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Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Civilisation Saved! Harris County Jury Rescues Mankind!

AFTER AN EMOTIONAL APPEAL to them to assume the role of saviours of all Western Civilisation and defend Harris County morality into the bargan, a jury in Judge Jack Treadway's Criminal Court convicted a Houston matron, Mrs. Arlene Catherine Bryers on a charge of exhibiting obscene films at the Mini Park Theatre. It was a purely technical charge, for Mrs. Bryers was merely a cashier at the time and had no control over the bill of fare offered by the cinema for the delectation of an exclusively mature male audience. She was arrested at the Mini Park theatre on the evening of the 6th October, 1970 by Houston Vice Squad Officers. As a result of her conviction, Judge Jack Treadway assessed the minimum fine of $200.00, saying, "I'm after the owners, not the people who are victims of circumstances." Attorneys for Mrs. Bryers, Mrs. Marion Rosen and Mr. Clyde Woody, announced at the time of sentencing their intentions of filing an appeal of the conviction.

IN THE COURSE OF THE TRIAL Mrs. Bryers testified that she was the sole support of her two sons, both teenagers, one a student at Marion High School and the other a student at the University of Houston. She also testified that she had never, in the nine months she had worked as cashier at the Mini Park Theatre, seen the films being shown there. Her testimony was never impeached by the State in this regard. She further testified that she was hired by the manager of the theatre, whom she identified as an off-duty Houston Police Department Officer named Birsby. This testimony caused the prosecution, led by Assistant District Attorney Michael Hinton, an alleged heterosexual, to summon Captain W. T. Higgins, Director of the H. P. D. Training and Personnel office to the courtroom with a current roster of Houston Policemen. No person named Birsby could be found in the roster, which was entered into evidence over the objections of defence counsel. However, Captain Higgins, also an alleged heterosexual, could not say if an off-duty Houston policeman was not employed as manager of the theatre at the time of the Vice Squad raid. The defence counsel attempted to show the jury that Mrs. Bryers was under the impression that the Houston Police Department was aware of the nature of the advertised films being shown at the Mini Park Theatre and that the Police Department did not care. Judge Treadway ruled that, in effect, the opinion of the Houston Police Department about the matter was totally irrelevant in the case before the Court. Mrs. Bryers also testified that she was an accountant for the actual owner of the theatre, the Julius Levy Company of Houston. Records of off-duty policemen in Houston were not brought forward to disprove the contention of defence counsel that a Houston police officer was manager of the Mini Park Theatre during his off-hours, however.

THE COURT OVERRULED MOST of the objections of defence counsel during the course of this less than historic trial, possibly setting the groundwork for several reversible errors to be claimed in the forthcoming appeal. The impression was given that what the Court really wanted was a speedy end to the trial.

THE STATE'S CASE WAS based essentially upon testimony of Vice Squad Officer Richard See, who admitted under oath that he was a practising heterosexual. Officer See testified that he had watched the films at the Mini Park Theatre on the night of the raid for some 45 minutes. He said that the films depicted homosexual lovemaking and occasionally the opening or closing of doors, along with some telephone conversations by the actors. Officer See further testified that the films showed males in the nude and that he could find no plot to the films which he viewed for so long a time. After being challenged by Mr. Woody to define a "plot" for the jury, Officer See, a youthful collegiate type (before long hair & queer clothes, that is) who was clean-shaven and well-groomed, said, "I consider a plot as having a beginning, a climax (sic!) and an end. It was completely devoid of a beginning and an

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Arrests Made In Arson Case — Charges Denied

Houston Fire Department Arson Squad have filed charges in the Palace Club fire which they had been investigating for over a year. As a result of these charges, the Houston Police Department arrested Mr. Ron Lavine, owner of the Palace Club, and Mr. Larry Shea, a former partner in the old Palace Club. Mr. Levine was charged with conspiracy to commit arson and Mr. Shea was charged with conspiracy to commit arson and with arson. Mr. Levine is presently out of jail on $5,000 bond and Mr. Shea is out on $10,000 bond.

Also arrested was Mr. Vern Bechtel, who is also currently free on $5,000 bond. Other arrests are expected in the case.

The arrests were made in the last week of January, 1971. The fire which totally destroyed the old Palace Club took place in September of 1969. Prior to this fire, the Plantation Club was also destroyed by fire and indictments are expected soon in connection with this fire. On August 17, 1970, a fire gutted the Bullseye Club here, but the Houston Fire Department ruled that fire to have been of accidental origin.

A trial date for the defendants in the Palace Club fire has not yet been set.

When contacted by The Nuntius, Mr. Ron Levine advised that the charges against him were false and based upon the perjured testimony of persons with selfish interests. Mr. Levine further advised The Nuntius that lawsuits charging libel and slander will be prepared against several persons whose testimony before the Harris County Grand Jury resulted in the indictment against him. Mr. Levine is convinced that pressure was also brought by the insurance carrier for the old Palace Club to secure the indictments and that he is a victim of "guilt by association" because of his former partnership relationship with one of the former owners of the old Palace Club, Mr. Larry Shea.

The charges should be dropped against him within 30 days, Mr. Levine said. "At that time everyone will know of my innocence," he said. Mr. Levine also said he was preparing to take a polygraph test to demonstrate his innonence.

Persons who appeared before the Harris County Grand Jury in this matter included Emit Newton, Jr., Gene Howell, owners of the defunct Plantation Club; Mike Whitaker; Lannis Thompson, shareholder in the Club Romulus, Inc.; and Bob Cappell, former owner of the Aquarius Club in Dallas. There were several other witnesses, too.

Servicemen Beware!

IF YOU ARE IN THE SERVICE – –

Here are some things you should know about anti-homosexual investigations.

1. WHAT IS PRESENT MILITARY POLICY ON HOMOSEXUALS?

Anyone who is convicted of a homosexual act or who "exhibits, professes, or admits to homosexual tendencies, or associates with persons known to him to be homosexual" may be discharged from the service. Men or women confessing to homosexual relations while in the service are liable to undesirable discharges which put them at a serious disadvantage when looking for employment.

2. HOW DO THE SERVICES FIND OUT ABOUT HOMOSEXUAL ACTIVITY?

From civilian police, through anonymous phone calls or letters, through official service investigations. The latter are often full-fledged witch hunts that incriminate large numbers of servicemen. The investigators obtain a few names to begin with and then persuade those questioned to name others. In one notable case a few years ago, about 300 seamen of different ranks were removed from an aircraft carrier with a compliment of about 3000 men.

3. HOW ARE INVESTIGATIONS CARRIED OUT?

Agents of the Office of Special Investigations, the Office of Naval Intelligence, or the Criminal Investigations Division search personal possessions for incriminating letters, pictures, magazines, advertisements, etc. They may also check on names in address books. These professional investigators do an outstanding job of extracting information from accused men, obtaining their co-operation and placing them at a disadvantage. Though they may tell the accused of his rights to remain silent or of his right to a lawyer, they do this in such a way as to make him feel guilty if he exercises these rights.

4. WHAT SPECIFIC TECHNIQUES ARE USED TO OBTAIN INFORMATION?

The investigators suggest: "A lawyer isn't going to do you any good." "This is a little matter you and I can straighten out between ourselves right here and now." "Why don't you just tell us what happened and get it off your chest?" "Telling us about yourself and what you have done will speed up the process of getting out; otherwise you will be around a long time." "Homosexuals are people too; they can't help being the way they are; there's nothing to be ashamed of; society's hostility isn't justified; you are a pretty nice guy; once you're out of the service everything will be O.K." "We realize you sick; come clean with us and we'll see that you get medical help." "We have all the essential data; all we need to do is just fill in a couple of details.." "If you confess, everything will be nice and quiet; no one needs to know what has happened." (In fact, however, parents of men under twenty-one are often notified that their son has been discharged for homosexuality.) "We've got the goods on you and if you co-operate we'll throw the book at you." "If you don't confess, we'll go to your family, friends and associates; then everyone will know you are a queer." "After you get out you can have your discharge reviewed; and you'll stand a good chance of having it changed." (This is not true.) The investigators also often employ the "good guy--bad guy"

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An Open Letter To

Bob Hope

from a Gay Roman Catholic Priest

I am writing this letter relating to your scheduled appearance at the "Fifth Annaul St. Joseph Hospital Benefit Show" in Jones Hall for the Performing Arts on the night of Saturday, January Thirtieth, in Houston, Texas.

I have no quarrel with St. Joseph Hospital. Although I have never been a patient there, I shall concede first place to no one in my admiration of the apostolate of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word who conduct the hospital. Nor am I opposed to the appearance with you of such name stars as Miss Dinah Shore and the "special added attraction", Mr. Peter Nero.

I do have a quarrel with the people who are sponsoring the "Fifth Annual St. Joseph Hospital Show". They honor neither you nor themselves in having contracted for your appearance. (Although you are given top billing, I daresay you will be the last to make his appearance on stage on Saturday night. After all, there are such things in show business as climax and anti-climax.) Naturally you know best that you are a drawing card and can pull in tax-deductible donations perhaps better than anyone else on the show business scene. But the people who contracted for your appearance appear to be blissfully unaware that in the world in chich we live both you and they are representative of that "power structure" with which increasing numbers of intelligent "little people" are becoming disenchanted. In our fastmoving world you and your sponsors are about to become "has-beens". Frankly, you and they are almost anachronistic.

I am especially opposed to your appearance here in Houston and under such auspices because of an especially reprehensible public device of yours. I am referring specifically to your snide setting up to ridicule of a group of people, of whom there are thousands living quiet and dignified lives here in the Houston area. The uncritical acceptance and diligent nurturing of a stereotyped image which is your stock in trade is well illustrated in the following segment from your NBC-TV Special of November 16th last:

" . . . And you know a new movement – a new movement has appeared on the American scene. First, Women's Liberation demanding the rights of women; then the hard hats demand the rights of men; and now Gay Liberation is demanding the rights of "whatever they are." (Mild laughter) Now we've got something else to worry about – SISSY POWER. (Laughter)

I want to tell you their leaders are really tough. They wear leather panty-hose. (Much laughter and Applause.)

You know the Gay Liberation had a big parade in New York and they floated down the avenue like Macy's Thanksgiving balloons. (Chuckle) I'm not sure where the parade was. I think it was over in Queens.

They actually tried to take over Alpine County out here in Northern California. It's true. They had their own sheriff and he looked real good. (Chuckles) He had boots, chaps, buckskin jacket and PEARLS. (Chuckles) Instead of handcuffs, he carried a SLAVE BRACELET. (Laughter) They had one demonstration up there and the cops had to break it up. Instead of mace, they sprayed them with Chanel No. 5. (Laughter)

You know they tried to hold a convention, but the building was too close to the railroad tracks. A train whistle, and the whole thing turned into a dance (Much Laughter)"

Now I am not so naive as to suggest that a picket line be set up outside Jones Hall on Saturday night. Such a picket line would be a dis-service to everyone but yourself. Inside the Hall and as an introduction to your stint, the picket line would be made to furnish as many "chuckles" and as "much laughter and applause" as possible. After all, you did say once, "after years as a comedian, I've developed the thick skin of an elephant." Still, there are picket lines and picket lines. Some of them have envolved into what are called "Silent Marchers," sans pickets, sans violence, sans police. I have in mind the march of some years ago of a group of white women of South Africa before a government building in Johannesburg, in protest against the police of apartheid in force in their country.

Then there was the "First Tuesday" of January program on your own NBC-TV. I am referring expecially to that segment of the two hours which was devoted to a study of the group of young Americans which calls itself "The Children of God." By the copped-out hippie groups from which they have graduated, they are referred to contemptuously as the "Jesus freaks." Their solemn demonstration on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin demonstrated to me, at least, the extent to which we Americans have cut ourselves off from the rock whence we were hewn. I like to think that upon that rock is inscribed such immortal words as "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of happiness." And if you presume to suggest that neither of these "silent marches" seems to have achieved its purpose, I shall remind you of the "sit-ins" initiated by Martin Luther King.

Had I as much money as you have, I should hire a plane Saturday night. It would be equipped for sky-writing. And it would convey a message to all Houstonians arriving at Jones Hall in their Chryslers, Dodges or Plymouths. "To all of you, a most enjoyable evening! St. Joseph Hospital for the Angeles!! Bob Hope for the Birds!

Yours for an increase of understanding,
A Gay Roman Catholic Priest

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OUR ADVERTISERS

From All Over:

Dear "Sir":

"Bad Grammar AND Bad Taste"

It has been my experience, in the last ten years that I have been associated with the "A Group" (have you ever heard a so-called member refer to their friends as that?), as well at B-Z groups, brought about by the fact that I'm a gay girl who actually LIKES DRESSING AND
actually LIKES dressing and has an IQ somewhat above that of a cretin, that the main criticism of my friends comes mainly from people who have been excluded, for various reason, from certain parties. As one queen told me, "I wouldn't go, even if I had been invited."

Houston has been praised by gay people from cities all over the United States for the freedom we have as gay citizens, as well as the fact that the men and women, in certain circles, are friendly and can show up at "necessary" functions. This pattern was started by the "A Group" and has set a pattern which is unique, as far as I know, and certainly has made life more pleasant for me.

I "came out" after college, after dating, and wearing cocktail clothes, etc., and I certainly did not want to stop feeling like a girl, even when I realized my preference. If it had not been for my invitations to parties (later imitated), my life would have had a void. Lynn has been nothing but kind and generous to us, and the only "vindictive" display I've been is that he might not want to invite certain people. I publicdy want to thank Lynn for many marveous, entertaining moments, and I've never been "used" in any way – in fact, many times I felt it was the other way around.

After reading the near slanderous column "The Star Chamber," written openly to slight some and praise others, it is amusing to me to hink that obviously the same person could even accuse others of "vendettas." It took an awfully small man to write that column.

I buy and read most issues of the "nuntius," as it is usually spelled. I couldn't help responding to the incongruousness of these two selections.

I might add, Lynn, that there is no better praise than imitation, and there has been no more imitated man, or group aroudd.

Right on. Lynn – you're still "heavonnnnnn."

u–no–who

(Note: No matter how this is printed, it was spelled right and grammatically correct to start with, which is less than I could say about "Requiem".)

(Miss u-no-who's tendentious letter in aid of the A-Group's meretricious cause has been printed exactly as it arrived in The Nuntius offices. It is printed with the word "marvellous" misspelled as in the original, the poor typing, awkward syntax and in-group neologism. Now we trust Browne Breckenridge will see this letter and behave herself accordingly. Ed.)

The Author of "Mother Goose Tales" also replies:

Yes sweetie, your letter may be well meaning, but it doesn't explain maw's uncalled for bitchmess, rudeness, and unfairness for which he never apologizes.

Dear Phil,

Said I would let you know some information on the young kids and hustlers around Bell and Main.

First, this is a team operation, similar to a well organized company with one/or several older men leading and instructing their wards as to their operative duties in the shake-down racket.

Most of the kids are in their late teens and can one imagine the results of picking one up? Possible jail term but much more than this legal black-mail – especially for the more secure person or someone holding a responsible job.

Much worse, death in some cases which has happened and familar to all. Maimed, mulated, car stolen along with house-hold furnishings etc. If one must solicat these tricks, ask someone about them first, there is always someone near that will know or find out for you.

The time has been taken in secureing the automobile license numbers of the leaders of this crew of young men. If this practice of soliciting and hustling in this area is not stopped, I think it would be a good idea to publish them in future papers.

Comments:

1 – Beautiful article on our under staffed police department.

2 – The G.L. Front is definitely (**RED**) (Have sources) – **Stay Out!**

3 – Why not a more expanded article on drug use and the final results, using known person or persons, some being dead now – some that I know with oral confessions?

Sincerely,

(Name With held)

(Your letter was well received and the staff of the Nuntius will work with you in any way to better conditions for the homophile community.)

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Dear Mr. Frank:

Thank you for your letter of Jan. 15. We are happy to send you back issues of Tangents, and if you wish a copy of the Directory to review in your pages, let us know. We hope you will tell us more about yourself, Nuntius, and any organizations, etc., in Houston. What happened to the group that was there Premetheon Society and the other people that attended a NACHO Conference & then disappeared?

Assuming you get the Advocate, you know the news of this area. We would sound negative since we have been around for over 18 years & spot frauds and merely wait around for them to prove us right. We have seen too many individuals and organizations come and go & too much exploitation to sound "nice." For instance, look at PRIDE, (from whence came the Advocate), look at several Gay Lib groups and leaders, such as Berkeley and Lee Lawrence & Gale Wittington. (see issue in separate envelope) and know that they are no longer to be heard from. Look at Grapevine, Spartan, etc., which print one issue or two & disappear. Look at the people speaking for homosexuals, who are using fake names, no available address, but what kind of respect and understanding will such kooks and closet queens get for us? We alone use the word homosexual, we alone are in the phone book to be found. We were working with Dr. Hooker before most organizations were ever thought of and before most gay libers were born, so we are qualified to speak for the U S Homosexual. We are not impressed by such allies as the Black Panthers & underground papers which only use us to make weird publicity. They never use our press releases, only those of nuts & people who are not even gay, such as transvestites and transsexuals. We believe that we need people who are willing to get a little knowledge, read a little books, do a little work first, and then claim to be leaders and experts in this field. Alpine County was a successful put-on, but look at the nelly faggots who believed it, are willing to run away & hide, etc. Look at the guilt ridden faggots who need a church of their own. There are sick homosexuals, and bums who are gay, etc. But we present the whole of homosexuality. And no one else has, certainly not the people who make money proving we are sick, etc. And we alone spotted the evil horror of what the military does to homosexuals, in or out of service.

Too many homosexuals merely shrug their shoulders and order another drink, and then want our help when they get arrested, get fired, etc. So the homosexual needs education even more than the non-homosexual. No one has come up with a way of doing this yet. The more people who try, the better we all are. So we wish you great success.

Sincerely,

William Edward Glover

Dear Editor:

We would like to express our thanks to all of our friends who have helped us through the difficult times we have had in getting the Kim Gate in shape. We would also like to welcome the new friends and patrons who have joined us, and to invite everyone to come by the Kim Gate and see what we've got to offer.

It's all new to us and we know we've done some things wrong, some things right and we want to make everyone welcome at the Kim Gate. We especially want to thank the kids at the Roaring 60's and La Boheme for their wonderful assistance.

There are some wonderful kids at the Kim Gate, too: California's own "Hello Dolly," Miss Terry Thomas; our very own Latin Bombshell, J. J. Johnson; and our star of many faces, Miss Rainey. They all put on a terrific show and make for a delightful afternoon and evening. Come see them!

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Houston GLF Statement Of Purpose & Demands

HOUSTON GAY LIBERATION FRONT
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND DEMANDS

WE, THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF THE HOUSTON GAY LIBERATION FRONT, DECLARE OURSELVES A POLITICAL GROUP. WE ARE LIBERATING OURSELVES FROM OPRESSION AND SUPPRESSION, BOTH THAT WHICH COMES FROM WITHIN OURSELVES AND THAT WHICH COMES FROM OPPRESSIVE SOCIAL FORCES. WE ARE GAY. GETTING OUR HEADS TOGETHER. LOVING ONE ANOTHER. WE WILL BE FREE.

IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THIS WE REQUIRE:

1. THE RIGHT OF THE GAY TO BE FREE ANYTIME, ANYPLACE.
2. THE RIGHT TO FREE PHYSIOLOGICAL CHANGE AND MODIFICATION OF SEX UPON DEMAND.
3. THE RIGHT TO FREE DRESS AND ADORNMENT.
4. THAT ALL MODES OF HUMAN SEXUAL SELF-EXPRESSION BETWEEN CONSENTING INDIVIDUALS DESERVE PROTECTION OF THE LAW AND SOCIAL SANCTION.
5. THE RIGHT OF EVERY CHILD TO DEVELOP IN A NON-SEXIST, NON-POSSESSIVE ATMOSPHERE, WHICH IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL PEOPLE TO CREATE.
6. THAT A FREE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM PRESENT THE ENTIRE RANGE OF HUMAN SESUALITY, WITHOUT ADVOCATION OF ANY ONE FORM OR STYLE; THAT NO SEXIST RULES AND SEX-DETERMINED SKILLS BE FOSTERED BY THE SCHOOLS.
7. THAT LANGUAGE BE MODIFIED SO THAT NO GENDER TAKE PRIORITY.
8. THAT THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM BE RUN BY THE *PEOPLE THROUGH PEOPLE'S COURTS. THAT* ALL PERSONS BEING TRIED BE TRIED BY A REPRESENTATION OF THEIR PEER GROUP.
9. THAT GAYS BE REPRESENTED IN ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS.
10. THAT ORGANIZED RELIGIONS BE CONDEMNED FOR AIDING IN THE GONOCIDE OF GAY PEOPLE AND ENJOINED FROM TEACHING HATRED AND SUPERSTITION.
11. THAT PSYCHIATRY AND PSYCHOLOGY BE ENJOINED FROM ADVOCATING A PREFERENCE FOR ANY FORM OF SEXUALITY, AND THE ENFORCEMENT OF THAT PREFERENCE BY SHOCK TREATMENT, BRAINWASHING, IMPRISONMENT, ETC.
12. THE ABOLITION OF THE NUCLEAR FAMILY BECAUSE IT PERPETUATES THE FALSE CATEGORIES OF HOMOSEXUALITY AND
13. THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF AND REPARATIONS FOR GAY AND OTHER POLITICAL PRISONERS FROM PRISONS AND MENTAL INSTITUTIONS. THE SUPPORT BY GAY POLITICAL PRISONERS OF ALL OTHER POLITICAL PRISONERS.
14. THAT GAYS DETERMINE THE DESTINY OF THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES.
15. THAT ALL PEOPLE, REGARDLESS OF SEX OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION, SHARE THE LABOR AND PRODUCTS OF SOCIETY.
16. THAT TECHNOLOGY BE USED TO LIBERATE ALL PEOPLE OF THE WORLD FROM DRUDGERY.
17. AN IMMEDIATE END TO MILITARY OPPRESSION BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD.
18. AN IMMEDIATE END TO ALL POLICE HARRASMENT AND BRUTALITY. LAW ENFORCEMENT SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE WILL AND CONTROL OF THE PEOPLE.
19. THE FULL PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT OF GAYS IN THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTION.
20. FINALLY, AN END TO DOMINATION OF ONE PERSON BY ANOTHER.





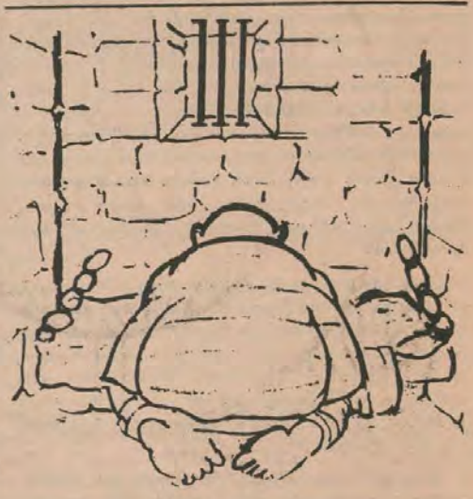
The Gay Guard

After the first four items in this remarkably adolescent exhibition of faulty potty training, the intent of the Statement sinks into utter foolishness, a state of mind which seems peculiar to those who so passionately embrace this sort of pseude-political activism. As with most of the highly anti-intellectual rubbish put forth by most so-called revolutionary groups to-day, the Statement of the Houston GLF is essentially the lunatic world-view of the naughty, the unproductive and the undisciplined.

Sadly, a great deal of the content of this riduculous document could well be expressed in adult form and serve to aid the homophile community. As it is, it is the self-serving expression of a miniscule collection of social misfits and neurotics. Actually, a great deal of the demands made in the GLF document are in force, but no member of the little pack of cabalists who drew this meretricious document up seems to be concerned with historical or present-day facts. Unfortunately, much of the Statement is contradictory and logically impossible. These people also do not seem overly concerned with reality in apprehensible forms, if this preposterous syllabus of demands and purposes is any evidence of their mental equipment.

As for the humanitarian ideals casually thrown into the Statement: Who can disagree with them? They are hardly ideas sprung fresh-conceived from the fevered brains of the GLF group here in Houston, or those of their Black Pantheresque "Peoples Party II" accomplices. Self-appointed saviours have always been tiresome except to the paranoid. And the political positions of some of the items in the Statement are just that: the political positions of what is called the New Left to-day. They are essentially just a collection of half-baked ad hominum statements pretending to a dialectical exposition. Worse they are the resuusitated Leftist political and economic theories of the 19th Century and have been adequately proved false over the years in practical application in every highly developed nation on Earth. The simplist intellects who espouse this discredited stuff have never progressed beyond their oral-fixation stages. Because they refuse to learn from man's history, they are condemned to re-live it. Fortunately for them they reside in a country whose laws permit the public exposition of diverse political, economic and social ideas. In those countries where All Power To The People has become a terrible reality, this sort of anti-social behaviour would be quickly suppressed - - and probably in one of those "People's Courts" the GLF so much admires. If the members of the Houston GLF would get their heads out of MAD comics, The Little Red Book and everything else which so obviously inspires them, and would read the history of Nazi Germany and Communist Russia ("All Power To The People" in both instances, dear brethern!), perhaps wisdom would be given them. At least their abysmal ignorance of the world as it really is would be abated.

Finally, the Houston GLF Statement impales itself upon the horns of a dilema: in its 20th Item, the GLF calls for the end of "domination of one person by another." Just how that precious demand can be achieved given the human condition as it really is. However, the GLF suspends application of an essentially anarchistic ideal when it suits them. Particularly in their goon-squad tactics and their cowardly, anonymous threats to destroy the property and businesses of their fellow gays who do not agree with them. This sort of thing damns them for just what they are: Gay Nazis.



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A View Of The GLF

The Houston Gay Liberation Front recently published and circulated a list of statments entitled STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND DEMANDS. It listed grievences and proposels for change relating to the homosexual in Houston; and, according to the Front, the world. As an individual I disagree with a lot what was written on that piece of paper.

I do not like the word DEMAND, I feel that today in our society militancy is more ignored than listened to; and the homosexual has finally reached a level of tolerance that radical action could destroy; perhaps for a long time. The basic structure of a collective working for its sake demeans the individuality of its members; consequently, the ego and identity are lost or given no recognition. If it seems like I have taken the outcome of a collective body to a extreme, remember that all of history teaches us that classless society has no other alternative. All of this is to show that while the Front has the interest of the homosexual at heart its structure is Marxist and that in itself destroys all the good it hopes to accomplish. We are not involved in a Bolshevic revolution where the people must become a collective to survive; we are instead striving for equality in sexuality. The Front has taken upon itself the task of liberating all people: Blacks, Housewives, Political Dissentors, Mexican-Americans, Indians, etc. I do not believe it is fair for this group of people to call themselves GAY when that is but a small part of their activities.

It seems absurd to me that they wish to support factions that have expressed no concern for gay rights. It seems inconceivable to me that they demand all gays support the 'Peoples Revolution' when in fact there is no central revolution.

The Blacks want political power, the Chicanos want better enviormental conditions, the drug addicts want free morphine, Agnew wants National Unity; and I want a higher standard of living. Which of these is the valid revolution? And more important, by what standard?

Indeed, I agree with a portion of the Front's platform: that there be an end to discrimination against gays soley on the basis of their sexuality. I detest the church for its persecusion of homosexuals. I wish to see the total halt of sexual labels on all

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people where those labels become deterents to their freedom.

But I disagree with the destruction of the family, the church and the democratic system. I refuse to support anialiation of one viewpoint to please another. To all questions there are two sides; yet the Front condones action that is as closeminded and as isolationist as that which it seeks to change.

I work, build, create, and dream of what I want because I both want it and feel it is right for me. Not because the people around me want it or feel it is for their benefit. I am not a part of something greater, I am a single unit and my limnts and goals are set by my personal drive and ambition; not by the collective. These rights are birthrights; and it is because of my love for my own life that I can not accept the anomonity of the collective. It is because the collective would deprive me this that I condemn it.

You deem yourselves a representation of the homosexuals in Houston; yet you are very few in number. We are not brothers nor equals because your philosophy says I can not become greater or more powerful than my brothers. If I attain power I am the supressor. If I attain wealth I am the capialist pig.

I will not let the collective decide my fate. Learn what individual co-existance means and I will accept you. Learn the importance of capitalism and money and ambition and I will fight for you. But try to deprive me of my integrity and my ego and I will try to destroy you.

The Man Who Loves His Life

The Search For Love

LEE VINCENT, Ph.D.

Many times, Man has probably stopped to think of the very reasons for his existence. He has probably committed to paper his goals, ambitions, plans, and wishes, yet somehow he has seldom touched on the very necessities of living.

Love! Oh, how often our writers, poets, and lovers, themselves, have expressed this ephemeral quality in their own words, yet only touched on the perimeter of the subject. We are told that love is something lavished upon us through childhood; and, it is something we cannot live without.

Yet, today, there are some individuals who would price-tag this quality which belongs equally to all men. They deny the right to love to others, merely because their love objects differ. For instance: a "normal" heterosexual man may love a woman, but the homosexual is forbidden to love his, or her, own kind. How, exactly, does this love manifest itself, or differ?

The heterosexual male attends social gatherings of one kind or another; usually meets – and courts – the girl of his choice; eventually marries; settles down and raises a family, all with the blessings of society and his family.

On the other hand, the homosexual male cannot freely mingle with his own kind with similar intentions. This, our law enforcement officials call "soliciting" and, if an approach is made, "lewd conduct." Even if this barrier were to be overcome, the homosexual may want to settle down with his partner. This, in itself, presents enormous difficulties. He locates a house, or apartment which both can share, but this immediately entails a double life to deceive would-be intolerant bigots. From the outset then, the homosexual has many counts against him in the pursuit of his happiness.

While both heterosexuals and homosexuals indulge in relationships of one kind or another, it is obvious that the outcome is not to be the same. The heterosexual's marriage, if it founders, is held together by the children, or at least, the married couple involved has a chance of reconciliation in the long drawn out divorce procedures. However, the lack of a common love object – and the lack of legal unity – is the frequent cause of short-term homosexual "marriages." But, in both cases – hetero- and homosexual – the depth of love is solely dependent upon the individuals concerned.

There is a second way in which the homosexual's love may manifest itself – and one which appears wholly acceptable to our modern society. I refer now to several of our more brilliant authors, artists, physicians, and humanitarians. Through the pressures brought upon them by society, (and by "society" I kindly refer to those among us who consider themselves to Christian and perfect that they can judge the sins of others before rectifying their own) these individuals' love seeks an outlet. These beautiful paintings, great works, and feats of humanitarian endeavor are, in themselves, expressions of love.

There is a very great man I think of most every day. He dedicated his life to the service of mankind. He was acclaimed throughout the world for his selfless contribution to humanity. I wonder how many so-called "normal" people would continue to acclaim him as their hero, if I were to make them aware of his tendencies? Would they learn tolerance? – or crucify him for something he cannot help?

It is said that society creates its own problems. In the case of the homosexual, this is particularly true. One might also hastily add that society never likes to recognize a problem and thus, never tries to solve problems in a sane, logical manner: I find it increasingly difficult to believe, as more and more examples of this are brought to my attention, that we are actually living in the twenth century! The emotional element wrought by public ignorance of facts and prejudice always manages to creep in somewhere along the line. The most society can do at the present time, it seems, is to seek justification for the destruction of the individual man – the nonconformist. And, in doing this, society quotes – and clings to – obsolete laws which were brought into being at a time when the Maid of Salem was tried for witchcraft!

Ah! We have some devout church-goers among us today! Yes, my friends, you may quote the Bible to drive home your point, just as long as I may quote likewise. We are taught in the Scriptures to love all things which God created, and we – as the form of life which God gave the most intelligent and consciousness – should have learned the meaning of love and compassion. But we didn't, obviously. We interpreted the Scriptures – and took the basis of our laws from the Ten Commandments – without considering one's fellow beings, and without differentiating between the criminal and the weak or sick. We take the Ten Commandments – the very basis for our laws – and interpret them whichever way one so desires. Most people do, but I can see no other reason for the great number of legal "experts" today! But, as Emerson has said: (In this case: substituted) "Society believes that by mountains of so-called fact, it can climb into the Heaven of thought and truth . . "

The lay-public is quick to seize upon the child's susceptibility to sexual offenders, and uses this image as a figurhead in its drive to eradicate homosexuals from the face of the earth; and those who take it upon themselves to speak for "public opinion" say that the homosexual is a very dangerous, irresponsible person who molests children, or criminally assults them. By publishing such false statements repeatedly, attention is inevitably drawn from the real offender.

If the homosexual were the type of person so described, I should imagine that the larger percentage of them, including latent homosexuals, who have fathered children, would pack the divorce and criminal courts to capacity! However, the educated people – the psychologists, the physicians, and other high-placed authorities in the field of jurisprudence and criminology – know that child molestation just

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If you want to be a good entertainer in drag it takes a lot more than minicing a record or putting on 3 inch heels and trying not to walk like a truck driver in heat.

It takes time, money, practise, patience; and more patience. Walking out on stage to preform or parade, (as in a contest) should be done with pride but not arrogance. You must have the attitude of 'There You are!, not 'HERE I AM!' You must remember that you are impersonating a woman and that people are spending their hard earned cash to watch you at your art; they should be given their moneys worth and more. The more enriches your popularity and sometimes your pocketbook.

Not everyone will admit it, but the art of female impersonation if fascinating. There are so many things involved in the transformation from John Doe to Jane Doe. Nair, razor blades by the crate, a make-up kit that would put most Hollywood stars to shame; not to mention a bit of ambition and belief in yourself. One of the most important factors is a damn good hairdresser; and let them have their way . . . they've probably been doing hair longer than you've been doing drag.

My career as a drag queen began in the summer of 1967 and ended in the spring of 1970. Each time I stepped out on that stage I learned something new and benificial to what I thought was my destiny. I've worked in two major Texas cities and have even made the jail in high drag.

I attribute my reasons to my quitting; but mainly the pay was redicilous. The bartenders were making more than the entertainers!

My main forte was serious drag and with the help of appreciating audiences and extra work on my part I convinced one narrow minded bar owner that serious drag could be enjoyed and appreciated.

Another reason for my retirement was self-consciousness. Truthfully I realized that I was a boy who liked other boys, so why the hell was I dressing like a girl?

I will admit to missing the applause, recognition and appreciation of audiences; but I don't miss all the arrogance, visciousness, bitching and pure hell of backstage.

A lot of people wouldn't approach a well known preformer because they feel 'He wouldn't go with me – he knows just everybody'. To those individuals let me give this piece of advice: DON'T BET ON IT! Approach one of them sometime and say hello and tell them your name. Don't dwell on the subject of drag, and most important refer to them by their real name. If you don't know – ask someone who does – or better yet, ask the person himself.

Don Wally (Kitty Key)

SEARCH FOR LOVE – Continued

doesn't "fit" with the personality factors of the homosexual. There are a few instances perhaps, but the incidence is even lower than that of child molestation in the "normal" heterosexual counter; part.

The homosexual who chooses to work with children, either as a teacher, counsellor, or physician, usually does so because, to him, this child – or these children – represents the child he was unable to father. He looks upon the child exactly the same as most parents do. Never (and I speak for myself here), NEVER does the thought of physical contact – or sex enter his head. He is with your child for one reason – and only one reason: to give your child a good education, or save the child from disease. As a homosexual who had had to learn to live with an intolerant public, I have learned to be "tolerant." Of course, I am happy, but others share my unhappiness and the pressures of society. However, let me make it quite clear that the homosexual would never wish to have others share his misery by treading the same path he had trod. Few, if any, become homosexual by choice and those that are homosexual would do everything in their power to save any youngster from the terrible derision, loneliness, and hardship which society heaps upon him.

Yes, the love of one man for another can be very strong. It has to be, to sithstand the abuse of an intolerant public. But, it is love; and like love, anywhere, it will continue to exist no matter how severe the penalities imposed by society may become.

It is peculiar of society in a Western democracy that, at a time when all desire to live at peace with our fellow beings in other countries, we cannot even tolerate or sympathize with one of mankind's greatest psychological – or socialogical – problems: the homosexual. We are a nation divided, and will continue to be so, until we realize – all of us realize – that God did not put a price-tag on love, or specify, or discriminate between peoples. And until we realize that we have everything to lose and nothing to gain by demanding that all persons be similar.

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New Orleans: Play Now —Pay Later Plan!

Mardi Gras is just around the bend and only a few costume stitches away. Here is a word of advice, stitch in time, to save you free-loving gays going to New Orleans from trouble. Who likes trouble, especially on holiday? Did you know that that City specializes in it? Here is how the treacherous New Orleans play now, pay later plan works. It is pure and simple – – they want your money – – and following are listed some of the fiendish ways they go about separating you from your money and other things.

The best protection for a gay in New Orleans is being not alone. The worst combination for trouble is going alone into a public tea room especially at the French Market, department stores (Maison Blanche most dangerous), movie houses, and bus stations. If you must go in those particular tea rooms, take a witness with you to prove you are minding your own business. Frequently gays have been arrested who are minding their own business, and as you can imagine, a few straights are caught in that net too. Here is the usual action: A loner victim goes to tea room. A number is already standing there or walks in and stands next, gets erect, and makes flirtatious glances, and plays with himself. If the loner shows the slightest interest or hesitation, whether he touches the provacateur or not, badge is flashed, loner is arrested and up comes a "bystander" duet teamwork vice operator witness. The loner has no witness to prove that he did not do anything, or if he did, that the vice operator initiated the sex play. If loner is not alone, no case takes place. In cases where sex does take place, the operator frequently manages to have a climax before flashing badge. These men are just as sick as their district attorney. Also sick is the New Orleans monopoly newspaper for not exposing the racket for more than 20 years.

After arrest the loner victim is questioned and investigated to determine his financial potential, job and social vulnerability. If he is not a doctor, his name is published in the paper. Charges may be that he was playing with himself (public indecency or such), attempting a "crime against nature," or doing a crime against nature.

If the loner is a little nobody drifter, he is asked to leave town, and nothing happens. But, if he has a job to be lost, has a fortune, has a profession, or is a doctor, he can fasten his seat belts for a bumpy and expensive ride. School teachers usually lose their jobs after the police call their principal but get off with having to pay less money. Doctors and heirs are the plums of the vice squad fruit gathering. Doctors are acceptable by the banking community for personal loans against their future earnings. The New Orleans "vice" squad knows this and prices their freedom accordingly. So the doctors are forced into taking loans. His name is not printed in the paper, and it would interfere with his practice and license and prevent the loan to pay the vice machine off.

Any resemblence to extortion and blackmail is intended, not co-incidental. The top payola this paper has learned directly from a victim has been $12,000. He is a Texan, but there may be larger payolas of which we have not learned. The lowest payola in recent years was $1,200, not counting the little nobodys.

This racket can be broken by organization of the victims, securing badge numbers and proper precautions, public disclosure of officials, federal income tax reports of blackmail etc. Most of the arrests are made in the aforementioned tea rooms: Avoid them like the plague unless you have a witness with you who can testify to the fact that you were not engaged in any illicit conduct. Do not take up with strangers on the street. Keep your auto doors locked when driving alone. Have sex only with people to whom you have been introduced.

New Orleans is continuing to earn its reputation of being decadent. Isn't it an inversion that the amateurs are the victims of the professional law "enforcers?" You may have heard about some countries where the police can't be trusted, and are the last persons to go to when you need help. Well, here it is, right in the good old U.S.A. New Orleans is interesting and colorful, and if you will beware of the local inhumanities and illegalities prevailing, you will be more likely to enjoy your visit there.

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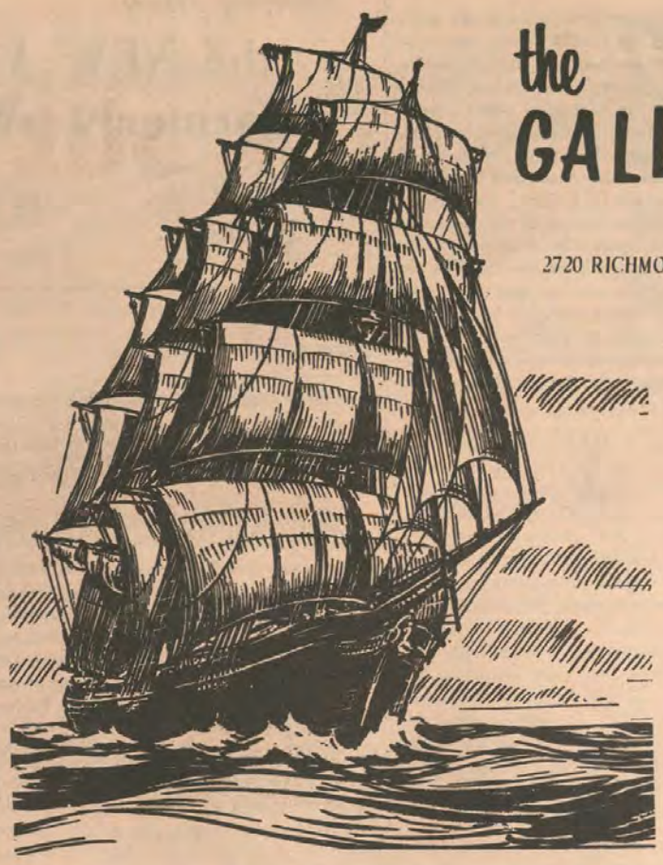
end." While not explaining the obvious problem of a film which purportedly had neither beginning nor end, Officer See did see a number of rears and fronts and considered them, in their homosexual context, to be " . . . appealing to prurient interest." Officer See then defined that term to mean a "morbid" interest in sex, demonstrating at least his developed ability to read dictionaries and to follow the instructions of his superiors. He claimed to be genuinely disturbed by the subject matter of the films; however, defence counsel did not press the matter of its necessary appeal to his own supposed prurient interest as required by the law for conviction. Of course, Officer See's sworn testimony that he was a practising heterosexual was not challenged by defence counsel, either. Rather, defence counsel attempted to impeach Officer See's reliability as the State's one and only "expert" witness (no examples of the so-called obscene films could be introduced into evidence, it seems!) in that as an admitted heterosexual he could not possibly have realised a prurient interest in the films exhibited at the Mini Park Theatre. Judge Treadway disallowed this line of defence, ruling that Officer See was a reliable witness in the matter before the Court. The ramifications of this in Officer See's own life were not pursued further.

ALL THROUGHOUT THE TRIAL both His Honour and the Prosecution made it abundantly clear that the central objection in their minds was to the very idea of homosexuality itself, not just to the alleged obscenity of portraying in simulated fashion in a motion picture acts of homosexual lovemaking. In fact, although the Judge's charge to the jury was marked by a proper restraint of personal feelings about the case matter before them, the Prosecution indulged in a wonderful display of demogoguery, appealing entirely to the jury members' sexual fears and anxieties. The summation of Mr. Hinton stressed principally the vision of horror which insisted upon the spectre of homosexuals running rampant through the community, enticing innocent heterosexuals into the darkness of the Mini Park Theatre for all manner of supposed naughtiness. Mr. Hinton adequately demonstrated his own concern for such goings-on and their effects upon the community to the jury. He was especially fearful of the dreadful vision conjured by himself for the jury's consideration of a previous case in which the sight of the erect penis of a male in similar context was ruled (albeit overturned in the appeal) to be obscene. (Heaven forbid that Mr. Hinton should now move to initiate prosecution of every male above the age of puberty in Harris County on the grounds they frequently exhibit an obscene article! However, when sexual anxiety emerges to submerge healthy sexual motives in human nature, the mind is capable of all manner of mischief. One can only speculate at the marvels of prosecuting every heterosexual for breaking the Texas sodomy laws in Harris County alone if one accepts utterly the reasoning put forth by Mr. Hinton during this trial. One doubts, however, that the District Attorney-'s Office staff could stop sniggering long enough to adequately prepare the cases.)

APART FROM THE FLAGRANT weaknesses at law of the State's case against Mrs. Bryers (who was admittedly a stalking-horse for the real evil-doers connected with the sale and/or exhibition of sexually-oriented material found objectionable under the landmark legal dictum of Common Sense In All Things, as defined by Assistant D. A. Hinton et alle), the major interest to the educated person in this trial was the seeming inability of some to cope rationally with the existence in nature of the homosexual condition. The arguments concerning the harmfulness or lack thereof of pornography are myriad, with the serious, scientific position being heavily weighted in favour of its relative harmlessness for the adult viewer. (See the following article.) At best its interest to the mature adult, secure in his sexual adjustment, is limited and soon begins to bore him. At worst, it is a source of relatively harmless titilation to the less well-adjusted personality, and far preferable in society to anti-social behaviour brought forth by sexual anxieties, such as that most popular crime of the maladjusted heterosexual, criminal sexual assault with rape.



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REGARDLESS OF ANY DRAMATIC appeal to endangered public morality, to outraged public decency, or to threatened public order made by the Prosecution in their handling of this case, the real damage was done to the oft-violated First Amendment of the US Constitution and to the vastly law-abiding homosexual community of Harris County (registered voters, too!). It was not a coincidence that the homosexual movies were chosen as the first case when equally tiresome trash of a heterosexual nature can be found locally in much greater quantity. It was simply easier to appeal to the groundless but deepseated fears of homosexuality inculcated in the average person within our society than to prove the actual legal case against all so-called pornography – – all of which truly exists in the mind of the beholder anyway. In the case of the films being offered at the Mini Park especially, clear and unmistakeable warnings as to their nature were given to the public. No one was coerced into seeing them. and if anyone was seduced into a life of homosexuality after viewing them, serious questions arise about that person's real sexual orientation. You just can't "change" a mature adult from heterosexual preference to homosexual preference overnight. To believe such fairy tales is to accept the indictment that heterosexual life styles are so weak as to permit of instantaneous conversion upon exposure to homosexual forms. That will be the day.

AS FOR THE CHARGE GIVEN to the jury by Judge Treadway, it was a not unusually long, obfuscated legal document, appropriately abstruse to the 6 members (4 white men, one negro man and one negro woman, all alternately sombre-faced and smirking embarrassedly during the proceedings). Although properly delivered in dispassionate style by His Honour and adequately stressing the importance of actual knowledge on the part of the defendant of the nature of the material at question, the histrionics of the Prosecuation fully obscured the meaning of the charge. The State's single objective was to convince the jury that a wave of libidinous horrors would be unleashed upon the community if this vile, pernicious and corruptive homosexual material should be permitted to continue in exhibition at the Mini Park, or anywhere else. They were visited with visions of our youth struggling to get into cinemas just to see what must surely be some of the most tiresome trash yet to emerge from Hollywood and its ilk. The Prosecution also reminded the jury that they should be fearful of what the Press would surely write about them if they failed in their duty to protect Western Civilisation by finding for the defendant.

NO REAL APPEAL WAS MADE to the realities of the law, previous court decisions or other such embarrassing legal impedimentia; but considerable appeal was made, frequently, to the "common sense" of the jury members in striking a blow for universal decency and against, actually, homosexuals. Utter heterosexuality for all was the underlying cause, and it was obvious. The approach of the Prosecution was inflamatory, and it worked. The jury bought the contention that all mankind waited with baited breath to see if they were to be saved from homosexual assault. (Mr. Hinton, in a marvellously inventive mood, created for the delectation of psycholotists and even possibly biologists a hitherto unconceived sexual orientation: "tri-sexual." We await, also with baited breath, to see just what further developments into the murky world of human sexuality Mr. Hinton will essay in future!)

AS THE JURY WAS BEING invested with the charge in the case at hand, the courtroom itself was a sight to behold. It was a picture of relaxed judicial decorum as all manner of folk wandered in and out without regard to the proceedings, as loud noises

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from the hallway interrupted frequently as the doors opened and closed, as the often slovenly manner of the odd entrants caught one's eye, and the incredible sight of the clerk of the court, substituting for the regular clerk, popping his bubblegum added unwittingly to the Alice in Wonderland character of it all. When the Bailiff occasionally called for order in the courtroom, reminding the assembled observers that the Court was indeed in session, one was reminded of the old courtroom scenes of the Amos and Andy Show of days long gone. (As a matter of fact, the only occasion prompting a stern warning from the Bench during this trial was when an aged negro man attempted to place his ragged cap upon his head as he was leaving the Courtroom. Upon being advised that the old man was exhausted after 2 days without sleep, the Court overlooked this breach of propriety.)

It surely must be the most informal courtroom in Harris County!

AFTER THE JURY HAD BEEN sent into retirement to consider their verdict, a cozy scene was enacted in the cafeteria of the County Court House: Judge Treadway, Officer See (the sworn and admitted heterosexual), the Assistant District Attorney Richard Hinton and various associates gathered over coffee, discussing the case. The general consensus of opinion was that the nightmare of smutty material was almost too ghastly to endure if the Jury were to find for the defendant. Doom would be imminent to mankind. And that a pattern, uniform detestation of homosexuality was demonstrated by the company, with considerable fear of the effect gay citizens have on the community without Proper Treatment by those in authority. It was all very enlightening . . . .

Servicemen...

technique in which one man acts rough and tough and the other one sympathizes and tries to "help" the victim.

5. WHAT CAN YOU DO IF AN INVESTIGATION BEGINS ON YOUR BASE?

If you want to protect yourself or some other serviceman who is being investigated, get in touch with a homosexual civil rights group in your area and they will try to get a lawyer to help you. There are about 40 homosexual organizations in the United States in cities like New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Dallas, Washington, Cincinnati, Chicago, Kansas City, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Denver and Seattle. Four large groups are the Mattachine Society of New York the Mattachine Society of Washington (D.C.), the Phoenix Society of Kansas City, and the Society for Individual Rights of San Francisco. The long distance operator will give you the telephone number of these organizations.

6. WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF QUESTIONED?

Remain silent and ask for a lawyer. You have a legal right to refuse to answer any questions. You may ask for a military lawyer to defend you or for a civilian lawyer. However, not any civilian lawyer will do.. He should be familiar with military law and be willing and able to handle your case effectively. Probably over 90% of men convict themselves through confessions when the authorities do not have sufficient evidence for a case. There is no need for you to do the prosecutor's work for him. Remember that the investigators do not have your best interests at heart. Beware their friendly advice. After a confession is signed there is little a lawyer can do to help you.

7. WHY, THEN DO MEN CONFESS AND NAME OTHERS?

Because most people are used to answering questions when they are asked them. Because a refusal to answer would seem to be an admission of guilt in itself. Because men are ashamed of their sexual preferences instead of being self-respecting.. Because they lack the moral courage and stamina to stand up under great pressure. Because they believe false threats or false promises.

When it comes to incriminating others the chief difficulty is that America's homosexual community has not yet developed a sense of solidarity and of mutual responsibility. But you should remember that about 40% of all servicemen have engaged in homosexual acts for which they might be discharged and that, according to the best statistics we have, about 10% of them are predominantly homosexual in their sexual orientation. For this reason alone, the policy of excluding homosexuals from the services is totally unenforceable. Moreover, if it could be effectively enforced it would reduce the nation's military strength so drastically that it would have to be dropped.

8. WHAT REASONS DO THE SERVICES GIVE FOR EXCLUDING HOMOSEXUALS?

It is frequently claimed that (a) homosexuals are security risks because they are subject to blackmail, (b) homosexuality is the manifestation of a severe personality defect, (c) homosexuals form cliques, (d) homosexuals are criminal and immoral persons who contaminate others and discredit the service, or (e) homosexuals impair military morale and discipline. However these arguments do not hold water, as a moment's reflection will show. (a) First, it is the service regulations themselves which create the major blackmail problem. Without them, unmarried homosexuals would be less vulnerable to blackmail on sexual grounds than married heterosexuals. (b) The preponderant opinion among biologists, anthropologists, sociologists, and clinical pyschologists is that homosexuality is not a sickness. Psychiatric opinion is divided on the subject, but the sickness theory is now strongly challenged as merely a modern rationalization of ancient moral and religious prejudices. (c) Any minority group – – Catholics, Masons, Jews, Negroes, Rotarians, etc. may form cliques. The thing to do is to break up the clique, not to exclude the minority from service. (d) The American Law Institute favors dropping the laws against homosexual relations between consenting adults in private. One state (Illinois) has already made this change. American religious groups are now beginning to support law reform and some are now seriously questioning the view that homosexual conduct is immoral. (e) Undoubtedly there are a few men who are upset by the presence of homosexuals just as others are upset by Negroes or Jews. But it is at least arguable that homosexuality (like heterosexuality) may on balance contribute positively to military morale. Finally, homosexuality is an offence against discipline only because military regulations make it one.

THIS IS ALSO A CIVIL RIGHTS PROBLEM . . .

MILITARY POLICY MUST BE CHANGED!

America's 40 million homosexuals form one of the nation's largest minorities. To condemn this group to prison, to harass it through questionable police tactics, and to exclude it from public employment is foolish and inequitable. As far as military performance goes, statistics show that over 98% of homosexuals serve without difficulties on the score of their sexual preferences. Many have served with distinction. Present military policy is ill-advised, unenforceable, unjust, and discriminatory, and should be changed. Witch hunts should be stopped immediately, and anonymous or malicious accusations against servicemen or women ignored. As in civilian life, laws against homosexual relations between consenting adults in private should be regarded as dead letters until they are repealed. Only in those rare instances where force or coercion is used should homosexual conduct be a matter of concern for military authorities.

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THE NUNTIUS has had a number of telephone calls, letters and personal requests for any possible information concerning religious assistance or counselling available to Houston's gay community. Accordingly, THE NUNTIUS has met with some religious leaders and we will be most happy to refer anyone contacting us to them.

There are probably some 200,000 gay people in metropolitan Houston and probably most of them have been brought up or are being brought up in a religious training. Most of them will surely suffer the unpleasantness usually visited upon the homosexual by the various churches during their lives, either directly or indirectly. Most of them will also probably continue to recognise a profound need in their lives for religious expression, regardless of the rejection by their churches.

Fortunately, a number of churches are slowly, haltingly beginning to understand the fuller meaning of the injunction to Love Thy Brother. More and more priests and ministers and rabbis are not so quick to consider the homosexual as damned in the sight of a heterosexual God. It is to these enlighted ministers of God alone that THE NUNTIUS will refer anyone honestly seeking religious assistance or counselling.

There are some Roman Catholic and Anglican (Episcopolian) priests here who are most sincerely interested in ministering to the gay community. Among the Protestants there is now a group here who are interested in forming a branch of the Metropolitan Community Church if enough gays can be found to support it. Although THE NUNTIUS has of this time not had any contact with any Jewish rabbis, should they contact us we shall be glad to refer gays of the Jewish faith to them if they are sincerely interested in helping the Jewish gay person. All enquiries should be addressed to THE NUNTIUS or telephoned to us. THE NUNTIUS will treat all enquiries as confidential communications when requested.

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I have seen a situation grow whereby three indictments have been issued to appear in court for the burning and destruction of Gay private clubs in Houston. I've deVeloped a personal association with the abovementioned people. Of my concern they contain in themselves mutual respect towards themselves and their fellow man. To the recourse of these words, Why indictments?

It matters to the extreme that testimony which is being countercharged, and liable as perjury, brought these indictments about. A fellow bar owner, who will shortly be in court for nonpayment of debts to The Palace Club in excess of $3,000.00 testified detrimentally to authorities in Houston. And ex-partner in Dallas club operations, who also has debts to The Palace Club, in excess of $1,000.00, for non-payment of a personal loan, testified deterimentally to authorities in Houston.

Insurance companies listen avidly to testimony of these people, they have to, especially if it's detrimental to whom the insurance company is liable. Defamation of character? I think so. Perjury? Who knows? One can only see from courtroom decisions.

I warmly treasure good friends, but not to the aspect of seeing animosity trow to this extent. As far as I am concerned, The Palace Club stands for the good of Houston. It was rebuilt in Houston for the good of its people and stands as a compliment to the Gay Community for anyone on Earth to enjoy. To put forth effort to better oneself first and/or an establishment secondly, is what my ideals of mutual respect for one another in description would be.

I very much appreciate the opportunity to express myself.

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CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS TO BLAME FOR PORNOGRAPHY EXPLOSION

by BENITA HART

America's religions and cultural leaders are responsible for the wild pornography craze that is sweeping the country.

By forcibly putting down the average person's natural and healthy interest in sexy literature they have unwittingly spawned a slobbering, sex-starved, filth-craving monster that has finally broken out of its cage and gone after the long forbidden fruit.

America's Unnatural Obsession With Sex

Will We Ever Grow Up?

And it's no surprise to the sex experts. As psychologists Drs. Phyllis and Eberhard Kronhausen, whose book **"Pornography and the Law"** is considered a classic in the field, point out: **when artists and writers are forced by social pressures to "deny and falsify life", and to "exclude, minimize and distort the sexual elements" in it, pornography, as part of a "basic rebellion against the social suppression" is the inevitable result.**

Nowhere can that be seen more clearly than in the book *industry where nakedness and sex are big business*—and the offerings from the smut peddlers get filthier every week.

What used to come in plain brown wrappers—books with titles like "Going All the Way", "The Sensuous Woman", and "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex"—today are not only openly displayed on the shelves of every bookstore, but are runaway best sellers.

Bookstore employes, mostly women, take a very tolerant attitude toward what one observer called their "trafficking in trash". They figure if the public wants smut, it's not the bookseller's business to get holier-than-thou about it. They're there to sell books—and that's what they do.

The attitude of Faith Parrish, assistant manager of a Phoenix, Arizona, bookstore, is fairly typical.

"There are books over there on that fiction table by well-known authors that are so filthy they make me sick to my stomach," she says, **"but they are put out by a good publisher, they are done by a so-called well-known author and that sort of thing, so it's none of my business."**

One of her clerks shrugs and adds, **"People are very interested in reading that type of book."**

The swing to a wide-open and unashamed interest in sex on the part of so many Americans puzzles many of us. Yet experts like the Kronhausens find it a perfectly natural development in view of our long-standing tradition of Puritanism and sexual prudishness.

"Every society gets the pornography it deserves," say the Kronhausens. "If much of what meets the eye on the American market of 'hard-core obscenity' is worthless and offensive, we may look for the causes of this in our censorial, sex-suppressive attitudes."

America's pornography is pretty strong stuff. The worst of it is distributed by a nationwide network of "adult" bookshops (most of which charge $1.00 just to come in and look around). Their offerings amaze the unsophisticated: picture books of naked men, naked women, naked boys, naked blacks, naked whites, naked people alone, naked people all together, naked people doing what comes naturally, naked people doing unnaturally.

J.K. de Groot, a staff writer and sex investigator for the Miami Herald recently wrote an article on the subject and said "nakedness is an adult thing"—which is why adult bookstores carry signs on the doors which read "You must be 21 to enter."

During his investigations de Groot discovered books on nakedness and sex ranging in price from $3 to $25. They included adult novels about wife-swapping, lesbianism, homosexuality, perverse sex practices, sex with animals, sex with machines, motorcycle gang sex, and "pseudo-manuals on how to do it, completely illustrated."

Most of the bookstores he checked out also sold kinky adult items like whips, costumes, plastic genitals, pills to awaken sex desire, and topless shoeshines ($2.00).

Legitimate bookstores don't go in for whips and other way-out items—but their counters still reflect America's obsession with sex. Consider these fiction and nonfiction best *sellers:*

"Myra Breckinridge" is the story of a man who undergoes a sex-change operation and then proceeds to live, as a woman, one of the bawdiest lives ever put in print.

"The Man Chasers" is a 331-page excursion into sex that includes one smutty dream and 18 explicitly sexual acts, an average of roughly one every 18 pages.

"The Sensuous Woman" promises to teach the reader how to turn her body "into an erotic instrument" and come to climax "as many as thirty times in one evening". It includes, among other things, "explicit step-by-step instructions for performing the most popular sex acts" (like masturbation, anal sex and orgies).

"Portnoy's Complaint" is a long rambling probe into the tortured mind of a man who is hung up on masturbation as a means to sexual gratification.

Biggest of the big sexual blockbusters is **"Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex—But Were Afraid to Ask".** It has sold nearly half-a-million hardcover copies at $6.95 each, and was written by a 36-year-old psychiatrist, Dr. David Reuben, who also turns a nice profit ($60 an hour minimum to $125 maximum) on his busy San Diego practice.

According to Dr. Reuben, all the people who buy his book are looking for something they never got from their parents, other sex books, or the kind of erotic material one picks up in adult bookstores.

According to Look magazine, Dr. Reuben gives **"a lot of straight (and funny) answers to a lot of straight questions. Example: 'What is frigidity?' 'Frigidity is the word used to describe impaired sexual feeling in women . . . and was probably coined by a man.' and 'What do homosexuals really do with each other?' 'An almost unbelievable variety of ingenious things.'"**

Also according to Look, Dr. Reuben's book contains a lot of things some people **"would just as soon not know"** but Look admits **"it is still fun to read."**

Respectable Bookstores Are Forced To Sell Smut Or Go Out Of Business

Books Are So Sexy Some Stores Charge Admission To Just Browse Around

On a different plane altogether are certain newspapers which cater to weird sex appetites. There is, for example, Candid Press, which bills itself as "America's largest selling humor weekly". Candid Press's editors make no bones about cashing in on the sex boom. Its columns—"Dirty Books in Review" and "Sex Offenses (Selected at random from police files around the world)" — and articles, "The Etiquette of Removing Milady's Underpants", "Ding-Dong Dwarf—the Story of a Sex-Crazed Music Teacher", "Nautical Nookie!" can only be read, as its editors frankly suggest, "for cheap thrills".

Other cheap thrills can be found in papers like "Justice" (aimed at people who get their sex kicks from spanking, flogging, humiliation, and slavery) and "Screw" which specializes in bringing its readers full-front views of males in various sexual postures.

In the magazine field there are, as always, the girly books which go further with nakedness and sex than ever before. There are also the more sophisticated and intellectually pretentious magazines like Playboy which bring sex to their readers in a less explicit and presumably less offensive way—but which are still pretty amazing by the standards of 10 or 15 years ago.

Those standards have changed markedly as one court battle after another has seen the enemies of censorship knock down old rulings restricting the sexual content of material which could be sold to the public.

At one time the courts considered themselves guardians of public morality. They felt an obligation to protect the weakest and most vulnerable members of society from their own baser impulses and desires, which might be awakened by pornographic literature.

The rule of thumb was—if it will warp a young and impressionable, or sick and unstable mind, it should not be sold, especially if it didn't cost much.

Even expensive, hardcover novels had to include what the courts had termed "redeeming social content" if they expected to pass the police censor's grim scrutiny.

Gradually, however, court rulings reflected another idea: that if a given novel, newspaper, magazine, etc. reflected—as the Supreme Court put it—"contemporary community standards" as seen by the "average person" then it was not obscene.

Apparently thinking along the same lines, the American Law Institute, a body of judges and lawyers which devotes itself to making suggestions for restating and bringing the law up to date, arrived at a similar conclusion as to what constitutes pornography, and based its position on the following reasoning:

"Everybody," stated the Institute paper on the subject, **"is subject to two conflicting forces: sexual drives, sexual curiosity on the one hand and universal repression of that on the other hand. This creates a certain sense of shame, of embarrassment, or wrongness that sexual aspects of our life involve; and people who want to make a living by 'rubbing that sore' we say are out of bounds."**

Such opinions, coming from the most respected legal thinkers in the country helped create an anything—goes attitude among writers and publishers. The result was a flood of obscene and near-obscene written material which got freer and wilder every day.

Just so long as an opening chapter contained a moral argument or indicated that the reader could learn a lesson about life from the book, the old "redeeming social content" standard was met.

And as more and more blatantly erotic materia. with their little moral lectures slipped past the censors, more and more Americans got used to the idea that hitherto forbidden things were fit subject for the book racks and newsstands.

So in the natural course of things, community standards changed—as a direct result of the increasing availability of pornographic books and magazines.

The smut merchants couldn't have been happier —and it was impossible for them to lose. It was only a matter of time before their offerings became "respectable".

Who buys pornography? If you figure the people who put out their hard-earned cash for erotic books, newspapers, and magazines are sick, sick, sick — you've got a surprise coming.

Every scientific inquiry into the subject has come up with this picture of the typical hard-core pornography buyer: **he's a college educated married male in his 30s or 40s, who is above average in both income and social position.**

High-Income College Grads Are The Nation's Biggest Buyers Of Pornography

Sex experts say men buy pornography to masturbate by or to arouse them to performance with a partner. Dr. Eberhard Kronhausen refers to pornography as "psychological aphrodisiacs" which is probably as good a label as any. The point being that the purpose of dirty books is usually sexual stimulation. As publisher J.W. Erlich says: **"It is not true that nice people don't react physiologically to pornography. The truth is they do. Pornography stimulates sex feelings in perfectly normal healthy people."**

Most of the experts from Dr. Kinsey on down have claimed that women are not usually stimulated by erotic material. Kinsey found that 77 percent of males are sexually aroused by nude photos, sexual descriptions, etc. but only 32 percent of his female subjects reacted the same way.

Dr. Joyce Brothers, the well-known psychologist and counselor, believes that **"feminine distaste for pornography is not simple prudishness"** but a result of the fact that most women just aren't aroused by visual erotica, at least not in our society.

"Women, it seems," says Dr. Brothers, **"need touch, physical contact before they become sexually aroused. They also want to surround themselves with some element of mystery and romance. They wish to be courted before the act and adored after it."**

Yet not all the experts agree. Some people insist that women can be aroused by pictures and the written word—and they're betting their investment dollars on it.

A magazine that has committed itself to a belief in the basic sexuality of women is Cosmopolitan. Cosmopolitan started out around the turn of the century as a dignified women's magazine and maintained that image for decades. Its old-time readers would undoubtedly be shocked were they to pick the magazine off the stands today.

Editor Helen Gurley Brown (who helped kick off the sex craze several years ago with a best-selling book titled **"Sex and the Single Girl"**) believes that modern young women are every bit as interested in sex as men, and she's fashioned a slick new sexy version of Cosmopolitan to fit her theory.

The magazine has carried such articles as **"Magical Love Exercises", "Sexual Politics", "Body Language" (sex signals), "All You Need to Know About Pregnancy and Abortion"** and **"Would You Rather Be His Wife Or His Mistress?"**

Cosmopolitan hardly qualifies as pornography in this free-and-easy age but it is certainly unusual in its sex-is-fun and let's-have-lots-more-of-it approach to female readers.

It is certainly not surprising that even respectable magazines and dignified book publishers are getting in on the sex craze. Public opinion is moving so rapidly in the direction of permissiveness that even the government is bending.

On September 30, 1970, the Federal Commission on Obscenity and Pornography published what critic Stanley Kauffman termed "a revolutionary document", the central statement of which read:

"The commission recommends that federal, state and local legislation prohibiting the sale, exhibition or distribution of sexual materials to consenting adults should be repealed."

Said Kauffman: **"No one in his right mind would have predicted as recently as 1960 that a federal commission would make such a recommendation only 10 years later."**

Of course, the commission's report is not law, and may never become law, but it is certainly a strong indication of the direction Americans are going sexually.

Many social critics call it a healthy development. They believe that once the puritanical wrappings are thrown off for good, Americans, like most Europeans, will be, in the long run, less excited by naked bodies, will purchase fewer pornographic books and pictures, attend fewer sex shows, and require less exotic stimulants to do what is, after all, a perfectly natural act.

Such a development may lead to more love and less sex in our relationships with each other. If it really does work out that way, most of us could only applaud.

NEXT WEEK'S INSTALLMENT of America's Unnatural Obsession With Sex tells about the weird cults and clubs that are springing up all over the country to give voice to the nation's new form of sexual expression. It will deal with witchcraft, Playboy Clubs, wife-swapping clubs and hippie orgies

The homosexual clergyman

If he is honest with his 'straight' congregation, will he be found acceptable – or told to 'get lost'?

By LESTER KINSOLVING

Homosexuality is "coming out" (out in the open, that is) in the field of religion.

A new denomination especially for homosexuals was pioneered in Los Angeles by a homosexual clergyman of the United Church of Christ, and has since then been established in major cities throughout the United States.

An increasing number of clergy (both homosexual and heterosexual) are officiating at "marriages" of both male and female homosexuals.

This has evoked the expressed concern of the Vatican's daily newspaper L'Osservatore Romano. In an article entitled "Marriages Against Nature," theologian Gino Concetti conceded that "authorities may grant authorization sooner or later." But, he added, "Neither scientific nor juridical progress will be able to modify the nature of things, changing the establishment of marriage, which has as two protagonists two people of a different sex."

On the other hand, a Catholic teacher in England, Sebastian Helmore, has suggested a brief religious service for blessing the vows of homosexuals:

"Do you (name) give yourself wholly to (name), reserving for him (her) alone all your love, as long as he (she) shall ask for it?"

To which they reply by reciting the following:

"I vow to you that I shall ever love you alone, that I shall ever remain faithful to you and that never abandoning you I shall remain by you in all circumstances in which it shall please God to place us."

At Cambridge University, Anglican theologian Norman Pittenger has proposed a code of ethical conduct for homosexuals: 1) Never try to seduce or coerce an unwilling person — most especially a younger person. 2) Try to confine any such sexual activity to a love relationship, rather than as a means to sexual gratification. 3) Never engage in acts distasteful to the other person.

Dr Pittenger also urges the homosexual "not to permit his condition and drive to alienate him from help he can receive from participation in the life of any religious community."

Such advice has been taken seriously in the establishment of a Gay Student Union at one of America's leading theological seminaries, century-old Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, Calif.

"We have no reason to believe that Jesus was 'straight,'" contends the Union's co-founder, graduate student Nicholas Benton, "Two of the greatest love stories in the Bible concern David and Jonathan and Jesus and John. Besides, the Bible allows for both homosexuals and heterosexuals: it says 'Be fruitful — and multiply'!"

At an open meeting to discuss the subject (which drew one of the largest crowds in the recent history of the interdenominational seminary), Benton affirmed that "homosexuality is rampant among ministers and seminarians . . . it just boggles the mind to imagine what would become of the Church, even Christian theology, if all homosexually-oriented clergy were to cast off their repressions and become sexually free!"

The Rev Dr Robert Fitch, professor of Christian ethics, responded that "homosexuality can fit into a lot of institutions, but the parish ministry is not one of them. I recall the havoc created by a homosexual chaplain aboard a World War II troopship."

Dr Fitch also cited "classical Athens, an intrinsically homosexual society; nowhere has the position of women been so low." He went on to mention the observations of *New York Times* drama critics Taubman, Kerr and Kauffman, in their having noted "the homosexual takeover of the American theatre."

"Since homosexuality does not reproduce itself," concluded Dr Fitch, "it must recruit."

"We don't recruit," rebutted Professor James Sorrells of nearby Starr-King Unitarian seminary (who identified himself as "a clinical psychologist and a practicing homosexual". "Straight guys are a drag in bed!"

However horrifying to some church members is such public identification of homosexuality within ranks of clergy or seminarians, such candor can provide one distinct benefit. For just as the growing number of homosexual congregations would feel betrayed if their pastor concealed his heterosexuality (and, once installed as pastor, began denouncing homosexuality from the pulpit), so "straight" congregations deserve similar honesty from any clergyman they consider retaining as pastor.

Not all straight congregations would automatically disqualify a homosexual clergyman. For in such an honest relationship, there would appear to be no more reason why a homosexual clergyman would try to seduce than would a clergyman who is heterosexual.

San Francisco Chronicle

Homophile Couple

Jack Baker

&

Michael McConnell

Jack Baker and Michael McConnell, both 28, are homosexuals. They share a flat with another male couple in a shabby Minneapolis neighborhood near the University of Minnesota, where Baker is a second-year law student. "As far as Jack and I are concerned," says McConnell, "our relationship is just like being married."

Sex researchers are beginning to realize that homosexual behavior can be as varied as heterosexual conduct. Not all homosexual life is a series of one-night stands in bathouses, public toilets or gay bars (those queer, mirror images of the swinging-singles straight scene). Some homosexuals – a minority – live together in stable, often long-lasting relationships, like Baker's and McConnell's.

"We met at a 'barn party' at the University of Oklahoma where I was a student," says McConnell. "In June 1968, we moved in together." McConnell comes from Norman, home of the University of Okalhoma. His father is a barber there. McConnell had declared himself a homosexual at 19, "although I knew for years before exactly what I was." A pharmacy student for four years, he switched to the library school because of his first lover, a librarian with whom he had lived for five years. McConnell now has a masters in library science.

"My mother couldn't care less what I am," says McConnell, "She has another son, three daughters and nine grandchildren. She tells me: 'You're our son and we love you. We only hope you'll be happy.' My parents kiss and hub Jack like they do me."

Baker experienced a more difficult life. He was the youngest of ten children; his mother died when he was five, and his father, a year later. He grew up with a brother and two sisters in a Catholic boarding school just outside Chicago. There, Baker had fleeting homosexual experiences. In college, he interrupted his studies to serve four years in the Air Force and received a degree in industrial engineering from the University of Oklahoma; later he got a masters in business administration from Oklahoma City University.

"The only thing a homosexual owes his family is to keep them from learning the truth via the grapevine, through gossip," says Baker. "I have lived this life secretly for 15 years, and I'm tired of being a hypocrite. On Thanksgiving Day, 1969, I assembled my eight living brothers and sisters and told them. My eldest brother took it badly – he said he never wanted me in his house again – but thank God I told them. You have an obligation to live life as you see fit."

Baker's strong feelings brought him notoriety and some grief. Last year, after moving to Minneapolis to go to law school on the GI Bill, he got the idea of applying with McConnell for a marriage license. This, he says, was no grotesque form of exhibitionism. "Straight and gay people both ask us why we can't live together quietly and not cause trouble," says Baker. "The answer is simple: we want equal rights – whatever heterosexuals have, we want too." Baker notes that married people get a tax break and the extra protection of law in matters of inheritance and property. He says: "If I'm going to pay taxes, I want the same benefits."

At present, homosexual marriages are not recognized anywhere, although some marriage ceremonies are said to have been performed. In Minneapolis, the Hennepin County attorney said that a marriage license shouldn't be issued to the pair because this would "result in an undermining and destruction of the entire legal concept of our family structure in all areas of law." A county judge backed the decision, but Baker is appealing, "all the way to the Supreme Court if necessary."

The publicity resulted in trouble. McConnell had been offered an $11,000-a-year job as a university librarian. But when the Minnesota regents heard of the license application, they hurriedly canceled the offer. The Minnesota Civil Liberties Union then got a Federal judge to rule that "a homosexual is, after all, a human being" and entitled to a public job unless his sex life interferes with his work. But the regents are appealing this cecision, and until the verdict comes in McConnell is working at a variety of badly paid odd jobs.

In many respects, the Baker-McConnell household is like that of any young marrieds except that there is no male-female role-playing. Neither is a limp-wristed sissy. "I do the dishes," says Baker, "because I cook better than Jack."

Expenses are usually split four ways between Baker, McConnell and the young architect and lawyer who share the pad. Baker, as befits a man with a business degree, keeps the financial records in a stenographer's notebook, and keeps an eye out for bargains in the supermarkets.

Sounding like many another aggrieved spouse, McConnell admits they have their disagreements. "You can't see Jack's face at breakfast," complains McConnell. "It's always hidden behind a newspaper." Baker is also hooked on television news. When he comes home from school in the early evening, he watches several news shows while doing Air Force exercises and while eating his dinner.

Their architect roommate has made a lot of the furnishings himself from inexpensive materials, and the apartment looks neat and stylish. On the upper floor, Baker has an office, stuffed with hundreds of file jackets, where he does a lot of his studying. Down below, the architect has his drawing board.

McConnell and Baker describe their social life as "integrated" sexually. "On Friday and Saturday nights, we go either to a gay or a straight bar," says Baker. When they socialize in the gay world, they remain "essentially faithful" to one another, although Baker claims that "fidelity is a heterosexual standard, it doesn't fit in the gay world."

Baker says they "have straight friends, particularly student couples. We insist that our friends accept us as equals when it comes to our touching, necking, etc." However a straight friend who says he is weary of such defensiveness complains: "Hell, you don't see anybody else necking at parties."

Baker is a founder of FREE: Gay Liberation of Minnesota, an accredited campus organization. He and McConnell attend weekly meetings with the 70 active members at the Student Union (apparently

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EDITORIAL
Houston GLF & Peoples Party II

Elsewhere in The Nuntius appear articles concerning the Houston Gay Liberation Front. We think it is important for the Gay Community in Houston and in Texas to have a fuller understanding of the GLF, its activities, its goals and its roots.

The Houston Gay Liberation Front, by its own "Statement of Purpose and Demands," openly demonstrates its Marxist orientation, complete with the usual communist jargon and slogans peculiar to this type of activist organisation. And make no mistake about it: The GLF is Marxist. Their activities to date here have been limited to picketing of a gay bar, issuing anonymous threats against the persons and property of some gay businessmen, and The Nuntius, and recruitment. Their goals, as stated, are nothing less than the destruction of the United Stated of America and the imposition of an elitist dictatorship in classic communist fashion. This would involve the slaughter of those "enemies of the people" and the stealing of their property so familiar to us all. All Power To The People always means Total Repression Of Everyone But An Elite. The GLF roots are sunk deep in the treasonous world of tightly organised communist obedience, masquerading as a liveration and/or anarchist movement.

Symptomatic of the Houston GLF is its public affiliation with the local Black Panther organisation, Peoples Party II. The Black Panthers nationally are a revolutionary group numbering about 1000 armed black militants who have until now depended for financial support on the well-meaning, guilt-ridden and naive white liberals. Now, since the release of Panther leader Huey P. Newton, the Panthers are adopting a two-fold programme of money raising: the college lecture circuit and old fashioned Bolshevik "expropriation" through robbery and burglary. Mr. Newton's college tours are being arranged by an old-line communist with experience in student-organising. The robberies and burglaries are being handled by the Panthers' new underground organisation under the over-all direction of Mr. Huey Newton.

This underground section of the Black Panthers operates in isolated units of two or three Panthers. In the past four months members of this underground section have been arrested and charged with fifteen separate robberies and burglaries all across the country, including Dallas.

The college tours are being set up through a-front outfit, incorporated in New York State as Stronghold Consolidated Productions, Inc. This way a university may write a cheque out to a seemingly respectable front without the onus of a cancelled cheque transferring student activity funds to the Black Panthers. It isn't original but it works. However, these lecture tours are only a temporary expedient for the Panthers and their accomplices. Their real thrust now is using their new underground section in the inner city, where fund raising is conducted according to the dictums of Chairman Mao: through the barrel of a gun.

The Nuntius, and we believe the vast majority of the Gay Community, rejects this criminal and treasonous activism. We know it can only bring terrible suffering upon the Gay Community, and will accomplish nothing lasting by way of justice and dignity to the millions of Gay citizens of this country. God knows the Gay citizen has a long way to go before his rights as a human being are fully enjoyed, and it will take time. Fortunately, through legal means, our goals have begun to be achieved. But to associate with these people is to fall from twilight back into darkness.



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inactive are the several thousand homosexuals, according to Baker's estimate, among the 43,000 students). Tuesday nights he and McConnell go to gay dances in the Union, where men dance with men, women with women, and sometimes men even dance with women.

A Catholic all his life, Baker continues to receive Communion at the university's Newman Center chapel, where he and McConnell, a Southern Baptist, like the simple guitar Masses. One Sunday, Baker stunned the worshipers during a sermon about the openness of Christ in accepting people when he asked the priest: "Do you feel that if two people give themselves in love to each other and want to grow together with mutual understanding, that Jesus would be open to such a union if the people were of the same sex?" There was a shocked intake of breath around the chapel. The priest hesitated a long moment and finally answered: "Yes, In my opinion, Christ would be open."

Adult Library Sues Feds

Attorney Mel Friedman has filed a lawsuit on behalf of Michael T. Anthony, doing business as The Adult Library in connection with the seizure by Federal authorities of printed material shipped to the bookstore. The material, allegedly obscene, was siezed after a carton containing some of the shipment broke open at a Delta Airline freight office, revealing the contents. The material allegedly deals with explicit sex acts. The Adult Library claims to be a private club for buyers of "protected press materials."

U. S. District Judge Woodrow Seals had earlier issued a warrant allowing agents to sieze the entire shipment. Judge Seals also set the showcause hearing to allow The Adult Library and the shipper, Potomac News Co. of Washington, D. C. to protest the siezure. Potomac had not been served with the original warrant. Judge Seals said he would keep the siezed material in his chambers until a hearing could be held.

In his lawsuit, Mr. Friedman prays the Court to throw out the two Federal statutes that forbid mailing or sending obscene materials in interstate shipment. The suit argues that the statutes create "universal censorship by the Government over the Press, contrary to the Bill of Rights." The lawsuit names as defendants US Attorney-General John Mitchell; Will Wilson, Assistant Attorney-General of the United States who is head of the criminal section of the Department of Justice; Anthony J. P. Farris, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas.

The lawsuit is an action which seeks a declaratory judgment that the search & siezure of the press materials involved was an illegal, unconstitutional search and siezure in violation of the Plaintiff's rights under the First, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Amendments to the US Constitution and further that such siezure violated the Plaintiff's rights in that it was a taking of property without due process of law. The lawsuit also seeks the return of the press materials siezed by the Federal agents.



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GLF & Friends Picket Red Room

On Saturday evening, the 23rd of January, a group of people estimated at about 25 persons including some children about 8 years old picketed the Red Room Lounge demanding that the Red Room serve negroes. The picket line was peaceful and after sending cokes out for the children, the manager of the lounge, Mr. Happy Day, invited the leaders of the GLF organised picket line into the lounge to discuss their demands. As a result of the discussions the Red Room Lounge agreed to serve negro patrons in future. Prior to the picketing, Pacifica radio telephoned the Red Room to tell them of the proposed demonstration and asked for a statement.

Before meeting with the leaders of the picket line, who had previously refused to sit down and discuss their demands with the Red Room management, several persons in the picket lines were asked if they were gay. They declined to say, prefering only to say that they were members of the Houston GLF. It was obvious to witnesses that most of the persons in the picket line, which included at least one negro male, were not gay.

On consenting to serve negroes in the Red Room the management reserved the right to refuse service to anyone not properly conducting himself on the premises.

While discussing with the GLF leaders their demands, Houston Police officers were summoned to the location by the owner of the property unknown to the lounge manager. However, no arrests were made at the request of the management and no violence occured as a result of the picketing.

On Sunday evening following a representative of the Houston GLF met with one of the owners of the La Caja Lounge to present the same demands. The La Caja, which has hired negro entertainers and served negro patrons in the past, was not picketed. When this newspaper telephoned the La Caja and spoke to one of the owners, we were informed that he wanted no mention of his bar whatsoever made in this newspaper and that he expected no trouble with the GLF group because of the past policy of the La Caja Lounge about serving negroes. The GLF seemed ignorant of this policy until advised of it.

Metaphysics & Occultism

The phenomenon of increased interest nowadays amongst all sort of people in the arcane sciences & arts has been noted by all manner of observers. The television productions dealing with witchcraft, socery, magic and the whole spectrum of the so-called Black Arts are especially immediate to us. Cinema treatment of the same topics also has an immediacy pecular to the media. More and more books are published daily concerned with various aspects of what once was considered foolish or superstitious or lunatic. The affect of this plethora of information, not all of it reliable, is manifested in such widely disparate areas as the lurid Manson Family murder trial in California, the rise of serious consideration of astrology amongst educated people, the dabbling in witchcraft by young people seeking answers to their own lives and the serious practises of metaphysicians of some considerable power.

Here in Houston there are a number of individuals and groups devoted to such practises, both serious and transitory in nature. In every instance there is no lack of religious inspiration and searching, even when the interest in the various forms of occultism is superficial. And the most serious approach to these matters of arcane knowledge is not reserved by any means to the social misfits and cultural drop-outs so prevalent in the Montrose-Westheimer area. The interest in these eldritch arts prevades the entire of our community in varying degrees.

The motivation behind such studies is not always the same for everyone; the results of their works also differ from person to person, group to group.

All sort of people of all races are included amongst those whose interest in the mysterious and secret forms of human and superhuman life are evidenced for the observer of this modern phenomenon of the most ancient of man's search for meaning to the central questions of life. The paths chosen by the men and women involved in this research into the darker sciences are, however, essentially two: good and evil. Black and white. The Right-hand Path and the Left-hand Path. The approaches to these two eternally divided obsolutes are richly distinct, although frequently they may seem to overlap in in form. They range from the lowest expressions of natural magic expressed in such primitive norms as voodoo and upwards through simple antimistic rites to witchcraft (in its remarkably cohesive structuring) to the outrageous horrors of Satanism (classically understood) to so-called white magic to the lofty reaches of metaphysics. The usages of both the Occident and the Orient are known to those who attempt the exercise of power promised to those learned in the occult.

Absolutely vital to any occultist, however, is the development of that interior discipline by which one controls himself in his emotions and in his physical being: without this power disaster is the inevitable result of the occultist's experiments. Again the eternal duality obtains: either immense power or utter destruction. One arrives at that implacable operation of the laws of nature where the occultist is either exalted or cast into eternal darkness as a result of his freely-chosen dedication to the Path he has followed. There is no exception to this immutable Law.

One of the seductive aspects of occultism is that the same mechanism, the same technique, the same form is applicable to either the Right-hand Path or the Left-hand Path. And all true knowledge of the occult must perforce include understanding and application of both essential aspects of metaphysical power: good and evil, white and black. Magic is magic, always. Its use alone determines its moral values. And magic is essentially what it is all about.

Magic in its dual forms is properly defined as the deliberate and purposeful imposition of the will upon the environment to effect change in that environment, without the intervention of a physical entitity. In all investigations into the occult, this should always be understood.

be understood. Whether the act of magic, thus defined, is expressed in the context of appealing to the devine intervention of the Universal Principle (God) or that of any of the historically apprehended manifestations of the Godhead or even devoid of any conscious appeal to the Creative Force we call by many Names, the very exercise of the will required sets in motion natural Laws. The magician, or whatever he may be called, is liable at all times to the effect of these Laws, and to their affects. "Send forth evil, receive threefold in return; send forth goodness, receive it also threefold in return." We are responsible for our actions in our lives – – no less is he who attempts to control the awesome powers of nature, whether on the physical or the immaterial planes. The metaphysician knows in his life either prosperity and wisdom with their subsequent power, or he knows ignominy and horrors, with their resultant madness.

As for the recognition of the occultist, that recognition is usually prescribed by his own willingness to be known by others. Once he permits himself to be known, however, one may apply some simple tests by which his worth may be appreciated. Actually, common sense plays the most important role in such matters: it is physically well-kempt and ordered in his life or is he coarse and chaotic? Does he inspire confidence because of his obvious prosperity and discipline, or does he inspire revulsion because of his grossness and disordered life? Does he promote an ascent towards the higher planes of the occult, or does he demonstrate a preference for the nightmares of the Abyss? Does he receive respect from others or contempt? Do his powers permit of trust or only cause fear? The simplest child may ascertain these differences, and seeks out that which gives beneficial pleasure whilst shunning that which gives painful degradation. "Allow the little children to come unto me . . ." might be the soundest rule to follow when judging those who claim occult powers!

Advancement, exaltation in the light, progress towards the exercise of powers denied to most men -- these are some of the things sought after by those committed to the Right-hand Path of occultism. Regression into the animalistic nature, destruction* of the higher motives in man, the visitation of suffering upon others, anarchy - - these are some of the goals to which those of the Left-hand Path direct their energies. But those who seek the darkness of occult knowledge live always with the fearsome reality that regardless of what powers they may acquire, the power of Light is omnipotent: it puts the darkness to light always. The person who chooses the Path of Light will know eternal bliss; he who chooses the Path of Darkness will hear the howls of demons in the unending Night of Death.

None of the occult arts are to be lightly taken or casually practised by the ignorant. The affects in the lives of those who pursue these matters are too serious to ignore.

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Troy D. Perry, the churches founder has promised that assistance if there is response from the Houston gay community.

On this promise alone three gay couples in Houston have decided to marry through the church and petition that these marriages be sanctioned by law.

This could be a fantastic breakthrough for the homosexual in Houston, but for such an endevor to become a reality it will take earnest support by gay people here. This is a question you must answer yourself. Is it worth it to you and do you really care enough?

Additional information may be secured from Donald Flanders or by calling John Rowberry at 526-6986.

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Houston's Gay Society Scene

HOUSTON IS GETTING so terribly international, really it is, and we're all just thrilled about it, truly. The social life has grown so far beyond the dear old days of dancing round the May Pole at Christ Church Cathedral and Allegro and debutante bashes at River Oaks Country Club which is a good thing, see? and we're glad, glad, glad. And even if our Lord Mayor does make an occasional bad stock investment (some of the BEST people do that sort of thing, anyway) he is just marvellous about appreciating the international importance of the city and we're attracting more & more Beautiful People daily. We owe so much to the dear Lord Mayor, the Consular Ball, NASA, art auctions, world trade, progressive leadership and The Court, and you know it, luv. And to that dear old girl with the telly programme & the most interesting roommate arrangement with her ex-husband & business arrangements with some stores and it's all just fabulous, actually. Simply fabulous!

EVERYONE WAS ALL ATWITTER over the visit to Houston by Their Royal Highnesses and it was *just lovely at the dinner given for them out Memorial* way. The guest list was smallish, exclusive & marked by those not invited, actually. One can't have just EVERYONE, see? We all remember when the Princess's mum & dad, the King and Queen, visited Houston some years ago and were entertained so cleverly by De Judge (he was Mayor then, and so TACKY about certain bars here) and how they got all tricked out in western gear and looked too, too uncomfortable for words.

ONLY RECENTLY THAT UTTERLY charming Baron Erik von ---arrived from Berlin to visit his dear friend from Paris by way of Bangkok who lives here now, Count Charles de--- and we were so glad about it, luv. They made rounds of local bistros and the Baron thought the Palace Club was just too, too lovely, really, and that Berlin had nothing like it. But then Berlin has been dull, dull, dull socially since His Majesty the German Emperor left way back yonder. Since then the only thing socially going on has been receptions given by Adolph Hitler, the Russian noisy arrival & pesky stay and Willi Brandt. Not exactly thrilling anyway you look at it, and that's the truth, luv. Anyway, the Baron just loved our local life and that's IMPORTANT coming from a gentleman of means, see? and he's been all over, too. And naturally the Baron and the Count had dinner at the Bismark, don't you know, and he just loved it. All the Court does, naturally.

WE JUST ADORE those cozy evening soirees given over on Whitney by that dear old boy from San Francisco and Houston who stands so tall in the music world. It's just wonderful how he can expend so MUCH energy at these little intimate doings and then get up and off to so many musical thingies, really it is.

AND SPEAKING OF WHITNEY, that dear old thing who has all those lovely townhouses locally and has such unusual business connexious and even more unusual acquaintances has been up to old tricks again, too. And some young tricks, too . . . His dear ex-son-in-law or whatever that relationship was while it lasted has been seen in town again recently and looks just AWFUL, and we're just too sad about it, really. He's so good to the youth of America, really he is, and such an athletic supporter (ooo-lala, those good old days at the Hotel, luv!) and so kind to old ladies and everything. He was dining recently with that dear old boy who is so good with interior designs and things and does just all the best people - - their houses, that is, luv. - - at that darling Michaelangelo's, where just EVERYONE goes to see & be seen.

THAT DEAR YOUNG gentleman from Port Arthur, Houston and late of The Frozen North is tooling about the city in his new scandalously red Fiat, and we just love it, ducks. The duchess of --- has one just like it in Spain and that's the way it should be, luv. But listen, luv, that colour red has NOTHING to do with the dear boy's politics, see? and it's important for him to have it because it fits in all those delightful overnight guests in The Big Black House so cozily. And we all know how important it is to make the proper impression on our gentleman callers, don't we. And besides that he's CUTE, and that's a good thing, luv. There are so many UGLIES roaming about nowadays!

WELL, ACAPULCO WAS JUST wonderful as it always is and we saw so many old dearfriends from over the world there recently. There were some folk down from Houston, too, but they really just don't Fit In and we really didn't move in the same circles, luv. Just like here.

IT WAS ALL JUST too, too interesting, really it was, when that dear old gal who professors or whatever at one of our universities had a dear little gathering at her residence awhile back. But of course we're all so LIBERATED these days and it really wasn't all that new, actually. Now SHE should get a red Fiat . . .

AND SPEAKING OF the groves of acadmme, sweets, isn't just marvellous the way those dear old boys who also professor whatever at others of our universites give so much valuable time to their undergraduates? Well of course it is! And that mad, mad, mad party one gave only lately which we enjoyed so much at and of! Odd, but not one single Department Head was there this time and we WONDERED about it, really we did.

THE COLD WEATHER has just been dreadful for those dear little swimming parties given by one of our favourite bankers out Tanglewood way and we just crave them, really we do. So healthy, actually. And they do so closely resemble those delightful little bashes the Emperor Tiberias used to throw in the grottoes beneath Capri and that's SOMETHING, luv. Of course, one of our dear Krupps gave them, too, and it figures.

RIVER OAKS COUNTRY CLUB is just all agog over the upcoming divorce of one of its prominent members, now sailing on his yatch with A Friend. And just everyone is talking about it, too, and that's just AWFUL, Luv.

THE SCENE AT THE SANCTUARY the other evening when that hairdressing person arrived, in drag practically, was a bit TOO much, really it was. Even the crowd at the posh in-place was a bit taken aback when this dear boy showed up Dressed Like That although the gal he was with didn't seem to mind at all, actually, he did look as if he'd just left a dress rehearsal for terribly off-Broadway production. And that NAME!

AND SO, DUCKS, keep up the public performances and we'll help everyone remember them. Just EVERYONE.

GLFer Stabs Bar Patron

Early Friday morning a man recognised as one of the Houston Gay Liberation Front members who had previously attempted to force their demands upon the management of The Red Room attacked a patron following a game of pool and stabbed him three times. The patron was taken to Ben Taub Hospital where numerous stiches were required to close his wounds. He was told by a physician that one of the knife-wounds missed his heart by only an inch.

This is the first and only time an act of violence has occured in this popular gay lounge in all the years of its operation. The assailant, a young man in his twenties dressed in hippie clothing and wearing long ill-kempt hair escaped from the scene of his attack upon the unarmed patron by running through the lounge and out the front door. He was captured at the front door by an employee of the Red Room, Ken Paul, a former policeman of Smithville, R.I., but pulled loose from his captor. When he did so, he slashed Ken Paul with his knife and in the struggle Ken Paul's right thumb was dislocated. The assailant ran from the premises and headed towards the Texas Rose Restaurant according to witnesses.

Following the attack upon the bar patron and the departure of the police, a call was placed to Mr. Ed Mallatt, a Houston attorney allegedly representing the Houston Gay Liberation Front, advising him of the GLFer's most recent political statement. The assailant was observed earlier in the evening, with possibly two accomplices, attempting to provoke arguments with other patrons. At the time of the knifing, these two alleged accomplices fled through the back door of the Red Room and held it shut from outside, prohibiting an employee from pursuing them. During the confusion of their escape, the knife-wielding assailant made good his escape out the front door.

Police officers were called to the scene within minutes of the attack and are presently investigating the crime. They were most co-operative with the management of the Red Room during the time they were taking information from the witnesses, according to the manager, Mr. Happy Day.

The Houston Gay Liberation Front, according to a national Gay Liberation Front representative at one of the Texas universities, is not recognised by the national GLF organisation and has no charter from them. Attempts by this newspaper to make contact with the Houston GLF group have proved fruitless because they have refused to discuss with us their operations. They are affiliated with the Peoples Party II organisation of Houston, a Black Panther-type political organisation operating in the Dowling Street negro areas.

A charming young boy known as Kevin
Was ravished one morning by seven
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The Scales Of Justice

NOTORIOUS HETEROSEXUALS CONVICTED IN TATE MURDERS!

Charles Manson and his three women co-defendants were found guilty of murdering the actress Sharon Tate and four other persons at her Benedict Canyon home on the night of 8 August 1969, and of Mr. & Mrs. Leno Labianca at their Los Feliz home. The trial of the heterosexual "Family" had been before the Court for 7 months and it took the jury almost a week to determine all the verdicts required under California law.

FORMER JFK CABINET SECRETARY ARRESTED ON SHOPLIFTING CHARGE

Former Interior Secretary Stewart L. Udall was arrested on Saturday, 16 January, 1971, in Washington D. C. suburb in Virginia on a charge of "Concealment of merchandise." Mr. Udall, a practising heterosexual, said it was "a horrible mistake." He was charged with shoplifting a 90-cent pack of cigars.

The former Interior Secretary under the late President John F. Kennedy, now in private law practise in Washington D. C., was released by Fairfax County, Va. police on $250.00 personal bond. A hearing was set for 28 January in Fairfax County Court.

According to newspaper reports Mr. Udall said by telephone from his office a few hours after his arrest: "The whole thing was one of those horrible mistakes that happens to absent-minded people. It will all be straightened out in a few minutes."

Mr. Udall, who lives in McLean, Virginia, was arrested at midday in a drugstore near his home by Pvt. Harry Sparshott, who was in the store at the time. A spokesman at police headquarters said a package of cigars was involved. Mr. Udall, who was named Interior Secretary by President Kennedy and continued in the office under President Lyndon B. Johnson, said he had picked up the cigars and placed them in his pocket because he had an arm load of other items, and forgot them until arrested outside the drugstore by Pvt. Sparshott. He claimed he was simply in a hurry to go coach a boy's basketball game that afternoon. "As soon as I can talk to someone in higher authority I'm sure the whole thing will be dismissed," he said.

HETEROSEXUAL POLICE CHIEF SHOOTING ALL "IMMORAL DOGS" IN BRAZILIAN TOWN.

The new police chief of Cabo Frio, one of Brazil's most fashionable resorts, dealt another blow to "permissive" society on Saturday, 23 January, 1971, closing the town's seven night clubs.

Moacir Bellot announced earlier a "moralisation" campaign that would include killing stray dogs and shaving shaggy-haired hippies.

Police Chief Bellot boasted he had personally killed more than 200 dogs "responsible for shocking scenes of immoral sex acts in front of children and young ladies."

HETEROSEXUAL MAN CHARGED IN MURDER OF FEMALE ROOMMATE

David Mitchell, of 2215 West Street, was charged on the evening of 16 January with the murder by firearms of Mrs. Angelene Smart, of the same address.

Witnesses said Mrs. Smart had just gotten out of her truck in a parking lot at a restaurant in the 2600 block of Brooks when she was shot once in the upper right side of the chest with a 22 calibre revolver. Her assailant then stood over her waving his pistol until she died, the witnesses told police. Before she died, the victim said several times, "He shot me! He shot me!"

Mitchell was charged in the court of Justice of the Peace Richard Millard. No bond had been set as of late that evening.

WELL KNOWN HETEROSEXUALS NAMED IN SEC INVESTIGATION

The list of names in the civil action brought in the last days of January by the Securities and Exchange Commission in long and veritable who's who of Texas money and Democrat politics.

The SEC action, which may lead to criminal fraud charges by the Justice Department, included the following:

Frank W. Sharp and those firms owned or controlled by him: National Bankers Life Insurance Co. and the company's Employee's Retirement Plan of Dallas; Master Control Inc. of Dallas; Olympic Life Insurance Co., Sharpstown State Bank of Houston; Dallas Bank & Trust Co; Sharpstown Realty Co.; Oak Forest Realty Co. of Houston; Oak Forest Investment Co. of Houston; and Nashwood Corp. and South Atlantic Corp., both of Dallas.

Former Texas Attorney General Waggoner Carr and John Osarie, both of Ft. Worth, and J. Quincy Adams, Joseph P. Nobotny, Tom Max Thomas, Sam Stock, stockbroker Michael F. Ling, Donald S. Akins, Phillip I. Proctor, Wm. B. Strange, Jr., James Farah, David Hoover, Audy Byram and H. B. McCain, all of Dallas, who are business associates of Mr. Sharp.

The Politicians named in the investigation are:

Governor Preston Smith; House Speaker Gus F. Mutcher, Jr. and his father; S. Rush McGinty and Sonny Schulte, administrative aids to Speaker Mutcher; Dr. Elmer Baum, Texas Democratic Party Chairman; State Rep. W. S. (Bill) Heatley of Paducah; State Rep. Tommy L. Shannon of Ft. Worth; and Houston Mayor Louis Welch. All deny any illegal actions on their part in the stock fraud claims made by the SEC.

The SEC names the Jesuit Fathers of Houston, Inc., operators of the Strake Jesuit College Prepartory school in Houston, as victims of the alleged stock manipulation scheme. A criminal indictment has already grown out of the investigation to date, that against Michael Angel Socrates of Houston, indicted by a Federal Grand Jury on charges of making false statements under oath. Judge Sara Hughes of Dallas has granted a temporary restraining order forbidding stock transactions by those named as defendants in the case. Issuance of a permanent injunction will mean SEC has proved allegations of stock manipulations, say lawyers involved in the case.

FAMOUS MASSACHUSSETTS HETEROSEXUAL SENATOR NIXED BY COLLEGUES

The presidential aspirations of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy suffered a second Chappaquiddick, in the judgment of many of his fellow Democrats, when his collegues in the US Senate elected Sen. Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia, an alleged heterosexual also, to the post of majority whip. The election was described as a deliberate spanking of Sen. Kennedy by his peers.

MEXICO RETURNS HETEROSEXUAL MURDER SUSPECT

John Martinez Rodrigues, an alleged heterosexual of 3409 Saltus in Houston, charged with the 1 January shooting death of Miss Pauline Rivera of 6606 Ave. F, has been returned to Houston in custody of a Harris County sheriff's officer.

Brownsville, Texas police arrested Mr. Rodriguez early Sunday afternoon, the 24th of January, 1971, after having been informed by the Houston police department that Mexican immigration officials were escorting him to the border.

Witnesses at the U-La-la Lounge at 7825 Canal Street the afternoon of the murder told police that Mr. Rodriguez shot Miss Rivera several times when the two quarrelled while inside the club.

WINE, WOMEN & SONG DO IN HETEROSEXUAL FRENCH SPY

Women and good times turned French spy Jean-Gabriel Auvray into a double-agent, a court ruled in Paris recently when they sentenced him to 13 years in goal for espionage on behalf of Communist Poland.

M. Auvray, a former agent of the French espionage organisation, was accused of going over to the Poles after he was stationed in Warsay in 1968 as secretary to the French military attache there.

The State Security Court was told that M. Auvray, a decorated veteran of WW II and the Algerian War, had a love affair with a Polish woman working for the French Embassy, identified as Kristina Zymanska. M. Auvray said when he confessed about the affair to his superiors that he was ordered back to Paris which lost for him his foreign allowances. When he complained to his Polish mistress, he was immediately contacted by Polish espionage agents. They in turn questioned him about the activities of the French Embassy, the contents of its diplomatic pouch and the embasy codes.

Eventually he agreed to work for the Poles for $100.00 a month, providing "general information" while in Paris. Auvray said he panicked during a routine interrogation on his return to Paris and fled. He was arrested shortly after. His defense lawyer said M. Auvray got into trouble and broke up his marriage because of the Polish woman, and that he drank too much wine.



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Small World Department

New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison arrested Clay Shaw, charging that Mr. Shaw conspired to assissinate President John F. Kennedy. Mr. Shaw was acquitted by a jury. Mr. Garrison then had Mr. Shaw re-arrested on two charges of perjury. Mr. Shaw is suing Mr. Garrison and a host of others. The judge at Mr. Shaw's trial has since been arrested in a motel room where stag movies and loose women are alleged to have exhibited themselves. The principal witness against Mr. Shaw has since been arrested for burglary. **Mr. Garrison has since been accused of molesting a thirteen-year-old boy at the New Orleans Athletic Club,** which is interesting because Mr. Shaw allegedly had links with the New Orleans homosexual underground. No, this is not a fiction by Gore Vidal. It is a serialized novel on the front pages of our daily newspapers.

According to the newspaper Soviet Russia, scientists have evidence that smoking after 30 years of age – and especially after 40 – cuts down on sexual activity. One reason for this is that smoking appears to cause changes in the blood, which alter the sex hormones.

Markleeville, California – To the dismay of residents, a group of homosexuals has hatched a plausible scheme for taking control of a scenic, isolated and sparsely populated country in the Sierra Nevada mountains of Northern California. Leaders of the Los Angeles Gay Liberation Front calculated that 200 to 300 homosexuals could establish residence in the county under the state's new 90-day law, hold a special election and vote themselves into power. The county has only about 380 registered voters, and over 500 homosexuals reportedly were signed up for the move. Since hearing this news, Alpine County residents have appealed to Governor Reagan for help, considered an annexation plan and hinted darkly of vigilante action against any incoming "fruit." Dr. Carl McIntire, a right-wing fundamentalist preacher, has volunteered to send reinforcements. If homosexuals move in, he said, "Our Christians, with the backing of our churches, will also move in in trailers, establish residence and work as "missionaries" " to prevent what "could very well become the first U. S. atheist and Communist county."

Old Stuff In Denmark

Will pornography corrupt the young? Denmark, which has the most lax pornography laws in the world and and where Playboy magazine is purchased for its reading matter, doesn't think so.

Of the 24 pornographic shows which opened in Copenhagen last year – average admission charge $7 – only half are still in business. These for the most part are patronized by tourists, American, German, and Japanese.

Palle Thomsen, who owns a sex club in Copenhagen, says, "About 85 percent are going out of business. Young people at the beginning are curious, but after they've seen one or two shows, they've seen it all, and very quickly their interest diminishes."

Last spring a sex fair was organized in Hans Christian Andersen's idyllic birthplace, Odense. It featured a large range of erotic paraphernalia. It proved a financial flop. One Danish newspaper call the exhibition "about as interesting and exciting as a livestock show."

The interest in pornography has declined so rapidly in Denmark that more than 80 percent of the salacious material – books, magazines, movies, and cassettes – are now exported. Many Danish college students are working their way through college by smuggling the stuff on weekends into West Germany where it if offered for sale at filling stations close to the border.

The college students regard the purchasers as immature, prurient fools.

☆ Astral Erections



AIRES: Last month's love affair lingers on. Now is the time to make friends with THAT person. It's back to work for the sake of the pocket books, though. Do what you enjoy with friends – – they like it, too!

TAURUS: It's a good time to use your resources, but be cautious with well-meaning friends because they could cost you dearly. The last three weeks of the month of February hold promise of romance. Ball with your new friends & you'll be surprised!

GEMINI: You may be travelling this month; bars in other locales promise fun. Meet new people, be yourself and if you ball a Libra, *look for something*

CANCER: Your work is highlighted this month and much progress can be made if you are willing. Help others with their problems but don't become overburdened. Co-operate with others and you'll love it.

LEO: It's going to be a fun month, pussycat! Romance, affection, dealings with young people and an affair of desire will make life very enjoyable. Be creative and use dramatic talents: it becomes you. And Lord knows you'll love it!

VIRGO: It's going to be a fast month. Improve on your environment, help carry the load and enjoy every day as if it were the last. After the 5th you're going to do a lot of balling if you wish; but watch out for your pocket-books!

LIBRA: Close relationships are accented, but be cautious of over-doing things. Your energy is limited this month. Your life will be filled with people but you may prefer the company of just one special person. (See GEMINI.)

SCORPIO: It's time to plan for the future. Give consideration to elders and entertain people who can help you. You may be able to find entertainment some place other than the bed. However, something big is coming, so enjoy it!

SAGGITTARIUS: Lucky you! Material success is in the prospect this month! Take advantage of what comes along. Stop & enjoy yourself a little – – you deserve it.

CAPRICORN: If last month was doomed, this one should make up for it. Love, beauty, social activities and SEX are going to find you after the 5th. Dress up and get your beft foot forward – – you'll get it in the end and love it!

AQUARIUS: Seclusion might be the answer this month. Keep your appearance, mood and attitude in in line with your inner self. Don't let people pass judgment, but convince them you really care for them or something.

PISCES: DO IT! DO IT! DO IT! And do it now. You have the power to resolve those problems caused by mistakes in a perfectly acceptable manner. BE CAUTIOUS: both friends and enemies may appear to be the same. See a witch and get a spell.

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