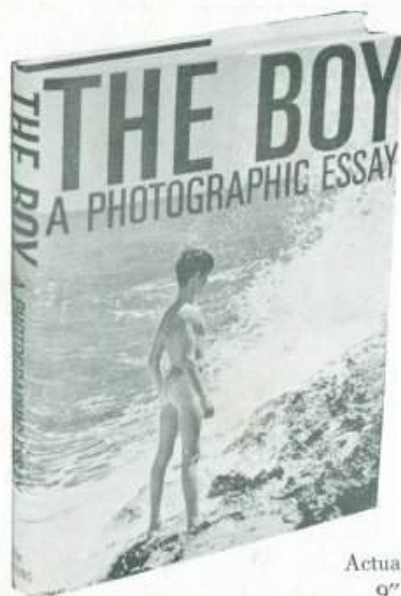


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Our purpose is to promote knowledge and understanding of the homosexual viewpoint among the general public and to educate homosexuals as to their responsibilities as variants from the current moral and social standards. It is hoped to find others who will agree with us and join in an effort to establish these rights and responsibilities.

The much-maligned homosexual community has long been in dire need of a voice to speak for itself and offer some rebuttal to the irresponsible attacks periodically made upon it. We hope that TWO will serve this purpose with honesty and integrity. TWO will strive to keep the homosexual community informed on current events of particular interest, and feature light reading and such articles as have some application to the field.

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HOW TO SUCCEED IN RADIO WITHOUT REALLY TRYING!

That radio newscaster Gordon Sinclair is successful must surely be true, considering the long time he has had the privilege of using the air waves to expand his views on the news of the day.

However, we wonder if Mr. Sinclair ever checks his news items for the surely vital commodity, TRUTH. Just recently he went on a two day tirade against homosexuals because of a news item wherein a prostitute and a transvestite claimed to be a waitress and an entertainer respectively in a Toronto gay club. A little general knowledge and a telephone call would have enlightened Mr. Sinclair to the fact that the club had never in its history hired a female waitress and no one in the city even knew the transvestite involved. We hope that Mr. Sinclair checks his headline stories a little more carefully! The topic of homosexuality is a regular on Mr. Sinclair's show and we can guarantee a tirade during every week prior to Halloween. Mr. Sinclair seems to have a rather unusually keen interest in sexual deviations and never fails to bring them to his listeners attention, but then even we get a SMile out of Gordon's program....it might not be accurate but it's funny!!

SIDELIGHT ON THE ABOVE

The arresting officer in the above case just happened to be the same one who brought a gross indecency charge against the same club some months ago. No doubt it was just coincidence that the prostitute and the transvestite, who are both unknown to the management of the club, chose to give that club as their place of employment when asked in court.

CHECK-33

An intensive campaign against venereal disease is underway in the U.S. under the auspices of S.I.R. Apparently venereal disease has reached epidemic proportions in the particular community, and is spreading rapidly because of ignorance of the symptoms. Estimated homosexual population in the area is 70,000, which is 10% of the total population.

BIRTH RATE IN USA DOWN 1%

Recent figures indicate a 1% drop in the birth rate in the U.S. No doubt there will be those who will blame this on the "rising tide of homosexuality", but we are more inclined to believe that the increasing sales of prophylactica are more likely to be the reason. Just in passing: San Fransisco is supposed to have more and more non-producing men (homosexuals), but the Catholic Service is alarmed at the increase in unwed mothers, which means that "the other guys" are awfully busy!

HOW TO KEEP OUT OF TROUBLE

The first and most obvious means of keeping out of trouble is to want to. If you don't want happiness, you'll never get it. If you want to be an injustice collector, that's your privilege too.

Our most lethal weapon is self-denial, having the courage and the simple will-power to keep ourselves under control at all times.

But the most important means of keeping out of trouble is having enough sense to look ahead and anticipate what things might be occasions of temptation. If we're careful not to play around with dangerous situations, with persons, places, or things which are risky, we will have cut our troubles in half. If we have enough sense to look forward and to recognize the things which effect us strongly, and if we have enough character to stay out of such situations (which we can always do), then our difficulties are going to be relatively slight. We can't avoid ALL temptations, but it is in our power to cut down on them especially since we're the cause of most of them anyhow. Half our troubles come from playing with temptation and dangerous situations.

REPRODUCE YOURSELF

This large "headline" in ONE gave us a few seconds of panic until we read the ad and discovered that it was a Cast-ur-self kit for making molds. The kit guarantees replicas of say a hand, so detailed it can be fingerprinted.

In another Californian publication we noticed this tag line on an ad for Homophile publications, "Californians must add 4% tax so that the Governor will have enough to get more cops to chase homosexuals!"

OF SIGNS AND THINGS

It takes guts to call a spade a spade, but we weren't ready for a store on Lawrence Avenue in Scarborough with the bold sign, FAGOT & SONS HARDWARE. . . . Then of course there is a chic store in Toronto's "Village", called BE GAY. The new Cartier Freeway (the old Highway 401) has new intersection number signs. A cloverleaf near Oshawa was fortunate enough to be No. 69. If your friends haven't already shown you a snapshot of themselves standing seductively beside this edifice---they will! Then of course on the way to Niagara Falls, there is a large highway sign pointing to FRUITLAND. Well! Well! Well!

DON'T MISS THIS

You just must read PLAYBOY, March 1965--Page 97.

THE TEENAGER AND HOMOSEXUALITY

Whenever the subject of homosexuality comes under discussion, one can be certain that it will not be long before someone is expounding, at great length, the theory that the greatest danger from homosexuality is its influence on the teenager.

For some time now we have been digging, quietly and gently, around a number of different groups of teenagers and our findings lead us to believe that, if there is a danger in homosexuality, and we haven't found it yet, it seems unlikely that the teenager of today is about to succumb to it.

From the interviews and discussions we have had with teenagers we were surprised at their knowledge on the subject and the independent and sometimes radical views they have developed.

Two or three decades ago the word, "homosexuality", lived between two musty pages in the family dictionary and was rarely, if ever heard, and certainly was never used in front of teenagers. To be sure, there were homosexuals in those days, but no one seemed very interested in them or the subject. A teenager in that era who discovered that he was a little "different", was up against a pretty solid brick wall of silence and ignorance. If he was lucky, he was able to seek out another human being of similar interests; if not, he lived a life of dissatisfaction, if not downright misery. His so-called "normal" counterparts were surrounded by other problems, such as chaperones and religious and family edicts that would have stifled all but the valiant. The teenagers of that era grew up to be the parents of today, believing that sex itself was a little dirty, and talking about it, not proper. In most cases he had never heard of homosexuality and if he had, didn't really know what it was. What then of the children of this new generation of parents. . . the teenagers of today? The teenager of today has a challenging, attacking approach to life. One which demands rights, access to facts, and above all, liberty. In a very short space of a few years, he has demanded, and got, radio, television, records, films, and clothing, all tailored to his wants. He is constantly pushing back the checking hand of parental control at an earlier and earlier age. He is fully aware of his audacity in demanding so much, but feels so strongly that he is right to

fight for as much of his life as he can get, that he never considers calling a halt. Perhaps his hunger for complete control of his life at the earliest opportunity is the product of the onrush of modern civilization. Perhaps it is a form of mental evolution. Perhaps it is cultivated within him by his parents (although they would never admit it) in a subconscious outlet for their own stifled adolescence. Whatever its cause, it is a strong and powerful force in the world today.

Oddly sophisticated for his years, today's teenager realizes that he has to give something in return for his new freedom. In return for the right to do what he wants, he gives the only thing he has... the right to do what you want.

His attitude to sex is the same. While he may be no more promiscuous than his parents were, he insists on complete autonomy and privacy. In most cases he not only knows what homosexuality is but knows some homosexuals. He may even have had a homosexual experience. Armed with this knowledge and experience, he then decides to accept or reject homosexuality as his way of life. If he accepts it, he is willing to fight for it. If he rejects it, whether totally or partially, it is a personal rejection and not a rejection on behalf of the rest of the world. By the time this generation of teenagers are parents, it seems likely that their general knowledge will enable them to deal with any sexual problem which may arise within the family. Whether their belief in autonomy will be extended to their offspring, is still to be seen.

Whatever the outcome, the teenager today seems to be able to handle most "bogies", including homosexuality, much better than his predecessors, and with less mental strain and no mental damage! That is, if he is left to his own resources.

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LETTER TO AN AMERICAN MOTHER

This letter to an American mother by Sigmund Freud, the founder of psychoanalysis, will probably be of more interest to parents of teenage homosexuals, than to the homosexuals themselves. The letter written in 1935, is still full of accuracy and truth, which can be applied to the homophile situation today.

Dear Mrs. X

I gather from your letter that your son is a homosexual. I am most impressed by the fact that you do not mention this term yourself in your information about him. May I question you, why do you avoid it? Homosexuality is assuredly no advantage, but it is nothing to be ashamed of, no vice, no degradation, it cannot be classified as an illness; we consider it to be a variation of the sexual function produced by a certain arrest of sexual development. Many highly respectable individuals of ancient and modern times have been homosexuals, several of the greatest men among them (Plato, Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, etc.). It is a great injustice to persecute homosexuality as a crime, and cruelty too. If you do not believe me, read the books of Havelock Ellis.

By asking me if I can help, you mean, I suppose, if I can abolish homosexuality and make normal heterosexuality take its place. The answer is, in a general way, we cannot promise to achieve it. In a certain number of cases we succeed in developing the blighted germs of heterosexual tendencies which are present in every homosexual, in the majority of cases it is no more possible. It is a question of the quality and the age of the individual. The result of the treatment cannot be predicted.

What analysis can do for your son runs in a different line. If he is unhappy, neurotic, torn by conflicts, inhibited in his social life, analysis may bring him harmony, peace of mind, full efficiency, whether he remains a homosexual or gets changed. If you make up your mind he should have analysis with me!! I don't expect you will!! He has to come over to Vienna. I have no intention of leaving here. However, don't neglect to give me your answer.
Sincerely yours with kind wishes,

Freud

P.S. I did not find it difficult to read your handwriting. Hope you will not find my writing and my English a harder task.

cameo

KAMP AWARDS '65



"The Drag Event of the Year" was how many people described the "Kamp Awards '65". The Music Room blossomed and glittered with the best of Toronto's female impersonators, in gowns, furs, and jewelry that put halloween to shame. With Limousine service laid on the nominees arrived in style to be greeted with oohs and aahs to say nothing of cheers and applause by a crowd of onlookers on the sidewalks. Excitement was already pretty high by the time the show got under way. Gordon booted the show off with a polished version of Spanish Rose and a delightful, off-the-cuff monologue. The show was a miniature Academy Awards, complete with fanfares, introduction music for the nominees, and suspense moments as the big line came, "May I have the envelope please." Jami Durette took the top award as "Best Overall Entertainer", and picked up "Best MC Award" on the way. Riki Tik won the "Best Novelty Award" for his version of Goldfinger. Toni Seven walked away with the "Best Costume Award" to a frantic standing ovation, which was repeated as he made a second trip up for the "Most Popular Showgirl Award". Anita Modes graciously accepted the "Most Convincing Female Impersonator Award" and was every inch, a lady. Her version of "The Wedding" also netted her the "Best Production Award".





The Best Comedian Award went to "Jackie", and the Best Newcomer Award to "David". G.G. Mills picked up the Best Male and Best Mime Awards. A number of people commented that she should have received another award, The Biggest Mouth Anytime Anywhere, on any Subject Award... maybe that's why she mimes so well!

Gordon was presented with an honorary award in recognition for his big contribution in getting the shows started originally. It was appropriate that another "old-timer" should present this award--Toni Seven. One of the highlights of the evening was a duet by Toni and Gordon.

A guest appearance by the one and only Brandy made it a "celebrities all round" evening. Jami Durette, for once, making an effort to be a complete lady, managed pretty well until he won the Best Overall Award. His acceptance speech as he was presented with a bouquet, the award, and then his plane tickets to New York, sent the audience into fits. We quote, "I really don't know what I'm going to do with these tickets to New York... they won't even let me across the border!" Mr. Durette has upset American and Canadian immigration people a number of times, and has been deported (he prefers to call it "travelling First Class with escort") more than once. Never afraid to laugh at himself, Jami made the best of the situation and the joke!... much to the delight of the audience.

Gale James also delighted the audience by poking fun at himself and at the evening in general. He appeared among all this befurred and bejeweled finery, clad in two chenelle bedspreeds and a pair of army boots. Oddly enough, he managed to look quite glamorous, although we understand the limousine chauffeur didn't know quite what to make of it.

Rikitik was presented with a unique bouquet in the shape of one huge five-foot, golden rose.

For those of you lucky enough to have tape recorders, a tape of the show, complete with audience reaction, is available for \$5.00.

Photos by R. A. Studios are also available by writing to P. O. Box 103, Scarborough, Ontario.

PICTURES:

Page 8. Mr. Jami Durette

Page 9. Top left: Mr. GG Mills

Top right: Mr. Rikitik

Bottom. With the aid of a little trick photography, Toni Seven looks on as Toni Seven presents an award to Anita Modes.

Page 10. A few of the other "girls" at the Kamp Awards.

OPEN LETTER

The discovery that a member of a family is a homosexual can result in a number of reactions, ranging from rational adjustment, to complete hysteria. When the newly-discovered homosexual happens to be a teenager, the hysteria is more likely. Parents faced with this new and frightening problem are in many cases completely ignorant on the subject, and emotionally ill-equipped to deal with it. A hurried search for information on a hitherto "not to be talked about" subject, usually results in a collection of half-truths and biased myths, which are no help whatever. The family doctor in most cases is equally ill-equipped and would prefer not to discuss the subject anyway. Those parents who follow the search to the psychiatrists' office and are lucky enough to find one who is not just out to make a buck, may at last find some valid information. What will they find... facts, figures, big words, new and incomprehensible (to them) ideas. The psychiatrist cannot, without long and expensive therapy, tell them why their son happens to be that way. Even after diligent digging by the psychiatrist, the parents are often unwilling to accept the answers. Since there seems to be no evidence to support the theory that "some are born that way", we must accept the theory that environment and early development are responsible. Persuing this line of thought, one must admit that the parents have, in most cases, complete control over the most impressionable years of most young lives. It is impossible to calculate how many boys are homosexual because of subconsciously deep-rooted memories of parental misbehaviour: family quarrels, which do not involve the child at the time, but which instill fear and insecurity, causing him to search elsewhere later in life, for love and security, in an all-out, be it unconscious, attempt to avoid similar friction; over-protective mothers who smother the boys ability to progress into manhood; good-living, and well-meaning parents, who terrify their son in an attempt to ensure that he doesn't impregnate the nice girl next door, and thus leave him with a guilt complex about heterosexual sex for the rest of his life. There are many more less obvious, but equally effective situations within the close family circle which can have the end result of homosexuality in the children.

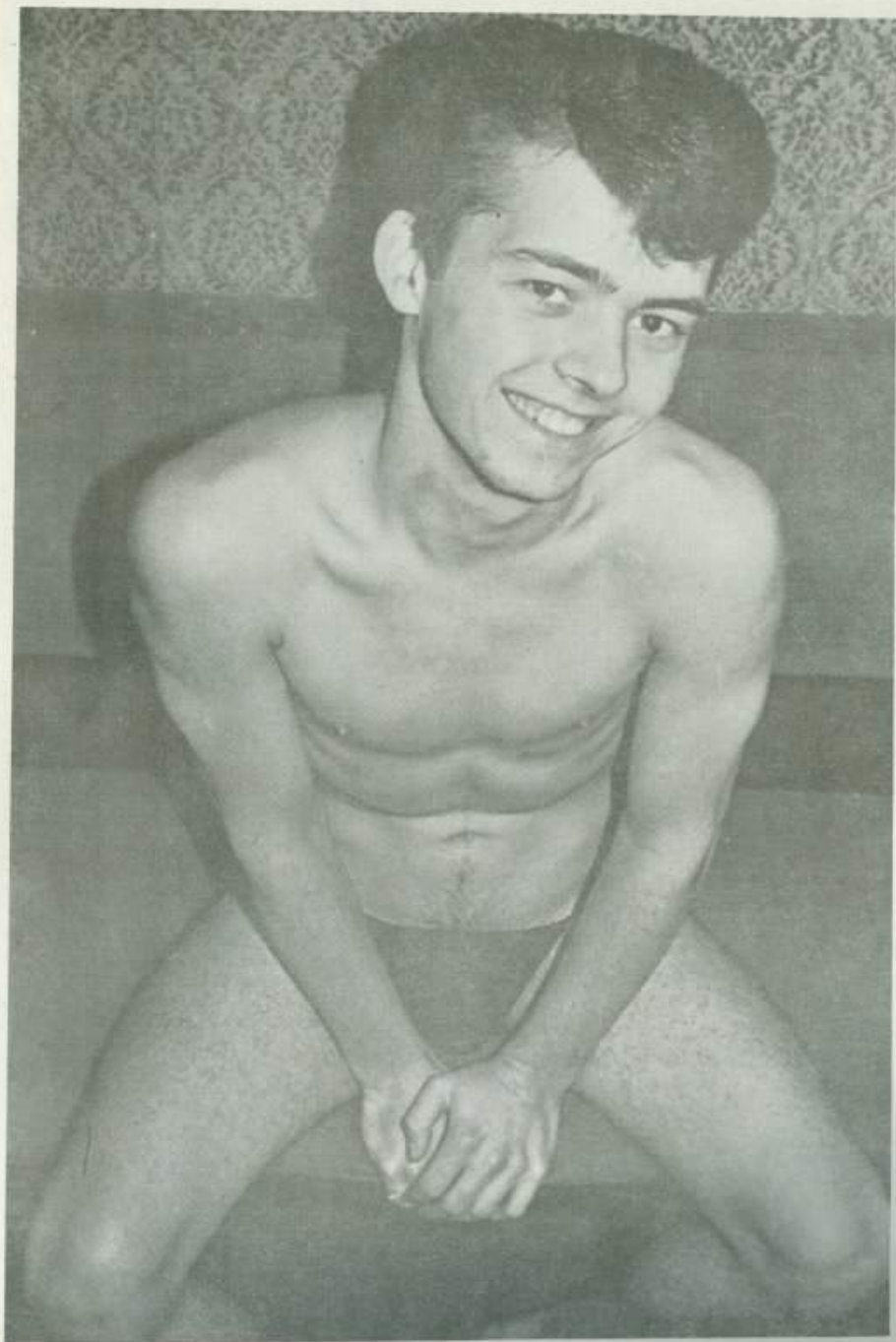
It is our belief that a wider knowledge by the public in general on the subject of homosexuality, would enable parents to avoid such behaviour. There are a number of good books on the subject, which are quite readable, and are in no way "psychiatric text books". As an example we have reprinted on page 7, the famous "Letter to an American mother", by Sigmund Freud.

two PHYSIQUE SECTION

The models appearing in the physique section of TWO are professionals and are not necessarily homosexual.

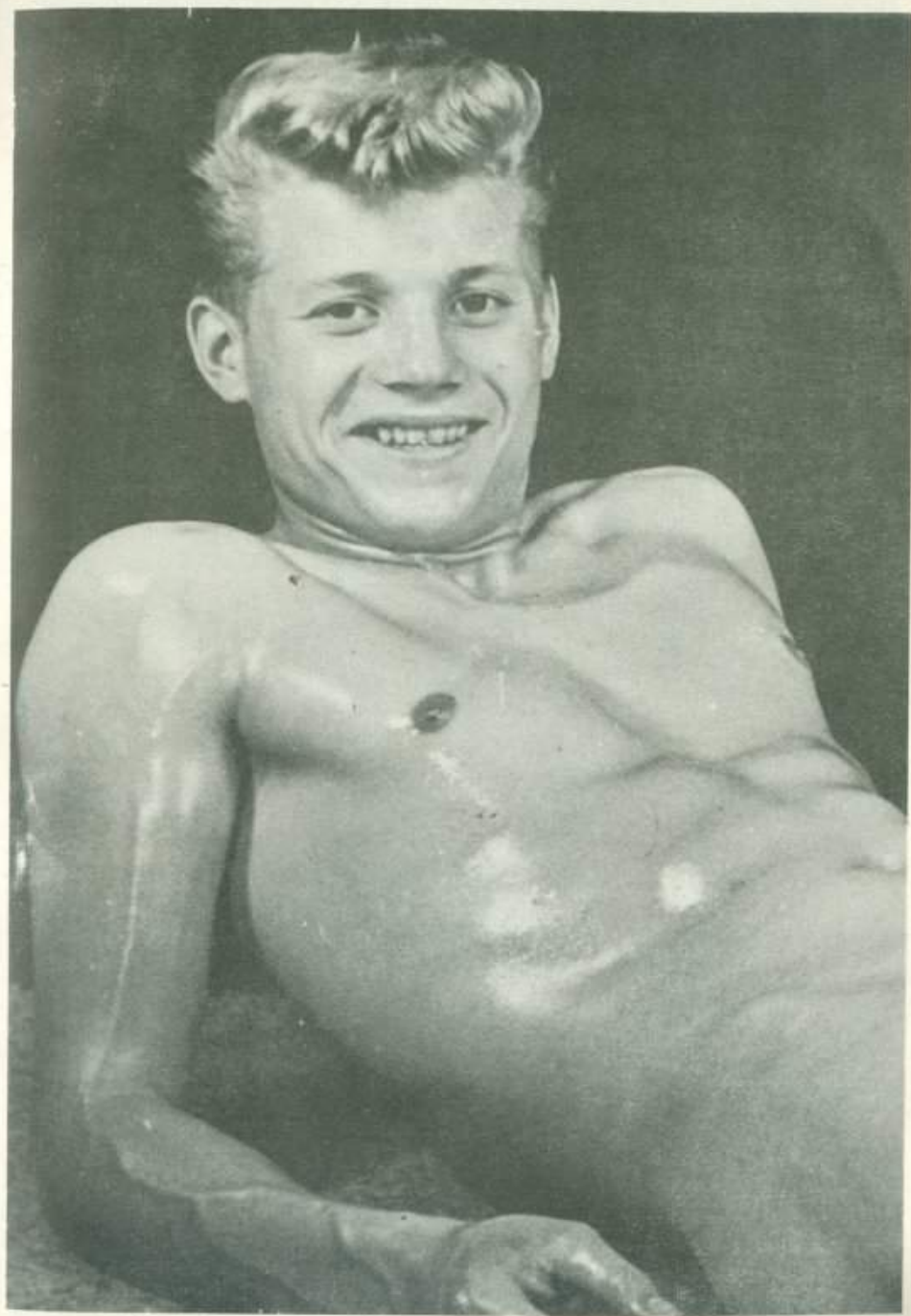
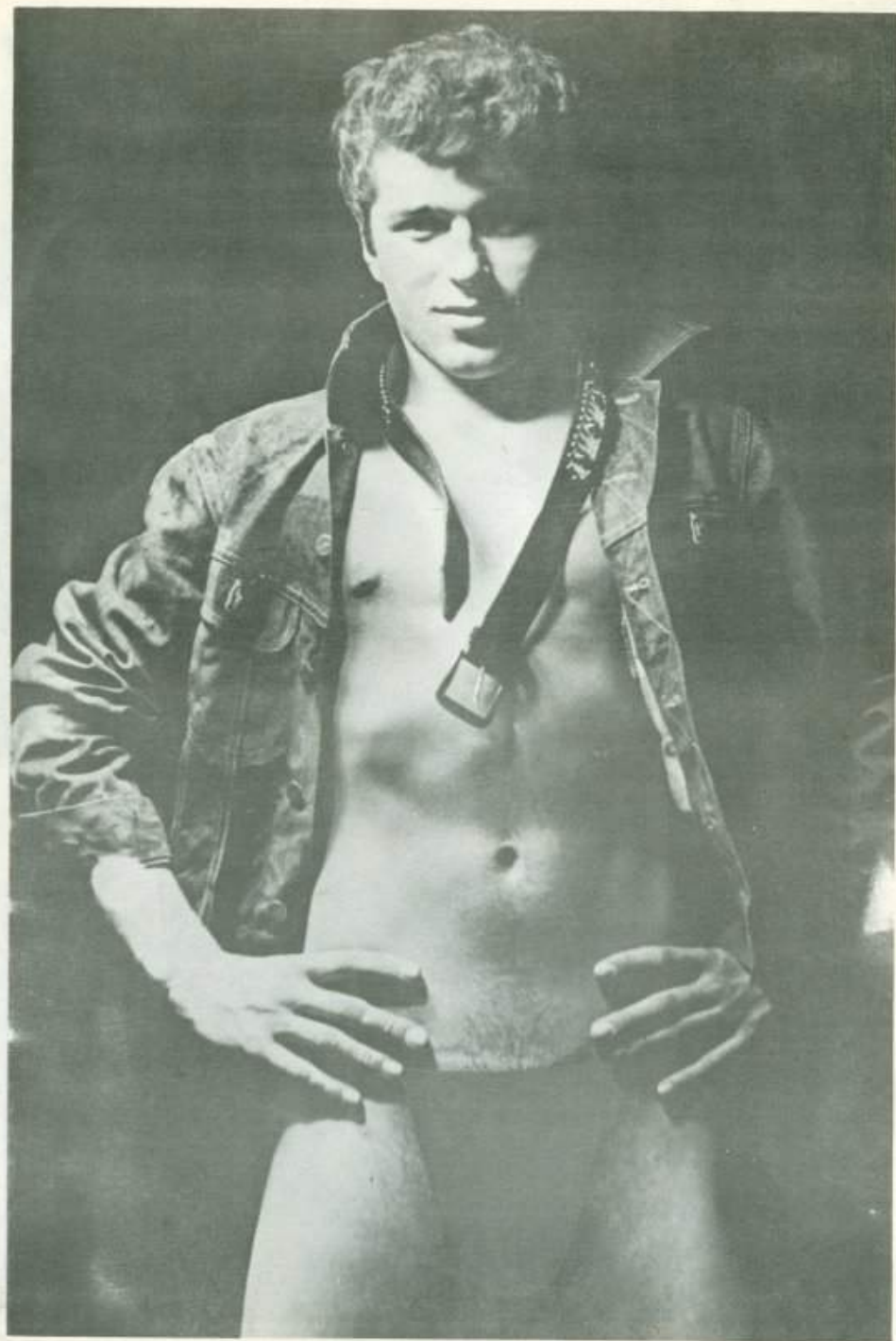


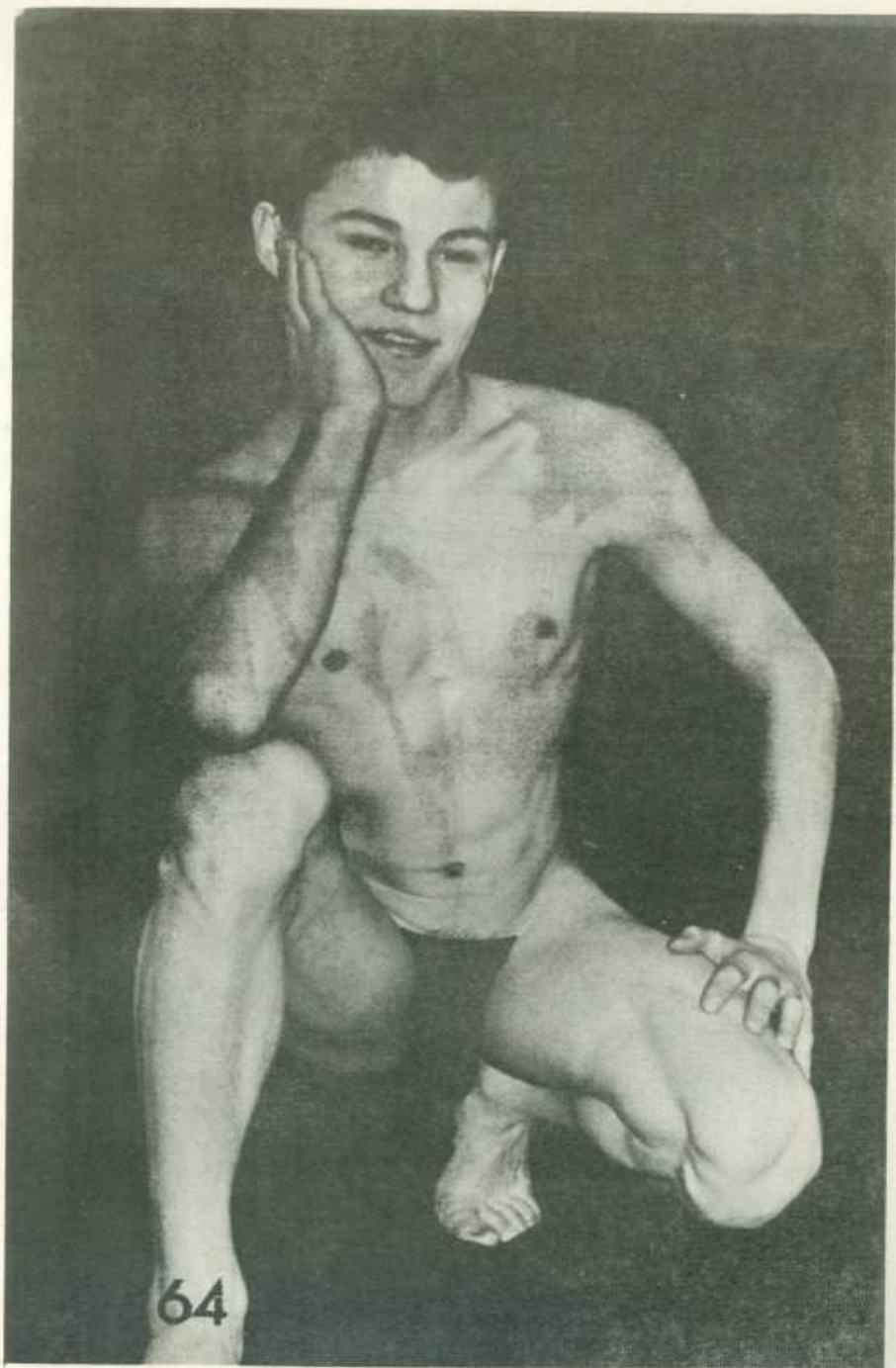
Picture editors have to keep themselves fully aware of the changing demands of their readers. For many years the physique magazines featured nothing but Mr Americas in all their two hundred pound glory. Soon there was a trend to slimmer, trimmer, builds and the mags followed right along. Today the demand seems to be for pre-teen models but still top of the pile in popularity is the Teenage Group. Athletes, at the peak of physical perfection, with the glow of youth, and the spirit of a new generation. We are indebted to CAN ART for this fine collection of teenage models











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Of all its billion years a single day
When our lips kissed and flesh was one
In love's sweet joy and gentle disarray.

Does time now mock our optimistic hope
To stop its hectic avalanching death,
And grasp a foothold on its dizzy slope
Til love's new power resurrects our breath?

What magic here, or fate, that two lives cross
So wondrous close on life's great storm-tossed sea,
And find such solace in each other's loss
To depths now shared in common destiny.

Your love on Easter morn I shall
Forget, though future love may still improve,
And pray that we may grow to trust in all
Each finds in each, and guard it all in love.

For Easter's message is the news of love
That death has failed to stifle in the grave.
Not hope of resurrection up above,
But here on earth where love has power to save.

For Christ has died to be reborn on Earth
And God debased his glory in the tomb
To prove - not heaven's price but life's full worth;
To bless the love that frees mankind from doom.

Nor did he fetter love to single kind,
But blessed the many forms that give it grace
And promised all who love with single mind
The vision of God's nature face to face.

Though we are mortal men of unknown days
To die, yet God each error can forgive
Save one - the fool who unto death delays
His joy, as if this life were given not to live!

So let us live, dear friend of mind and heart
As he has taught us, tasting each day's joy
In love and hope, together or apart,
Til death shall end our friendship and our joy.

COWBOYS



It has often been asked! Where would the movies and TV be without cowboys and indians?! Well wherever they would be, the physique magazines would be right behind them. The muscle magazines haven't over-played the indian gimmick, but they sure have had good mileage out of the cowboys. Like the sailor suit, the warped hat, low-slung belt, and high boots, are a guarantee of success in the physique field.

The cowboy has for decades been the dashing hero of the West, the very symbol of virile masculinity of the Western World. This image has been enshrined in history; immortalized in sculpture, literature and art; emblazoned on the silver screen, and ultimately condensed, packaged, and sold on TV.

It is no wonder that with such active promotion, the cowboy has achieved his status as a sex symbol. What with the swashbuckling acrobatics, the tight jeans, and apparently unlimited sexual prowess, he has to be an odds on favorite. Hollywood, never slow to supply any demand, exploits the sexual value of the cowboy in most of its epics. Just think back, how many Westerns can you think of, where the hero doesn't remove his shirt at least once? Watch your TV today and keep score. All of this was aimed of course, at the heterosexual market, but the homosexual appreciates it even more, and sat quietly in his easy chair, or in the back row of the theatre and went along for the ride. The physique magazines are, after a decade, still exploiting this gimmick with undiminishing success. We thumbed through an unbelievably large mountain of physique magazines to pick out the samples on the next pages.



very much out.... and about.



A quick trip to New York recently gave us an insight into what can happen when a Worlds Fair is in the offing. A number of the better-known places of last year are no longer open, and those that are left are just a little dull. Mind you, it was mid-week, so perhaps we are being a little unfair. Among the places still going are, The Beachcomber, 11 and 6th avenue; Genos, 9 and 6th; The 19, 19 and 6th The Pub, 19 and Park Avenue; The Colony; and The Amsterdam. The Amsterdam sports a rather frightening sign, "This is a Raided Premise", courtesy of the N.Y. City Police Dept. However, like a restricted sign on a movie, the "raided" sign seems to be good for business. 42nd Street is still there and so are the trade numbers. The Port Authority Bus Terminal is still the "busiest" place in town, until Fire Island opens up. There was no "dancing", as we know it, anywhere in town. Bickfords Restaurant is still busy with various little transactions being completed every twenty minutes or so. Those of you who like "fishing" had better save your pennies for a trip to San Diego, because we hear the Brooklyn Navy Yard is due for close-down and demolition. All in all, we would advise waiting till the sun gets here, the Worlds Fair re-opens, the police close everything, and everybody is out in the parks and on the streets cruising.



"For the last time, I'm NOT Mummy. She's the one on the other side!"



That Park Decoy Squad sure makes changes in a guy.... don't it ?



grapes from the vine

SAN FRANCISCO: The LADDER, a lesbian revue, is published monthly by the Daughters of Bilitis Inc., 1232 Market Street, Suite 108, San Francisco 2, California.

TORONTO: Dr. Daniel Cappon in a recently published book "Toward an Understanding of Homosexuality", claims that Homosexuality can be "cured". He says, "There are no homosexuals--only people with homosexual problems."

LONDON: According to THE PEOPLE, an English Sunday newspaper, the famous Trafalgar Square is the centre of a vice traffic far worse than Piccadilly Circus used to be...but instead of girls, it is boys that are for sale. The paper urges an immediate clean-up by Scotland Yard, who claim that they "were not aware that anything was going on" in Trafalgar Square.

HOLLYWOOD: It would only come from Hollywood...Gay Records 45 R.P.M.'s and L.P.'s, with titles such as, "I'd rather fight than swish", "The queen is in the closet", "Florence of Arabia", "The weekend of a hairdresser", and so on.

HAMILTON: The famous Noel Barri Revue finished its long run at the Golden rail last week. The last night was a standing room only routine with much smashing of champagne glasses as the trio said farewell. To the best of our knowledge the review has now disbanded which is indeed a pity.

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THE LAST OF THE WINE:
written by: Mary Renault
(Longmans, London, 1956)

A really first-class novel by one of the best writers of historical novels now living. This is the story of two young men in classical Greece, and the most important aspect of the book, and of their lives, is the love that each feels for the other. No concessions are made to present-day "morality", but the subject is treated as it would appear to the individuals concerned, and their judgments and opinions are those of the period. There is no pornography; in fact the physical relations of the two are only hinted at. Their love survives misunderstandings, military service, famine, marriage etc. until one of the two is killed in the final battles of the Peloponnesian War.

The book is a fascinating reconstruction of the life of ancient Greece, and the reader is painlessly introduced to the political, military, educational and economic aspects of society. The male is everywhere glorified, and it is accepted that female infants may well be left to die. Boys are expected to take an older (male) lover, and these suitors engage in active "cruising" and serenade their intended friends rather as Spanish lovers are

supposed to do under the balconies of their beloved. The accepted gathering point for all men not otherwise engaged is the exercise ground where the boys work out in the nude. There is reference to "all three sexes," and if a man chooses only men, and does not acquire a wife, no one thinks it at all peculiar, in fact one of the young men concerned is at one point worried that he does not possess the ability to fall in love with another man.

A unique feature of the book is the appearance of many historical personages... Socrates, Plato, Phaedo and others... all of whom are well-portrayed as living men. There is much bumbling of the politicians, which is easily related to modern times, and the smallness of the city is indicated by the fact that the army lives at home and is summoned by trumpets whenever an enemy raid appears over the hills.

The book is written in an economical archaic-sounding style that is perfectly appropriate; it is obviously the product of much care and a thorough familiarity with the classical period. As a portrayal of the Greek concept of male love, this book is absolutely unsurpassed and should be required reading for every student of the subject.

WE GET LETTERS

Why not yours ? If you have a gripe, a groan, a titter, or a bouquet... lets hear from you.



LAUGH AND THE WORLD MIGHT LAUGH WITH YOU!

.....I further object to your cartoons on the grounds that they make fun of the homosexual in the most unfair manner, by picking on the very weaknesses which he is unable to do anything about. Think about it...I think you must agree.

Thomas B. Thomas,
St. Catherines.

.....Who does your cartoons? They are just too too much!

John Simpson,
Toronto.

I have pasted your "cave man" cartoon from issue No. 5 to the front of my desk at the office. You would be amazed at the number of people who honestly don't understand it. Maybe we do live in another world.

Miss M. Aitken,
Toronto.

EQUAL RIGHTS?

.....and how come its alright for heterosexuals to have girly magazines with complete nudes and lace lingerie, but the homosexual is all of a sudden a pervert if he wants to look at a nude male model? Me? I now subscribe to two American nudist magazines...they have the thing covered (pardon the expression)...males and females:

John F. Gultch
Port Dalhousie

Space usually prohibits us from using letters in their entirety, especially if they are long. However, we have devoted the next page and a half to a letter from a Mr. Ingram, because we feel it merits your attention although we find ourselves at variance with him on a number of points.

Dear Sir:

It has been with interest that I have read issues No. 2 & 3 of TWO. As a homosexual I have long felt the need for some journal of homosexual opinion. However I find myself in opposition to what appears to be your basic assumption. viz: We are homosexuals and we know it so let's make sure we can enjoy sexual relations with one another with as little inconvenience as possible.

There are three major objections which I would offer to this point of view.

1. It ignores the fact that homosexual activities in later life are often the result of adolescent introduction. Thus society does have its interest at stake in trying to curb homosexuality by means of the law. My point is not whether the present law is the best, but only that there is, from the point of view of society at large, a need for some such legal sanction. At least twice in the two copies of TWO which I have read, it has been stated that contact with a homosexual experience leaves a heterosexual person unaffected. This arises partly through confusion over the meaning of the terms, "homosexual" and "heterosexual". There is absolutely no evidence to suggest this classification of human beings is rigidly imposed by hereditary elements. Nor is there any evidence to suggest that, prior to puberty, a person can be so classified. Therefore it is only left that this classification is reached at puberty or later. Since there is no evidence of hormonal balance as the causative factor, we are left with an entirely different meaning to these words. A homosexual is a person who has learned that sexual enjoyment and gratification can be achieved with a person of the same sex. Surely then, society has a right to protect its young from this influence, which, if it were to become widespread, would lead to the propagation of the species on a much narrower base, and in the meantime create adjustment problems for its youth.

2. In recognizing that we are homosexuals your basic assumption seems to indicate the idea that this is a static condition from which there can be no change. But all of life is a dynamic condition. While I shall always be a person who has learned to receive sexual satisfaction with another male it does not mean that I am incapable of learning to find my sexual gratification with a female. Admittedly, this will require perseverance and, especially with those who have found their satisfaction homosexually over a long period of time, it may even at first seem repugnant. The objection will be raised of course to this last statement that I am not really homosexual, but bisexual. In reply to that, I would only state that the term "bisexual" must also be placed in relation to the definitions given in the first

part of this letter, which are based both upon my own experience (over ten years of homosexual experience before any attempt at heterosexual coitus) and to a study of psychology.

3. The assumption further ignores the moral issue at stake. I do not refer here to whether it is right or wrong for a person to engage in homosexual relations. Rather, I refer to the overwhelming tendency amongst homosexual relationships to promiscuity. For many, almost every homosexual act is with a different person; for others, there is a "pseudo-marriage". However, the "divorce" rate amongst these would startle the most lusty of Hollywood starlets. The detrimental effects of this type of behaviour on the individual are many. This becomes a moral question, at least at this level; yet this whole aspect, with its many ramifications, is ignored by TWO.

In closing, may I offer a word of praise. You have offered to a section of the community, the means of expressing these opinions, and many others dealing with the nature of homosexuality. Though I may disagree with much which is contained in your magazine, I truly appreciate the fact that it is being published.

Yours sincerely,

Alastair Ingram.

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