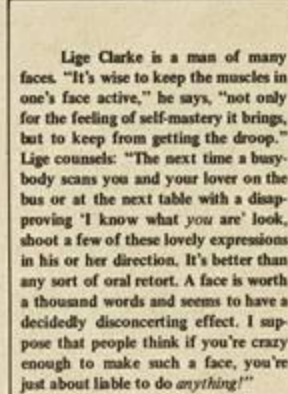
"Blumenthal has sponsored an amendment to the New York State Constitution which would bar discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation," Howard noted. "He has also introduced an amendment to the Civil Rights law to outlaw discrimination on the basis of sex, marital status and sexual orientation."

"Since 1971, Blumenthal has been co-sponsor of the Passanante anti-discrimination bill in the legislature. He and Brooklyn State Senator Carol Bellamy have a series of labor bills pending in both houses which include prohibitions of job discrimination on the basis of sex, marital status and sexual orientation."

"Last year," Howard continued, "Albert Blumenthal was chairman of the New York State Democratic Platform Committee. That committee included a gay rights plank and that recommendation was included in the New York State recommendations to the National Democratic Party."

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The Lost Art of Making Faces



Lige Clarke is a man of many faces. "It's wise to keep the muscles in one's face active," he says, "not only for the feeling of self-mastery it brings, but to keep from getting the droop." Lige counsels: "The next time a busy-body scans you and your lover on the bus or at the next table with a disapproving 'I know what you are' look, shoot a few of these lovely expressions in his or her direction. It's better than any sort of oral retort. A face is worth a thousand words and seems to have a decidedly disconcerting effect. I suppose that people think if you're crazy enough to make such a face, you're just about liable to do anything!"



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MARYLAND VOTES "NO"

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son after his victim had paid him \$40, and refused to pay him more charging: "You're not a cop."

At that point, Patrolman Kelly became angered and commenced shooting Allison. However, some witnesses maintained that Allison had refused to give Kelly any money at all and that Kelly had "rolled" Allison for the \$40 after killing him.

At the trial, the prosecution presented evidence that Kelly had a reputation for shaking down homosexuals he met in subway men's rooms while he was on the Transit Police Force.

Among the witnesses at the trial was Dan Tuite, a gay West Village resident who was recently elected to the Executive Committee of the Village Independent Democrats.

Tuite says that he had seen Kelly hanging around Danny's and Keller's bars in the Village and had also frequently seen him standing on the corner of West and Christopher Streets.

In 1970, Patrolman Kelly, who lives with his wife at 43-19 76th Street, Jackson Heights, was indicted for murder. However, the D.A.'s office continued to gather additional evidence as late as early 1973.

"In January, I was asked by a friend to meet him in a West Village bar," Dan Tuite reports. "When I got there he introduced me to two detectives and asked if I would talk with them."

"They showed me about eight photographs of different people and asked me if I recognized any of them. I recognized two from the eight."

"Then they asked me when and where I recognized these people from. One of the two I recognized from a period about two years ago. The other I recognized

dissenter in the Senate, says he doesn't think it's the state's business who wants to marry whom.

"It seems to me, for example, that if two 65-year-old ladies want to take up the traditional obligations of marriage and care for one another the same way husbands and wives do, it's just not the state's business to butt into it."

"Similarly, it's not the state's business if two boys of 21 want to do the same thing."

Steers, a lawyer from the Washington suburb of Bethesda, told GAY it would be hard to repeal the bill soon, considering the overwhelming vote.

The Gay Activists Alliance of Washington indicated a desire to testify on the bill, but missed the hearings. Some say this was legislative stealth, others say it was GAA boondoggle. Everybody says it would have made no difference in the final outcome.

MENTAL HEALTH BOARD ASKS LAW REPEAL

BY GERALD HANSEN

San Francisco, April 10. The Mental Health Advisory Board of San Francisco has debunked the charge that gays are child molesters and unanimously recommended repeal of all laws which define the "normality" or "abnormality" of the types of possible sexual relations.

"General police surveillance of homosexuals in San Francisco has markedly decreased," the Board claimed.

A report entitled "Mental Health Aspects of Surreptitious Police Surveillance of Homosexuals" was released at the Board's April 10 meeting and was adopted unanimously as policy.

A subcommittee on Homosexual Activity and the Law previously tabulated varieties of reported "offenses" and arrests for "homosexual" activities during 1972. The figures were obtained from the San Francisco Police Department. Of 107 reported child molestation offenses, none was classified as "homosexual." Of 505 "valid" reports of forcible rape, likewise none was termed "homosexual."

Soliciting for lewd and lascivious acts resulted in 573 arrests. Of these, 476 were by plainclothesmen (vice squad). The act solicited was either oral copulation or sodomy. There were no arrests for petting or heterosexual requests.

Nearly 400 males were arrested last

I'LL TAKE MANHATTAN

Politics, Actors, and The Theatre

BY VITO RUSSO

Remembersome months ago while seeing *The Sound of Music* for the first time at the National Theatre on Broadway, I watched Frederick, the oldest of the von Trapp children, gaze into the eyes of Julie Andrews with blind adoration. "That," I said to my friend, "is an actor." He was also very beautiful. I wondered what had become of him. This week I found out. Well, would you believe he's filming *Deep Throat II* with Linda Lovelace? So I said to myself, I've got to have a talk with this guy. I mean, after all, that is one hell of an image switch.

David Davidson, in the harsh light of the Museum of Modern Art cafeteria, looks too young to get in to see *Deep Throat II* and not quite young enough to have adored Julie Andrews under any circumstances. He is doing *Deep Throat II*, he says, because he believes in doing anything that pleases him as an actor, without worrying about things like "images." Since he's from Sweden, a country reputed to be much more advanced than ours in its regard of human sexuality, I wanted to know if he saw any differences in the way actors who are gay are regarded in the two places.

"In Sweden, an actor is put on a platform; you can reach out to the people both politically and artistically. In the United States, actors are considered minority opinion makers; they're not supposed to be controversial. In Sweden, the people consider actors intelligent forces—they listen. Over there, it's no problem to be gay and work at your trade. Here, you're labeled too quickly. I worked more in Sweden because they don't look at pretty faces and make judgments the way we do. A friend of mine called me and said, 'Well, now you're like all the rest—your picture has been in *After Dark*.' I don't understand reactions based on things like that."

Does this kind of attitude put him in the "pro" camp on Marlon Brando's Oscar refusal?

"What he did was not the time and place, although perhaps politically necessary. In Sweden, it wouldn't have been necessary. An actor can get as much publicity at a press conference there as a government official and be taken just as seriously. Over here you have to disrupt. That's not the way it should be."

Does being gay limit your career here? "No, it doesn't hinder me as a person at all. Actors who are not established, however, have a fear of exposing themselves because they feel it will hurt their chances. The older actors should come out first to make it easier. The public would accept it but the theatre people would make it very hard for an actor to work. If you're too bright or have a liberal political message, you're dead. They won't touch you. I was turned down by a very famous agent because of *Deep Throat II*. They wanted to build up my image and have me seen only with women. I said 'Why is that necessary?' and they said 'Well, you're a product and you have to be sold—stay out of bars; go to only straight discos.' Hell, in Sweden an



David Davidson: "My agent wanted me seen only with women."

actor can go to a gay bar and not have to worry. Even the other actors are uptight. Working on the set of *Throat*, a lot of gay men denied what they were and had no communication whatever with other gay people on the set. That's why David Bowie is such a sham. He should have a political message and he's not delivering it."

So, what's the answer? How does an actor be himself and still get work?

"Well, there are ways to work and be yourself at the same time. I have a comedy act in which I cloak my political statements in my humor. It's easier to reach people that way. The thing is not to get taken in by the phoniness."

Well, I'll drink to that. I think that David is on the right track even if it's not a very crowded one right now. I'll see *Deep Throat II* because of David. Soon he won't be so lonely. People like Lily Tomlin and Joan Baez have already joined him on that track. Pretty soon it may get crowded enough to run a regular train on it.

I had been looking forward to Al Carmines' *The Faggot* for quite some time. I'd heard it was to be a history of homosexuality, a celebration of gay life, a satire on gay liberation; many things from many people. It turned out to be a little of all of those things and not really any

of them at various moments. At the present time it is impossible to appraise a work dealing with homosexuality solely as a piece of theatre, especially if one is involved in gay politics. That is not to say that a particularly good show is any less successful depending on its politics, but let's say a little less satisfying personally for one who has been waiting so long to hear certain things "said out loud." In Carmines' oratorio some of the "things" are said out loud—very beautifully. When it is good it is superb; when it doesn't work, it's crushingly disappointing, more because of the political expectations which precede it than any substantial shortcomings it might have as a work of art.

I would like to say at once that it is a play that should be seen by every person, gay and straight, who believes in struggle toward freedom of sexual expression. The play itself is a living struggle of words to express a concept of freedom. The irony of the opening sets the tone. A chorus of men and women sing, "Women with women, men with men... there are many reasons for not exploring a homosexual experience... 70 years... 70 years to find reasons not to do something... what a wonderful way to live." A parade of people passes before us, all of them with something to say. Sometimes what they say is very funny, but always there's a little sharpness, sadness or anger there.

Two mothers, Sadie and Jenny, have a phone conversation about their sons who are gay lovers. "Sadie, are they still pretending to you?" "Yeah, Jenny. What do they think we are, nincompoops? I caught them kissing in the bathroom last night. You know what they told me, Jenny? That they were practising for a



"In Sweden they don't look at pretty faces and make judgments."



New Boy in Town sings on a bar-top in "The Faggot"

The message is not only that your mother will always love you no matter what but also that gay people have become blind to the fact that they are fooling very few people. I got a special kick out of the four Hari-Krishna men who are into fiercely spiritual love only because "anything's better than being a faggot." Reverend Davidson lives! I just wish the Gay Community wasn't forced to play Sadie Thompson. The Jove duets between Oscar Wilde and Bosie and Alice Toklas and Gertrude Stein were beautiful enough to fill any gay person with a sense of historical pride. One of the few times I've felt a genuine love and sense of community with gay people of the past. It's music like this, applied to my lifestyle, that makes me proud. Essie Borden as the "Fag Hag" does a great job, making statements using words offensive to some of us, but using them to comment on their role as words. Philip Owens does a knockout solo in drag called "What Is A Queen" which is set apart from the run of the mill carrying on by its attention to the ambivalent aspects of our lifestyle. Thanks to Owens' versatility, a certain wisdom comes across along with the winsome.

There were things which I didn't like, such as the "Art Song" in which Catherine the Great rhapsodizes about her horse ("my lover—one half centaur, the other half centaur too"). Very funny, but I'm too politically expedient to want that statement in the show. Sorry. Besides it goes on twice as long as it should. Also the Quintette of depressed and bored gay men in the Gay Bar Cantata was just another reinforcement of the cliched problems which are really a product of straight society, not gay society. If that statement is going to be made I want it qualified as such.

There is one moment in the play that will stay with me always. The scene is a press conference in 1992 after which the Secretary of State is asked home to dinner by his younger aide. "My lover is a good cook, you know, and we'll get someone for you." The Secretary sheepishly declines, obviously embarrassed by the openness of the invitation. The aide says, "You don't have to be ashamed, you know. This is 1992—Gay Liberation is a fact now." "Yes, I know," he answers, "but it's too late for me. After the Civil War, some slaves chose to stay with their masters. No. The sunlight of freedom is not very attractive to me. I think I'll just go home." It was at this point I began to cry. Then I realized that the rest of the

audience was laughing at him. And I knew why I was crying.

Do me a favor—Go. Go and see a show about is that is so earnest and caring, you can see it trying; enjoy Reve Richards' fascinating costumes (I still don't know how he does it); enjoy Tony Clark's brittle, true portrayal of the Secretary of State; laugh at Philip Owens in drag until he makes you realize what he's saying and wipes the smile off your face; listen for a golden moment, to Al Carmines sing as Oscar Wilde and know what true genius lives in the man. Go.

Films like *Soylent Green*, as much fun as they are, pale beside events like *The Faggot* which scorn the manipulation so evident in films such as this. The year is 2020 and the population in New York is something like 20 million. There are no more hills alive with the sound of music, no more flowers, animals or trees; the oceans are dead, the air green and the food consists of high energy substitutes called *Soylent*. The latest is *Soylent Green*, supposedly made from plankton. Women come with apartments as furniture and certain people are designated "books" because they contain necessary knowledge. Things like eggs, bread, meat and celery are prized possessions obtainable only by the very rich.

To make a long story short, word leaks out that the government has done something so outrageous that people who discover the secret go mad from the knowledge of it. Edward G. Robinson, Charlton Heston's book, finds out and heads straight for for the nearest euthanasia center to "go home." Before he dies, he tells Heston the secret. Since this bloody column takes forever to come out and it'll be no secret by the time the film opens, the secret is that *Soylent Green* is made from people—dead bodies. Charlton Heston watches the process happen and rushes off to warn the world with government agents in hot pursuit. The thing about Charlton Heston is that he survives better than anyone I know. I would recommend that you see *Soylent Green* if only for Edward G. Robinson's death scene which will manipulate you to death on every level you can think of—go on a cold, rainy day.

Still Shots: Alaina Reed was dynamite at Walter's Apartment. If you missed her,

get your ass over to New Jimmy's between May 20th and 29th... The GAA Cabaret features Marty Becker who wrote an excellent article in *The Advocate* on gay singers... Immortal Films is releasing a feature-length silent film called *Broken Goddess* starring Holly Woodlawn... The West Side Discussion Group is presenting a gay version of *You Can't Take It With You* at the WSDG Centre, 37 Ninth Avenue at 14th Street from May 4th to 6th and May 11th to 13th at

8:30 p.m., call 675-0143... Cruise up the Hudson with GAA on Divine Line Productions Moonlight Boat Trip on June 21st. Tickets are \$5.00 and are available at the Firehouse... It looks as though Jim Owles and Chuck Choset are on the ballot. Pull those levers, kids... With any luck I'll make it out to Fire Island by the next time we meet. So if my column is particularly sloppy it's because my pen won't write in that position. See you in church.



Philip Owens as the Queen in "The Faggot"



In "The Faggot": Catherine the Great, Alice B. & Gertrude, and Bosie

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PENPOINTS

Dear GAY:
Although there is no very urgent reason for me to read your spritely journal, you may nevertheless care to hear from a straight member of the public-at-large. I have just read Mr. Battcock's letter to the Whitney Museum and in my submission it is quite brilliant: I have noticed Gregory's work before—who in New York has not?—but this time he exceeds his own high standard of intelligent fun. There is little doubt that before long he will be hailed as one of America's finest humorists since Robert Benchley.

Professor Charles H. Sweeting
Author of
A Film Course Manual

Dear GAY:
Please, please write GAY for gays. Lately you've given a lot of coverage to transsexuals and transvestites and most of those people aren't homosexual. Homosexuals are men who live to have sex with men and women who like to have sex with women. OK? Transsexuals ardently want to become a member of the opposite sex. (In GAY No. 100, Timmie Thornton says: "I don't want to be male.") No homosexual man wants to give up having a prick and balls and no homosexual woman wants to get rid of her cunt and breasts. So homosexuals aren't transsexual. Right? Most transvestites are heterosexual (ask any psychiatrist you respect). So, since most drag queens are hetero, why don't you let the straight press deal with these subjects and leave GAY for gays. Believe me, we need you!

Please give serious thought to this. We so much want GAY to be good!

Love and kisses
from Canada
(no name please)

ED. NOTE: The articles we've run on transvestism and transsexualism have been, mostly, pieces we've hoped would make readers feel less antagonistic about these two quite separate phenomena. We agree that neither has any direct relationship to homosexuality and, in fact, that most transvestites and transsexuals would agree with you. We've heard heterosexual-inclined transvestites say: "We are not homosexuals. All we do is dress up. But you know what homosexuals do! They're sick!" Anyway, we don't put 'em down, and now that GAY has made that point, we can, hopefully, move on to other subjects.

Dear GAY:
On March 4, 1973, I went with two friends, Don McFall and Mike Martinez, to The Matador, a gay bar in Birmingham, Alabama. After we were seated, I played some songs on the juke box and returned to my chair in which, at this time, a dear friend named Nora Kennedy was sitting. I

leaned toward her and touched her shoulder in greeting. She called my name, put her arms around me, and began crying as she asked if I were mad at her as we had been out of contact with each other, and went on to describe personal traumatic experiences she had undergone since we had last met. My response was to embrace her in return and to kiss her lips when she indicated that this act on my part was desired. During this exchange, I knelt behind her chair and rocked her in my arms. As she became more calm, I got up and sat on the edge of her chair. We then went to the dance floor and danced to slow rhythm music and returned to our table at which time she explained that she had to meet some other friends who were expecting her. About 15 minutes later, an Officer of the Vice Squad came to my table, showed me his badge and told me to come outside with him. As we walked down the street, he informed me that I was under arrest and, in answer to my inquiry as to the charge, he replied, "Disorderly conduct." Nora was sitting in the police car and as he opened the door, the Vice Squad Officer grasped my arm and pushed me into the back seat saying, "Now ya'll finish what you were doing inside." Nora was crying again and hysterical with fear and panic—reciting passages from the Bible and pleading with the Vice Officer for a show of mercy and human compassion. Her reaction was that of a person whose head is in a guillotine, which, indeed, it was. The Vice Officer responded with: "Shut up, bitch!" and other derogatory remarks.

Our trial was held on March 14, 1973. The Vice Officer testified that in this dimly lit gay bar, he could see clearly that each of us was caressing the other's genital areas and breasts and that he could see both our "crotches" (sic) from where he was sitting, even though my back was toward him. Nora, myself and the two witnesses present at the trial testified that no "sexual" touching occurred during this encounter, and for my part this omission was due to the fact that Nora did not indicate to me that such an action was needed in the immediate situation. Despite the fact that the Vice Officer, whose name is Orville Jerome Webster, contradicted himself in his testimony as regards to our positions in space in relation to him and his later saying that his view of us was of our respective fronts, the judge found us guilty, fining us \$100 each. We are presently on Appeal bond.

What would a representative of the Establishment consider to be "wrong" in our actions on this occasion?

One of the numerous reasons that gay persons are considered to be "outlaws" by the heterosexual power structure is that we hold true to experienced reality rather than taught reality, and this becomes significantly a threat to the Establishment when the experienced reality

that we act on is in opposition to taught reality. We are taught to limit our overt behavior to that which is simplistically "reasonable" to the outside observer, and, under this norm rule, the outside observer is allowed to judge us only on the basis of what is apparent to him and subject to the limitations of his interpretational understanding. In this case, I comforted another woman rather than reprimanding her for showing human feeling in the presence of others, and without regard to how it might look to a person who would fail to attribute intelligence and interpersonal caring to our relationship.

Secondly, due to my conviction that sex role expectations place severe limits on our human and humane growth potential, and particularly on that of women, I dress in such a way as to appear neither distinctively male nor distinctively female. This might be correctly acknowledged as a threat to the hierarchical power structure in which the male power group benefits from the subjugation of the female group, including those males who identify with women. This sex roleless appearance might also indicate to a representative of the Establishment that I am, quite assuredly, Lesbian, offering myself to women rather than to men, and allowing my behavior to be influenced exclusively by the needs of women rather than those of men.

Who was victimized by our actions? The gay bars in Birmingham, Alabama are the only community centers we have, and we use them primarily for communal sharing of experiences and communications headquarters. Although we have been exposed to and have been to some extent corrupted by heterosexual role patterns, we do not, on the whole, adhere to the rigid requirements of conduct found in "strait" bars as we feel that this rigidity is the result of guilt arising from the exploitation and oppression of the Female Principle in women and men that pervades hetero-sexual behavior. No gay person is in the least disturbed by the show of affection and caring and mutual eroticism between/among persons. Furthermore, we feel deeply that any relationship involving mutual tenderness and caring should, now more than ever in these trying times for all humanity, be respected and supported by the community, whether this community be a group of friends, a township, or the international community called the world. Every once in a while, and almost exclusively among Gay persons, love and the human feeling of one person for another, that is, the feeling of warmth which happens spontaneously, of itself, and which therefore cannot be made to happen to socially determined or used for any purpose beyond itself, wins over the power structure concocted of money, prestige, and security which dictates relationships by

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inbreeding and perpetuating fear and insecurity in the disadvantaged group, and to the extent that tenderness and human interconnectedness wins over the power-structure dictated relationships, humanity is alive; to the extent that power relationships are chosen over those of mutual feeling, we are dead.

It would seem, then, that the Vice Officer was the only person "disordered" by our conduct, and it is outrageous that gay persons in Birmingham are at the mercy of this man who has willingly stunted his own personal growth, and yet has the power necessary to imprison us, and who in fact uses this power mercilessly, consciously ignoring the fact that he does have an alternative which would be beneficial to him—that of learning from us. On the day of our trial, we witnessed the trial of another woman this same Vice Officer had arrested for prostitution, who had had a heart attack upon being taken to jail and was hospitalized at the cost to her of \$2,100. We heard the judge tell her, "We'll forget it if you will." She and her grandchildren have now returned to their home in Texas.

The gay persons in Birmingham feel that Officers of the Law should be available to us in the event of aggressive behavior on the part of one person toward another if we ourselves were unable to equalize the situation, and the gay community would willingly contribute money to aid in the growth of a fair, just city called Birmingham, but we can only consider this method of making money for the city via the Vice Squad's continual harassing theft totally despicable. In this country, money is blood, and the arrests of gay persons at \$100 a head is nothing less than genocide.

This letter has been written in the hope of promoting a communication system among gay persons, and for the purpose of requesting advice and comments. Our next trial date has not yet been set, but it will be trial by jury. Due to the political and socio-economic oppression of homosexual women and men, we expect the jury to be heterosexual. It seems to me that it would take a miracle to be found to be Lesbian and not guilty by a heterosexual jury, but I intend to use this opportunity for the purpose of speaking as many words as I can relating to homosexual oppression and philosophy. Please help us by sending your thoughts to:

Freddie Creed
1627 16th Avenue South
Birmingham, Alabama 35205

In Gay love, Freddie Creed

ED. NOTE: We are pleased to circulate your letter to as many people as possible who are willing to help. Thank you for notifying GAY. We will give Vice Squad Officer Webster some attention in SCREW too, which has a circulation of 100,000.

The Trials and Tribulations of King Richard

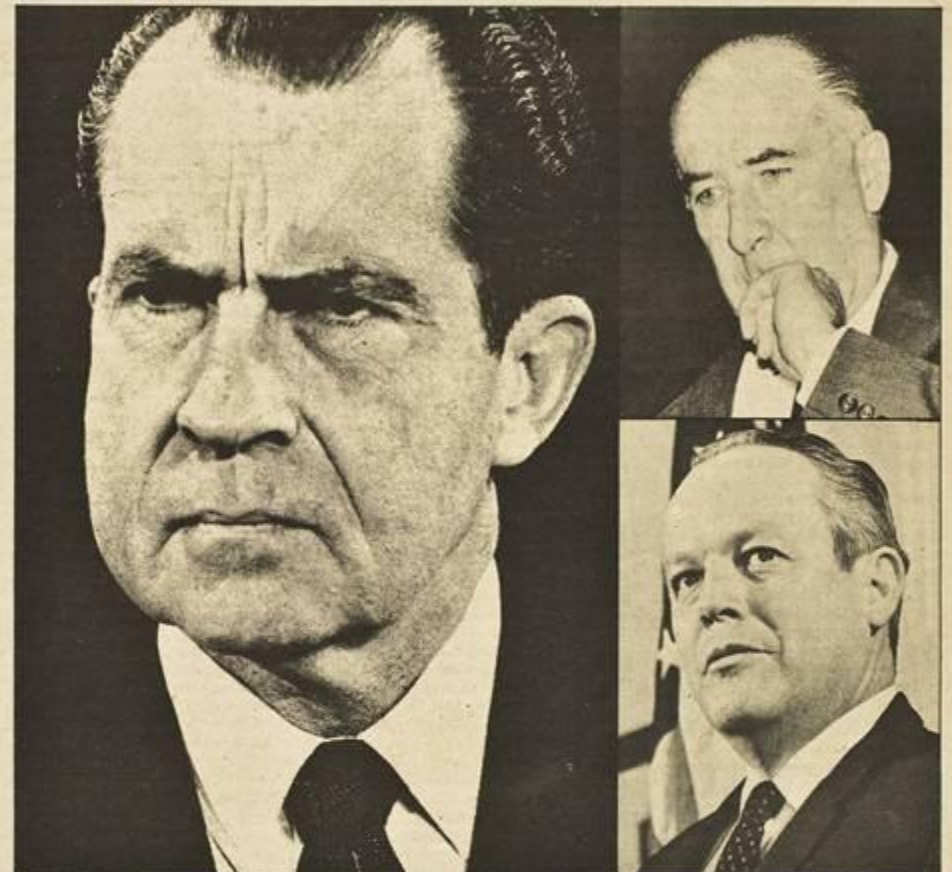
BY JOHN P. LeROY

Ever since President Nixon got re-elected by an overwhelming margin, there have been many former McGovern supporters who have threatened to leave the United States, or at least to shop around for some other country to live in. One would think that by now America would be suffering from a depletion of liberals, radicals, and all other citizens with political persuasions to the left of Spiro Agnew. Why has there been no rush for exit visas? And why have such presumably more advanced nations as Holland, Sweden, Denmark or even Switzerland reported no significant increase in immigration applications from Americans?

After all, with over 60 per cent of the American electorate behind him, it seemed as though our power-greedy president could turn the United States of America into a quasi-dictatorship and bring back "the good old days" of closet queens, under-the-counter pornography, laissez-faire, Art Linkletter, Norman Vincent Peale, capital punishment, the House Un-American Activities Committee and the Melachrino Strings. The first 100 days of his second term are about over, and not only are Congress and the Supreme Court alive and well, but the President is clearly on the defensive. He hasn't been able to stop American housewives from boycotting meat, homosexuals can still get security clearances, his own appointed commission on drug abuse recommended legalization of grass, and his own Supreme Court appointees said abortion was all right.

The reason why most Nixon haters (I don't much like him) would rather stay here and fight on than give up and run away is that most Americans genuinely believe that the Constitution and the Bill of Rights can really be made to work, and if the Democratic Party can be overhauled to include within it people who would never otherwise have had a chance, then not even the likes of King Richard can effectively cope with the American ideal of human perfectibility.

It keeps coming back to haunt him more and more as his second term progresses. Because most Americans believe that it isn't very nice to burglarize, eavesdrop and snoop on the Democrats, even if you don't want to see them elected, Nixon will have to get rid of some of his most trusted aides, proving to the public that he doesn't know how to put together an administration that can tolerate fair play. And because enough information has gotten through to the public that proves beyond a reasonable doubt that air and water pollution aren't particularly good for you, no matter how much they might increase the profits of Standard Oil, General Motors or Union Carbide, these corporate gargantuas will have to get off their inflated buttocks and come up with other ways of keeping their stockholders happy. Of course, they have to use euphemisms like "energy crises" or "emission standards" and stall for time while "research" is being done, but we just might get cars that take you where you want to go without spewing carbon monoxide and we just might discover that



there are ways of burning oil, coal, gas and atomic fuel and ways of transporting them that don't ruin the oceans and the atmosphere.

These things have come about in spite of one of the most repressive-minded presidents ever to reside in the White House. Here is a man who wants to cut off funds for non-commercial public television because it doesn't always say nice things about his administration and would feel much relieved, no doubt, if nothing more intellectually stimulating than Donald Duck ever appeared on the air waves. The gentleman who keeps on ordering the bombing of Southeast Asia, either with a cease-fire agreement or entirely without it, cannot prevent millions of Americans from seeing the destruction their tax dollars are wreaking each night on the 7 o'clock news.

I have often wondered what would happen to his federal revenue sharing program if the likes of Bobby Seale of the Black Panthers or Jim Owsie, one of GAA's founding fathers, were elected and had the power to spend the money for the benefit of blacks and gays, two of the minorities the President despises most. Since Nixon took office in 1968, six states have repealed their antisodomy laws and not even the burning of Troy Perry's church can stop Christian believ-

ers from bringing Christ to the homosexual, despite Cardinal McIntyre and Billy Graham. And King Richard is gloriously hamstrung at Wounded Knee because he has so much power to crush the tribal uprising and the Indians are so right in their rebellious cause. If they can hold out long enough, I'm sure they'll win out eventually, especially with no less a person than Marlon Brando on their side.

Even from the extreme right, Nixon is drawing flack. Communist-haters from the fifties are re-emerging and giving our leading Republican a hard time for going to China and being nice to Mao, and letting the Russians buy our wheat, not to mention actually trading with them. And the very scientists who got us to the moon ahead of the Soviets are somehow disenchanted with the man in the White House because, now that we got there first and won that ego trip, he isn't giving them any more money for any more research that doesn't promise to immediately line the pockets of the rich and the super rich.

True, he was elected by a huge mandate the second time around, but the American electorate did not see fit to give him a Congress that would support him, lending credibility to the theory that it wasn't so much Nixon's virtues during his first term that were responsible for his

landslide, but McGovern's ineptitude that put him back in the White House and, let's face it, someone has to get elected. So, now, when my friends tell me how terrible it's going to be until January 20, 1977, when Nixon must leave the White House, I simply smile, feeling confident that if we and all other concerned citizens keep the faith, and keep on giving our used-car-salesman-of-a-president as hard a time as we're giving him now, all the things McGovern promised during his campaign should be well on their way toward fruition by the time this country is 200 years old.

And right here in good old New York, it looks like one of our most fascist minded candidates for mayor, Mario Biaggi, has been—er—not quite honest with us in disclosing where some of the money is coming from, and that some of the police who have been campaigning for him have been accepting huge bribes and doing such naughty things as getting into the illicit drug business rather than letting the ones they've arrested make all that money.

And our dear governor, Mr. Rockefeller, wants to spoil all that by putting cops and other citizens like that in jail and throwing away the key. Oh well, I guess he can afford it. Most Rockefellerers usually can.



Jerry's Sphere

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 Being that Annabelle is the gregarious type, we had been joined by several other women. When I questioned them, they said that there were so many guys and guys' bars that the owners wouldn't dare charge that of the guys. But with so few places catering to the women, this owner obviously figured that he could get away with it. I was shocked and saddened that my sisters would accept this so easily. I'd try a boycott to get the prices lowered. If there are any women out there who have some favorite bars (Bonnie & Clyde's, Lib, etc.), please, contact me so that I may pass the information on to some of our other sisters. If we stick together we can stop all these rip-off artists.
 P.S. Cass, have a safe journey home. Come back soon.

ON SEPARATISM: There seems to be a growing feeling among some women and some men that the gay community should separate from the rest of society and then in turn separate from each sex. Thereby forming a society of all men in one half and all women in the other. **WHAT DRIVE!** Good Lord, it frightens me to think that there are actually people out there who would deliberately cut themselves off from one half of the world's population. I may prefer a man in the sack, but I surely would feel a sense of great loss if I were cut off from all of my women friends. The men and women who are proposing such divisions in our society must really feel inadequate. What a shame for them. I pray that the good Lord will amend their thinking.

CHRISTOPHER STREET LIBERATION DAY PARADE COMMITTEE is really hitting full swing. These men and women, working together to insure that June 24th will be the biggest and brightest parade ever, are a heart-warming breed. The excitement that these people have generated in the gay populace here in New York is really something else. And we still have almost two months to go. The enthusiasm is snowballing at such a rapid pace that you know the march will be a success. More miracles are wrought by sticking together. . . .



Joan Crawford likes her gay friends

JOAN CRAWFORD AT TOWN HALL: The crowd wasn't as spontaneous as was Bette Davis' crowd, but a good time was had by all. I couldn't believe that they asked her if she knew what her famous pumps were called. Ms. Crawford answered demurely, "I know that the first letter is an 'F.' But you have to admit that they held me up for a long time." The audience went wild. On Ms. Davis: "Bette likes to shout a lot in the morning. I like to knit. I knitted a scarf that went from Hollywood to Malibu. I consider Bette's performance in *Baby Jane* my biggest competition in my career. I love competition. It keeps you on your toes." Miss Crawford looked fabulous in a dress

slit up mid-thigh, allowing the great Crawford legs ample room for display. You can't take it away from the woman, she looks great. And she certainly has been in there pitching for a long time, 40 years a star and still going strong.

PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK: Beautiful Joey with his sexy voice is now tending to the libations at the new **NIGHT LIFE** in the Village. Joey is a pro behind the bar and his personality is one that always keeps you entertained. Stop by some night and say hello. You won't be disappointed.

NEW PLAY IN TOWN: Frederick Combs' play *Children's Mass* opens at the Theatre De Lys on Christopher St. May 14th. It promises to be the off-Broadway hit of the season. Frederick is an old friend and I urge you to get down to see *Children's Mass*.

BON MOTS: The new **COMBINATION** promises to be a bit . . . The Mr. and Miss **DAVID** contests to be held at **JOHNNY LION'S IN THE HOTEL ST. GEORGE** in Brooklyn Heights this year. The contests will occur during the weekend of August 10th, 11th and 12th. It is going to be a GAS. Get your tickets early to insure a good table. I hope to see you all there. . . . Gene Chandler of **JOHNNY LION'S GODFATHER ROOM** knocking them dead at the **82 CLUB**. . . Two big surprise changes, **GYPSY** left the **PAINTED PONY** for the **BIKE STOP** and Frank Elliot left **ONE POTATO** for the **RED HARE**. . . Almost forgot, Bobby La Zotta left the **FORSET** for the **TROUBADOUR** and the lovely Phyllis going into **RONNIE'S SUPPER CLUB**?? Speaking of **RONNIE'S**, beginning the 7th of May I shall begin a showcase night there which will take place every Monday night thereafter. Besides being used as a showcase, it will also serve as auditions. . . The leather and western christening at **FRITZBY'S** was great fun. It really did last the weekend. . . Is Holly (GIANNI'S) really splitting for the west coast? We hope not because she'd be missed a lot. . . The incredible Lola Lane breezed in from Austin for the weekend and I'm still not quite over it. I love you Lola. Hurry back, please. . . Had a fabulous day at Rockaway at Mother Kathleen's. She really believes in a spread. Her potato salad is the best ever. Many thanks for including me and Mike. And thanks to roomie Thom for sharing his mother with us. . . **BEAU GESTE'S** Stanley Franks finally got to take a couple of days off and headed for the Island of Fire that is, Really, Stanley, I thought that you wanted to rest. . . Took Lola over to the **YUKON** to say hello to Roy. Had a ball with Ms. Lane showing everyone the Texas Trot. . . Look out Atlanta and Miami, I'm coming down to book some talent. . . Mike is going down to celebrate his birthday. Happy, Happy, sweetheart. (That's down to Miami, don't get funny). . . Well, I guess that's all for this issue. . . Stay healthy and happy.

Love & peace,
 Je

Wicker Report

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 its gay group specifically but had not received breakdown of student fee allocations from the other state institutions and had been approached by students from ISU protesting the fee policies. Rep. Borchers also criticized grants to two other campus groups—Black Businessmen Unlimited and Black Affairs Council—charging that there was no white or yellow businessmen's groups and that the black groups had received exorbitant appropriations considering that black students comprised only 10 per cent of the ISU student body.
 In other parts of the country, such controversies have become extremely

commonplace. The gay student group at the University of Georgia won a ruling in the local federal court recently that the University administration had violated their civil rights by refusing to allow them to use campus facilities for a gay dance.

SEX CAN BE SOLD BUT NOT ADVERTISED IN SWEDEN:

For some time a Swedish correspondent named Kurt Schiller has been filing reports on events in that country with GAY. Usually these are too detailed, too long or too irrelevant to be printed in toto and only occasionally make this column as credited or uncredited blurbs. This month, however, Mr. Schiller has filed a brief and fascinating report on events regarding sex ads in his country and attitudes of Swedes toward the American scene that, in my opinion, merit unedited reading:

STOCKHOLM—Swedish newspaper owners have recently carried out a new campaign to kill advertisements from the so-called professional art and photo "models" who offer "studio" time and home visits.

Bowing to government threats of possible legislation against all erotic ads—including the large-scale, lucrative sex club ads—the Swedish Federation of Newspaper Owners has recommended that all its members refuse to publish any camouflaged ads for prostitution. This includes the large number of women and the smaller number of men who offer their services under the headings of "professional models," "health, body, beauty and even foot-care" as well as "job wanted."

It should be mentioned that the obviously increasing calls from gay clients have divided the boys into the "male for women only" strippers and the more flexible studs who have kept their "anytime, anywhere" attitudes.

The seriousness of the new measures can be appreciated only in the light of the Swedish scene. Prostitution as such is perfectly legal in this country, and only the individual who in some way makes a profit off the prostitute's (tax free) earnings can be pulled in. It has been largely a question of taste and the chilled Swedish reserve that prevents male and female prostitutes from advertising as such. Therefore, almost all such ads have been placed in the most prominent and respected newspapers in all the major cities—and not in the porno publications.

Descriptions such as "charming surroundings" and "extra relaxed and hygienic environment" are tacked on to many of the ads, which appear only a few columns away from the non-commercial searches by gays and lesbians in the "personals" section of the same newspapers.

Not only are the few gay publications without any "model" ads (the Swedes are delightfully shocked by the come-and-get-me ads in American publications), but the same is true for the numerous "men's" magazines, sex contact-plus-pornography publications and even in the more earthy afternoon dailies such as *Expressen* and *Aftonbladet*.

Even the afternoon dailies quickly published "no thanks" announcements when the panic-stricken models tried to find new column space when the big morning papers white-washed their pages.

Many of the "models" have voiced bitter complaints about the new freeze, saying they will be forced out into the streets as easy victims for "protection" rackets.

Others fear that they will be forced to place their ads in the pornography press, which means they may be dealing with sexual weirdos instead of the average Joe or Sven who needs a break from a frigid wife or is tired of running the gauntlet at the crowded but feeless gay bars.

Still others insist that their steady customers know where to find them and that there will be no real loss of business.

It remains to be seen if the "respectable" newspapers stop with these ads or whether they turn on the sex clubs next. For here, competition is even more razor-sharp than among the models, and it is the growing number and size and boldness of the sex club ads that have sparked a nation-wide protest from Swedes who were tired of leafing through pages of breasts and buttocks to get to the movie ads.

—Kurt Schiller

LAW OR NO LAW—NO DRAG ALLOWED:

When an Ohio court overturned a Columbus law against dressing in the clothing of

the opposite sex, Patrick Miller and Jack Shaw of Columbus, Ohio GAA decided to indulge themselves in Columbus's new freedom of dress and headed for GAA's Ohio State campus office dressed in full drag.

They didn't get very far before they were stopped by a police officer. Miller then read to the officer a copy of the recent court decision overturning the cross-dressing law which he "happened to be carrying."

The police were not impressed and arrested Miller and Shaw for vagrancy and interfering with an arrest. GAA organized a picket line at the police station and a meeting with the mayor and declared they intended to press for a court trial.

NOEL COWARD: CORPSE IN A CLOSET?

Noel Coward, described by the *New York Times* as "the quintessential upper-class Englishman and cafe-society wit" died of a heart attack at the age of 73 at his villa in Jamaica in early April.

Coward had long been one of the great luminaries and talents of the theatre who was almost universally considered to be homosexual. However, Coward lived and died—at least publicly—mostly in the closet.

When a homosexual kills someone, betrays his country, commits suicide or does some other socially undesirable act, his homosexuality is almost always played up by the media.

When a homosexual is a productive person, contributes to society, creates things of beauty for others to enjoy, social convention decrees that his homosexuality be politely ignored by the media, unless he has become embroiled in a scandal of Oscar Wilde dimensions or aggressively and persistently trumpets his homosexuality like Jean Genet or William Burroughs.

Such gymnastics enable the press to praise the man or woman and his/her works without coming to terms with the individual's homosexuality. It omits the public gay community its legitimate claim to some of the world's greatest men.

Noel Coward has now passed into the history books. His homosexuality has been virtually ignored. His talents justly recognized and praised.

The *New York Times* feature on Noel Coward, April 7th, was typical. In the very last paragraph of a long feature on the writer, his talents and his works, writer Clifford A. Ridley dared only to hint at Coward's homosexuality.

"Never married and often expressing a preference for being alone, he kept his private life private," Ridley briefly noted in concluding, "although there were autobiographical overtones to a play *Suite in Three Keys* dealing with an aging homosexual writer."

SEX CRIME STATISTICS CHALLENGE STEREOTYPES:

The Society for Individual Rights (SIR) reports that the San Francisco Mental Health Advisory Board has adopted the report of its subcommittee on homosexual activity and the law.

Evidence gathered by the subcommittee about sex crimes in San Francisco over the past several years revealed some interesting facts which SIR's press release says "shatters prevailing stereotypes."

Out of 505 valid charges of rape in 1972, none was homosexual, indicating that homosexuals do not engage in rape.

Out of 107 offenses of child molestation, none was homosexual, and the committee cited "one careful study" in Oregon which showed 95 per cent of such molestation offenses to be heterosexual, mostly within family units (especially stepfathers and uncles).

Two-thirds of all arrests for soliciting for a lewd and lascivious act were made by plainclothesmen on the vice squad in

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THE LAST ESTATE

BY GREGORY BATTCOCK

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, PAN AMERICAN AIRLINES

Sir:
 Running an airline is a complex operation. There are problems with mechanical equipment, such as your new luggage "check-in" machines at the JFK terminal that squash people's luggage. There is the problem of running expensive, half-empty 747's on routes that can barely support operation of B-707's. There is the escalating cost of both vintage as well as non-vintage Champagne. There are squabbles with the Civil Aeronautics Board. And there is, of course, the dilemma posed by the advent of supersonic craft and what they will do to our fragile atmosphere.

Now I am not one to complain at the drop of a hat; let *Suisseair* give out free Pfumi if they want. Let the good people over at American overbook to their heart's content. Let Air India pretend their Yeave Cligot is vintage when, in fact, it isn't. These are minor problems and we have learned to accept them. In many ways they are less than minor when we consider some of the larger issues. For example, did you know that, because of Pan American, I am out \$16,000.00?

In times such as these, all of us must tighten our belts. At Pan American, as everybody who can read knows, there is a special financial pinch, partially due to the fact that the government has resisted handing out domestic "tie-in" routes that would surely help improve your trans-Atlantic bookings. In fact, my own financial retrenchment is, on a smaller scale, similar to that suffered by the Pan American Corporation. We too are buying more non-vintage wine and less of the costly vintage variety. We too are planning our trips more carefully. We are also cutting down on frivolous expenses.

However, there are several reasons why I think that your financial plight is more desperate than my own. For example, I have not, as of yet, resorted to telling lies. That's why I say you are more desperate than I am because you ARE telling lies. I refer to the two telephone



Gregory puts a friendly arm around Mark Spitz

Photo by David Bourton

calls I made to your operators on 3/14 & 15 respectively inquiring about the taxi strike in San Juan. On both occasions your employees kindly assured me that the taxi strike was a thing of the past; that I could undertake my journey to that sunny airport without apprehension. One even had the courtesy to wish me a "pleasant flight."

In fact, I did have a most pleasant flight. I will tell you why later. You dumped me in San Juan at the worst hour of the morning where it did not take me long to discover that two things were glaringly absent: 1) taxis and 2) employees from Pan American World Airways. The way I saw it was that you had misled me, lured me down there and then everybody vanished, not giving the slightest thought to the first problem I faced, i.e. getting out of the airport. That wasn't very nice.

I do hate to nit-pick. But let's add that incident to several others, shall we? One aggression had to do with the wild goose chase I was sent on, dragging my suitcase all over your new terminal at JFK because nobody could tell me where to go to "check in" for the flight. Now, you have been in that new terminal for almost a year, haven't you? Then why do all the signs point in wrong directions? Any idiot, providing that idiot knew its way around, would know the signs (not all, just some) are wrong. At least, they are wrong at night.

At this point, sir, you probably are wondering why I would return on Pan American after the dishonesty, inconvenience and incompetence I had already suffered at your hands? The reason is simple though I am afraid it contradicts your expensive advertising which, I suspect, is instrumental in keeping many passen-

gers away from your ticket counters. "Why choose an airline by the menu?" or something like that, reads the copy. That is exactly the reason why I, and my more sophisticated friends, pick one airline over another. Thus, in certain circles it is common knowledge that Pan Am offers, for purchase, "French" Champagne on the NY-SJ run. The competitors do not. (We also know that you better get your order in quick and order three bottles right away because they never seem to have more than five on the entire "clipper.")

Now, you may find it peculiar that a passenger would write a complaining letter such as this one simply over a little white lie on the part of an unimportant switchboard operator. Actually, her "little white lie" ended up costing me \$16,000. What happened was that, because of the taxi strike, I had to borrow a friend's car for a brief errand. While the car was in my possession, somebody stole it. Unfortunately, the car didn't exactly belong to the friend who lent it to me. And, what is even more unfortunate, is that the vehicle was not insured against theft and I have been forced to assume responsibility.

Of course that doesn't add up to \$16,000.00. You see, they happened to have loads of pornographic movies in the trunk of the car that I didn't know about. And there was projection equipment in there also. It all adds up. And you'll never guess what was in the glove compartment! The day's collection from a local "numbers racket." That, I am told, adds up to the tune of \$3,700. So, all together, the car, the movies, the equipment and the money in the glove compartment are worth about \$16,000.

Now, if I had flown Eastern, they might not have lied to me, and I would have known about the taxi strike and I would have postponed my trip. Of course, if I fly Eastern, I don't get any Champagne either. Therefore, while I do not expect you to reimburse me the \$16,000.00 that everything stolen was worth, perhaps you would be kind enough to refund the \$4.50 I spent on the non-vintage Mumm's consumed on board your Boeing!

Cheers,
 Gregory

BLUMENTHAL

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"Blumenthal made sure it got in. He could have been non-cooperative but he wasn't. Mike McPherson, Bruce Voeller and I drew up the plank by drawing on the gay rights statement adopted at the Chicago meeting and the platform proposals adopted by the NDC. They rewrote our suggested plank somewhat and included it in their proposals.

Howard said that since he had become NYS CGO lobbyist in Albany he had only seldom seen Blumenthal personally since he is so busy running for Mayor that he is out a great deal.

"I've dealt mainly with Blumenthal's staff," Howard elaborated. "They have been very helpful. They allow me to use

their phone. They take messages for me. They've offered to lend us space in Blumenthal's office so we can get some mailing together."

Howard said that his contacts with Blumenthal had left him with the impression that he is "a straightforward kind of guy." He also said that he is convinced that Blumenthal, who serves as deputy minority leader in the New York State Assembly, "will provide us with any support he can in getting the bills we now have pending in the Assembly passed."

"I have no doubt that he will give us whatever assistance he can," Howard concluded, saying that he had not had any dealings with Herman Badillo except for meeting him briefly once at a cocktail party.

ACTIVISTS ARRESTED IND.C. POLICE OFFICE

BY CADE WARE AND FERRIN SHAFFER

Washington, D.C. Accusations flew fast and angry as the Gay Activists Alliance of Washington marched into the office of DC's Metropolitan Police Chief Jerry V. Wilson April 5 to demand a face-to-face meeting the Chief has long refused the gay community. Despite formal pleas from the city's Congressmen, Wilson remained adamant, and the gays sat in. Three were arrested, charged with unlawful entry, and now await trial.

In Wilson's outer office, GAA-DC President Bill Bricker confronted police officials, as well as reporters who had been notified of the demonstration the previous day. "When the Chief of Police has

sworn to uphold the law and that law is being twisted in order to harass, suppress and oppress the 50,000 gay citizens of the District of Columbia. . . ." Bricker said, "then we feel that Jerry Wilson, a servant of the people, can do no less than meet with us personally. We will settle for no less."

At issue were plainclothes entrapment by police morals squad (which seems, incidentally, to be enforced more against black gays than whites), sporadic harassment of downtown bars and a bath, a police index card file containing information on gays questioned on the streets, prohibition of words like "faggot" and "dyke" when used abusively by patrolmen, and a positive police community relations policy toward gays.

All these problems had been raised previously by GAA-DC and others in meetings with lower police officials through the last two years—with little visible result. A surprise February raid on a local bath by sledgehammer-swinging plainclothesmen precipitated GAA's demand for a meeting with Wilson himself.

An angry exchange erupted at the demo when police general counsel Geoffrey Alprin told the two gay invaders he could but would not contact Wilson to set a meeting. (Wilson was reported to be in Chicago attending a conference on public relations.) Declaring that they would stay till they got one, the gays settled in for the afternoon.

At 5 p.m. closing time, with no appointment forthcoming, the pre-selected arrest team was taken peacefully into custody. Arrestees were Bricker, GAA-DC Vice President Cade Ware, and Larry (Deacon) MacCubbin, proprietor of Earthworks, a DC head shop.

On March 9, DC's non-voting Congress-

ional Delegate Walter E. Fauntroy wrote Wilson urging him to meet with GAA. He questioned whether surveillance of gays is the best use of police personnel "at a time when we continue to have other, more serious crime problems." He said he himself had already met with GAA several times and found their presentations "quite convincing." Wilson demurred.

Wilson is a popular police chief with a reputation for fair dealing with the black and Spanish-speaking minorities. He is reported to be one of President Nixon's possible new nominees for FBI director. GAA demands will probably figure in upcoming City Council hearings on proposed police review powers for the DC Human Rights Office.

Nationally-known DC activist Dr. Franklin Kameny, who earlier promised to be arrested with the others, left during the afternoon for a prior engagement.

Maximum penalties for unlawful entry are a year in jail or a \$500 fine. A jury trial has been set for May 28.

GREITZER EYES OWLES CAMPAIGN

New York, N.Y. Carol Greitzer, incumbent councilwoman from Greenwich Village who is being challenged for her seat on the New York City Council by GAA founder and former president Jim Owles, filed standard objections to the 1,991 signatures filed by Owles to place his name on the ballot. By filing a standard objection, Ms. Greitzer can file specific challenges to Owles' petitions up to April 26th.

north of Houston Street, most of Chelsea, a large part of Murray Hill, a narrow strip along the east side of Central Park on the East Side, and the southern portion of Staten Island.

Morris Ernst, an 85-year-old columnist for the *Village* newspaper, has also filed for the council seat now held by Greitzer. The district includes most of the village

Greitzer was criticized by *The New York Times* for voting for the new district lines which involved a lot of obvious gerrymandering to prevent new seats on the council from going to minority groups in Brooklyn and the Bronx. The lines of all districts have to be contiguous and the southern tip of Staten Island, containing about ten per cent of the dis-

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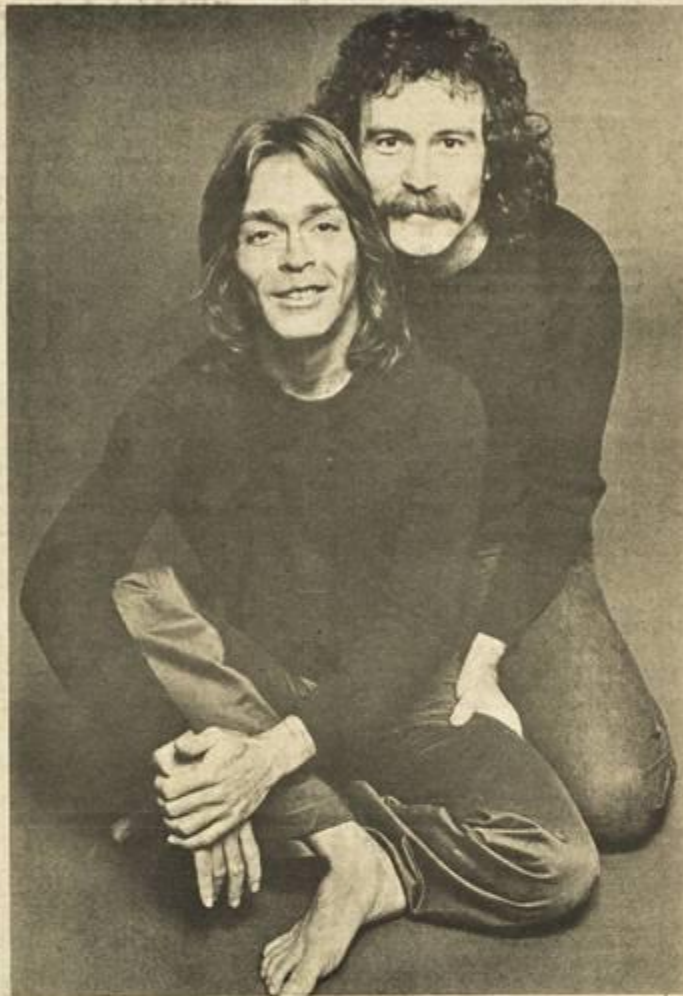


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dictating that entrapment procedures might have been used.

There were no arrests for heterosexual petting or heterosexual requests (solicitation).

The San Francisco Mental Health Advisory Board urged that: "Pending appeal of laws defining 'unnaturalness,' we recommend that the law enforcing agencies not attempt to vigorously enforce these 'laws,' except where the sexual activity is a true public nuisance." The report also criticized the California law which required anyone convicted of homosexual offenses to register thereafter as a "sex offender."

"This is a gross lifetime condemnation of a person," the report declared. "We recommend the total repeal of this section."

GAA-NEW YORK HOLDS OFF ON PROSECUTING EMBEZZLER:

Last fall, GAA-NY discovered that \$2,500 had been misappropriated from its account. Checks had been removed from the back of the group's bankbook and for two months the shortages could not be confirmed because the bank statements kept disappearing out of GAA's mailbox. In the midst of growing rumors and charges of misconduct on the part of certain members of the organization, GAA appointed a fact-finding committee which soon became known as the "scandal commission." The committee was composed of members whose names were drawn at random from a hat during a membership meeting.

The group held hearings and investigated a series of charges and gave its report in late January. A year earlier, a similar procedure had been followed when money appropriate for certain expenditures could not be accounted for. After that investigation, the commission found that the member in question should be expelled from the organization until he could account for the missing money, the amount of which was determined to be between something like \$1,200 and \$1,500. But that first investigative committee advised that no action be taken legally since actual misconduct could not be conclusively proven. Some of the things for which money had been given to the member in question had been done and paid for while others had not. The general membership accepted the commission's recommendation at that time.

The second inquiry this past January revealed that one of GAA's members, Steve Maquire, had had a large sum of money, something like \$72,000, deposited to his checking account through a computer error at his bank. Months passed and he commenced drawing and spending the misdeposited funds.

Then the bank caught the error and threatened him with criminal action. During the investigation, he admitted taking the checks from GAA's checkbook, forging the officers' signatures and cashing them to reimburse the bank for the spent misdeposited money.

Maquire, who reportedly only earned a modest weekly salary, asked GAA to give him a chance to pay them back. However, GAA's legal counsel advised that if GAA wanted to collect their money from the insurance company and the bank, they would probably have to instigate criminal proceedings against Maquire. The general membership voted to accept the scandal committee's findings and recommendations and authorized their legal counsel to initiate such criminal action if he deemed it necessary to recover the sorely-needed funds.

GAA's officers and active members were upset over possible coverage of the story in the gay press, fearing it would undermine their image of financial responsibility and support in the gay community at large.

By a narrow margin, during the scandal committee's report in January, the general membership voted against excluding this reporter who at the time was covering the story for the *Advocate*.

GAA's ability to handle a crisis of such major proportions, to police itself, to investigate fairly and reach a consensus while maintaining democratic safeguards for those who had been erroneously accused of wrongdoing was commendable. But some members felt that the threatened legal action against a former member which could lead to his imprisonment was harsh, arbitrary and vindictive.

Two months have passed and GAA has not initiated criminal action against Steve Maquire. Indeed, minutes of a recent meeting report: "Moved and passed that our attorney be instructed to spend not more than two months working along with Steve Maquire's attorney over making arrangements with the bank and the insurance company for Steve to repay the bank and the insurance company. In so far as this is consistent with the above, all effort be made to avoid criminal proceedings against Steve Maquire."

SERMONETTE:

* New York MCC has established a Spanish-speaking congregation which holds services weekly. For information: (212) 226-5137.

* MCC's prison minister Joe Gilbert will be in New York during August and hopes to expand his gay ministry not only to local correctional institutions but also to mental hospitals. MCC has had to fight court cases in an effort to get into California prisons but has been very successful in getting missions going in some of that state's mental hospitals like Atascadero.

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Hall spent that night in a hospital. Eight stitches were sewn in his head. The medics almost operated on his eye. He didn't go to work the next week.

"This is the only time in years of tricking that this has happened," Hall said. "Most gays are too afraid to press charges, because of the fear of publicity and loss of job. Well, I'm as good as anyone else, and I expected to see justice done."

Hall's sense of personal worth and gay pride had impelled him once before to seek judicial redress—as one of four plaintiffs in the successful sodomy test case filed by the Mattachine Society of Washington and the American Civil Liberties Union (see GAY, No. 79, June 26, 1972). When Hall's federal government office learned of the case, respect, rather than harassment, followed. So he had no qualms about entering into another gay court action.

But a criminal suit brought by one gay proved to be harder to start than a civil suit brought by two civil liberties organizations. Hall told the police everything. Maybe that's why he had to call them at least five times in the month after his assault to ask if charges had been pressed yet against Brown. Excuses ranged from "We want to hear his side first" to "We can't locate him" (even though Brown hadn't left town and Hall had given the police every means of locating and identifying Brown, including a description of Brown's cock—"Is it circumcized?").

The U.S. Assistant Attorney—who would have to prosecute the case on Hall's behalf—told Hall that he doubted that a straight jury would convict Brown. Although Hall believed that the man was only trying to spare him a wasted trial, he told him, "Even if I lose, I want to put Brown through something and also show others like him that gays can't be assaulted and ripped off." Hall added that, if the Assistant Attorney didn't prosecute Brown, Hall would notify the U.S. Attorney and the press. Shortly afterwards,

Brown was subpoenaed to a hearing where he was indicted for assault.

The friend who had introduced Brown to Hall avoided subpoena. Hall had called him after the assault to tell him about the happening at Hall's place. The friend verified the story by talking to Brown. So Hall assumed that he had a witness. He told his friend one night that he would be served a subpoena that evening. The friend expressed fear and refused to answer the door that evening. Hall is barely on speaking terms with him now.

Brown strutted cockily into the courtroom, accompanied by his girl friend, "trying to look straight," Hall sneered. Brown admitted to having gone to Baltimore with Hall and his friend, but disclaimed having gone home with Hall. Brown's lawyer claimed that, even if his client *did* assault Hall, Hall deserved it, because "he's lewd, abuses people and puts them out when he's finished with them, and preys on the youth of the community." (The Jehovah's Witnesses must write this lawyer's pleas.)

It looked grim. But the jury that didn't consist of Hall's peers ("I'm not that old") took only eight minutes to decide in Hall's favor. There was no generation gap regarding justice. Hall consoled Brown's girl friend.

On August 25, Brown received a two-year suspended sentence. If he commits another felony by August 25, 1974—and is convicted—he must serve time for both felonies. Before sentencing, Hall had told me that he hoped that Brown wouldn't be jailed because "he's sick, and today's jails won't help him." But he was surprised at the sentence, which didn't even include a fine or supervised probation.

Hall recommends that anyone assaulted because he's gay should have pictures taken of himself and get medical statements of his condition. He should check times of sex, police arrival and hospitalization. He should get witnesses and have police take fingerprints. Then look proud and righteous in court: a bad blowjob deserves punishment.



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