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PLANTATION CLUB FIRE NO MYSTERY!



If the picture above brings back memories of good times and fond memories think what it does to the owners of the business.

Gene Howell just the other day in discussing the subject of the Plantation Club expressed not only regrets at the loss of he and Emit Newton's club but the mental anguish over the past many, many months. Loss of business is well over the hundred thousand dollar mark and personal income in excess of fifty thousand. Many hours spent with investigating officers of the arson squad and other law enforcement personnel.

When asked if there was any animosity toward any individuals having been charged in the burning of his club Mr. Howell said: "I am only truly sorry that it was people that I had considered my friends, having entertained them in my home and respected as substantial persons in our community. It is with regret that this has been done by persons of the Gay community as it is reflective on all of us."

On February 19th last year about 5:30 a.m. Mr. Howell was called and told his club was on fire. When he arrived there were a number of fire engines on the parking lot and in front of the building on the street. Firemen had already broke into the club and water was already about ankle deep. This started many months of untold inconveniences to the persons directly involved and hard work for the arson division. On the day of the fire the club records, in-

dividual bank accounts of the owners and all were checked and found to be in good sound order, thus eliminating the question which is sometime asked in fires of this nature.

Following the burning of the Plantation the Palace Club burned followed by the Bullseye some time later. The Plantation Club and the Palace Club fires were ruled arson and the Bullseye ruling was not definite at the time Mr. Parks of the arson division was interviewed but he said it was still being investigated.

In September 1970, Ronnie Levine, owner of the Palace Club offered \$10,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the fires. Emet A. Newton, Jr. offered at the time \$600.00.

In January this year the Harris County Grand Jury returned indictments in the Palace Club fire first, charged were Ronnie Levine, Palace Club owner, Larry Shea, former partner in the Palace Club which was burned. Also charged in the Palace Club burning was Vern Bechtel. These persons were arrested the last part of January and are now free on bond pending trial.

At the time Mr. Levine was arrested he stated: "The charges should be dropped against me within 30 days, at that time everyone will know of my innocence". In trying to contact Mr. Levine at the time of this writing we were unable to do so. It is understood that he is still under bond and the charges

have not been dropped.

Charged in the burning of the Plantation Club fire is Larry Shea and Lester Ogren. To our knowledge at this time Shea has not been served.

Lester Ogren plead guilty to the charge and has been sentenced to five years imprisonment.

Persons appearing before the Harris County Grand Jury were Emit Newton, Jr., Gene Howell, Mike Whiticker and Bob Cappell. Mr. Newton and Mr. Howell are in Houston available as is Mr. Cappell when the trials are scheduled.

Mike Whiticker it seems has left the city after allegedly being threatened by persons charged in the Palace Club blaze.

In a chance meeting with Bob Cappell at the Farm House the middle of May, Mr. Cappell told of the fear he had for his safety and well being. Mr. Cappell said, "Vern Bechtel threatened me in the lobby of this club and told me that I would not be able to testify in the arson trials if I remained in Houston. He also told me I would not be safe on the street, driving my car or anywhere else, that with the connections they had in Houston I would be charged with just anything". Mr. Cappell was asked if he took these threats

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RITTER ARRESTED

Terry Wayne Ritter, alias Theodore Wayne Hall, 19 surrendered to Houston police at 3am on May 22nd. The former manager of the now defunct Romulus Club was released later in the day on \$1000 bond. Ritter has been charged with making a false alarm call, a felony. Another person, a young lady, has been arrested in the case, an alleged conspiracy to harass The Farm House Club. Arson squad records show Ritter was involved in an arson case investigation in 1966 here, but insufficient proof against him resulted in no charges being filed.

The police received a telephone call telling of a fire-bomb being placed in The Farm House Club shortly after Ritter and a companion, also a minor, had been refused service there. Police investigations discovered an alleged conspiracy between

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30 ARRESTED IN CLUB RAID

On the 24th of April, 1971, at about 1:15 a.m., the manager of the Armadillo Club was arrested with a minor and two adults at the Armadillo Club. Scotty, the manager, was charged with serving a minor and running an open saloon. The two adult patrons were charged with disorderly conduct and interfering with an officer. About ten uniformed radio patrolmen were involved in the search for minors throughout the Armadillo Club. The two adult patrons have pleaded guilty to the charges. The charges against the minor and against the manager are still pending and will be adjudicated, according to attorneys for the Club.

Later, at about 11:00 p.m. on May 7th, the manager of the Armadillo Club was driving to the club when he saw a large assembly of police cars at the intersection of Tuam and Baldwin. He went on to the club and immediately began a check on the minors present and while in the process of evicting one, the police arrived. About 26

uniformed and vice squad officers this time went through the club searching for breaches of the public weal. They checked IDs, licences and health cards, arresting about 30 patrons and 5 employees. Of those arrested, 21 were minors charged with possession of alcohol and 2 were adults charged with interfering with an officer. Vice Squad Officers Tello and Perez took 2 bartenders and the man running the phonograph downtown while Vice Squad Capt. McMinime and Vice Squad Officer Posey took Scotty, the manager and a waiter in. Charges similar to those previously filed were again made. All charges will be fought in Court, according to attorneys.

However, official records show that only 9 of the minors actually have been charged. The situation concerning the other 21 minors remains a mystery as none of them have been advised of their present status.

ALA's DALLAS MEET

Task Force on GAY Liberation

Coming out of the closet for gay people might be one step easier when a group of gay librarians carries out its educational program at a June meeting of the American Library Association. This group's aim is to revolutionize libraries in meeting the needs of gay people.

Taking place in Dallas, Texas, June 19 to 26, the programs will coincide with Gay Pride Week.

The Task Force on Gay Liberation of the Social Responsibilities Round Table, American Library Association, is planning a series of programs at the 90th annual conference of the American Library Association in Dallas.

One of the highlights of the week will be an open house, where all librarians attending the meeting, straight and gay, will have a chance to get to know one another.

On Sunday, June 19, for the edification of all concerned librarians, there will be a program on the relation of the homosexual to established religion.

Tuesday, in an area generally featuring commercial displays, gay librarians will

give out free kisses at a "hug a homosexual" booth. That evening there will be a program on "Intellectual freedom - ordial at the University of Minnesota," with J. Michael McConnell, fired from his job because he applied for a license to marry his lover, talking on the problems of the gay librarian.

Wednesday evening will feature a program on "Sex and the single cataloger; new thoughts on some unthinkable subjects." The prejudice of libraries in providing access to materials will be discussed there.

Another highlight will be the First Annual Gay Book Award which will be presented to the book recently published which presents a positive view of homosexuals and their life style.

The week's activities will be climaxed by a gay dance on Thursday night, to which all will be invited.

The American Library Association, founded in 1876, is the professional organization of librarians in the United States, with a membership of over 30,000. About 5,000 librarians are expected to

attend the conference.

The Social Responsibilities Round Table, with over 1300 members, was organized two years ago, because it was felt that the American Library Association and libraries were not responsive to the real needs of people.

The Task Force on Gay Liberation was organized in Detroit in 1970 at the Annual Conference of the American Library Association because it was evident that libraries were not meeting the needs of gay people.

PROGRAM

Saturday, June 19

9:00 - 11:00 p.m. STRATEGY SESSION - Open to all who wish to plan an active part in the week's activities of the Task Force on Gay Liberation. As with all other meetings, one's particular sexual orientation is no hindrance in participating in any of the week's activities.

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Monday, June 21 - (to be
announced).

Tuesday, June 22

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. FREE
KISSES (at the JMRT Booth)
Alternately called, "Hug a
homosexual"

8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM-
ORDEAL AT THE UNIVER-
SITY OF MINNESOTA - J.
Michael McConnell.

10:00 p.m. - 12 - INFORMAL
RAP.

Wednesday, June 23

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. BUSINESS
MEETING (see official pro-
gram for meeting place) In
addition to a review of the
year's activities, plans for
"new directions," and el-
ection of a new coordinator,
there will take place the
First Annual Gay Book Award
for the best book published
in 1970 or 1971 that most
further a positive view of
the Gay experience and life
style.

8:00 - 10:00 p.m. SEX AND
THE SINGLE CATALOGER-
NEW THOUGHTS ON SOME
UNTHINKABLE SUBJECTS.
1. Classification - Steve Wolf.
2. Subject Headings - Joan
K. Marshall.

10:00 p.m. - 12:00 INFORMAL
RAP

Thursday, June 24

11:00 p.m. - ? - A VERY
GAY DANCE - Open to all
free spirits and will be held
at the King of Clubs, 2116
N. Fields, phone 741-0218.

Friday, June 25

9:00 - 11:00 p.m. POST
MORTEN

All meetings will take place
in the suite of the Task Force
on Gay Liberation in the
Adolphus Hotel, unless other-
wise noted. Please check
there for last minute changes
and additions to the program.

The Task Force will also
be participating actively in
the Free University, Tuesday,
Wednesday and Thursday 9:00
- 12:00 noon, as well as
having rapping tables at the
SRRT spectacular program
and business meeting on
Thursday evening, as well
as being present at the
SRRT booth at various times.

EXCHANGE OF IDEAS

Point: - Am I mistaken in
assuming that Catholic gays
conceive of themselves as a
ghetto group which would care
to worship apart from their
straight fellow-members of
the Mystical Body of Christ?
Certainly the MCC seems to
have experienced no difficulty
in letting it be known that
gays constitute at least a
majority of its membership.
Or do Houston gays differ
from those on the West Coast?
Counterpoint: - As I see it,
all gays think of themselves
as ghetto in this sense: they
can be themselves fully only
when with gays. There may be
exceptions to this, but the
condemnation of straight
society makes the gay retreat
and seek a subcultural social
life. Naturally, this carries
over into the life of worship.
The gay knows he is not ac-
cepted by straights at Mass.
He feels almost that he is
there under false pretenses.
But when he can worship with
others who are gay, his con-
science is no longer up-tight.
He feels he is at home. His
worship becomes freer. And
since worship does not involve
only the act of worship, but
the social contacts before
and after, the gay prefers to
worship with other gays be-
cause of the social contacts
that are there for him. Should
the day come when a straight
parish will accept gays openly
and genuinely, the need for
gays worshipping apart may
no longer exist. Only time can
tell that.

Point: - Irresponsibility:
this is what I have found to
be characteristic of a notable
number of the gays whom I
know. And here, I fear, we
are confronted with an old
problem: Which came first,
the hen or the egg? Are many
gays irresponsible, simply
because, as a persecuted mi-
nority, they have never been
regarded as responsible solid
citizens? Or is their irrespon-
sibility a consequence of the
disturbed state of their lives?
If I have been injudicious in
my choice of words, please
forgive me. As a homosexual,
I dearly love the members of
the community and enjoy their
company. I regard homosex-

uality as an addition to,
rather than a subtraction from,
the human condition: A di-
mension which enables us to
see and enjoy elements of
reality which are absent from
the experience of straights.
Still, I have, as it were,
come so late to the life and
am a priest. So perhaps I am
more sensitive to the faults
of my family and would like
to see them eradicated.

Counterpoint: - I don't pre-
sume to have all the answers.
I can only give my opinions,
based on observation and
reading. Many times we are
tempted to stereotype the gay.
How can we say gays are
irresponsible? There are gay
doctors, lawyers, priests. It
would not be fair to say that
they are irresponsible. They
would suffer in their profess-
ion if they were. Among white
and blue collar workers also,
there can't be one answer.
Each individual has to be
judged on his own merits.
But when we say irrespon-
sible, in what are they ir-
responsible? That is very
important. In some areas of
life an individual (gay or
straight) may be responsible
and in other areas very
irresponsible. The extent of
his interest in that particular
area might determine that.

Point: - In closing I should
like to include two quotations
which you might like to use
Counterpoint: - Thank you for
your consideration in sending
me quotes that you felt might
be used . . . They were good,
but I feel that they were a
little too deep for general
reading . . . They almost
demanded study and that
kills reader interest.

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Soon to be one of the
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more exciting.

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not be welcome, according
to Mr. Anthony.

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at 50¢ and non-alcoholic
beverages available. It's a
hoot and you'll thoroughly
enjoy it!

GLF HALTS METHODIST CONFERENCE

Members of the Gay
Liberation Front confronted
a Methodist conference May
31 and brought the meeting
to a standstill when they
demanded to be heard.

Delegates to the South-
west Texas United Methodist
Annual Conference first over-
whelmingly voted not to allow
the group to speak. A second
motion giving them the last
five minutes of Monday night's
program, passed by a narrow
margin.

As the first meeting of
the four-day conference open-
ed, members of the self-
described homosexual group
passed out pink leaflets with
a list of ten demands-includ-
ing one calling on the church
to make "sizeable reparations

to gay people in the form of
programs, facilities and
money."

In the first moments of
business a bearded, long-
haired young man who indet-
ified himself as Jim Digger,
24, of Dallas, demanded that
the conference give his group
an audience.

A shouting match develop-
ed between Digger and mem-
bers of the audience. Includ-
ing the Rev. Robert Tate,
minister of the First Methodist
Church in Austin, who was
against allowing the group to
speak.

At one point as Tate
spoke, Digger shouted,
"Pharisee."

Another Gay Lib represen-
tative shouted, "Souls are
the business of the church."

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A couple years ago I was a complete and total mental and physical wreck. I had no one to turn to and no place to go. No one cared or respected me and I didn't even respect myself. This was the result of two years of being a dope addict.

It all began in 1968. I was nineteen years old. I was engaged to a girl who was sixteen. She was the most wonderful thing that had ever happened to me. I was very much in love, not with her, but with the idea of having a decent Christian life. Six weeks before we were to be married Nell was killed in an automobile accident. This completely shattered me and all my dreams.

I then left my home town, which I had never left before. I didn't know where I was going or what I was going to do.

I ended up in Houston. It wasn't long before I was approached with a new aspect of life, homosexuality. I had had homosexuality tendencies since I was twelve, but I had been fighting these desires. Now I knew this was what I really wanted to be.

In a short period of time I met a man who I fell in love with. We soon decided to move to Los Angeles, Calif.

I got a fairly good job as a cook at a truck stop. I then began college at UCLA. It wasn't long before I was aware of some strange actions from my lover. We had been in LA for over two months and he still hadn't been able to find a job. He had become very nervous and couldn't stop talking, even to the point where I wasn't able to get any sleep.

One day when I got home after work I found him in bed. He had a fever and was shaking terribly. I didn't know what was wrong but I wanted to call a doctor for him. He wouldn't let me call one though, and said he would be all right as soon as a of his got there with some medicine.

When his friend arrived my lover told me he needed twenty five dollars, for the medicine, but I would pay any amount so he would get well. It was then I saw what had happened to my lover. He was a speed freak, and the medicine was speed he needed

for a fix.

If I had known all the pain and heartache I would have to go through before it would be over, I would have left him then and there. But I was young and I did love him.

We had a long talk the next morning. He told me that he was hooked on speed very badly. He was fixing twice a day which cost five dollars a fix. He couldn't get a job to support his habit and he couldn't kick it. I told him not to worry I would take care of him.

I soon had to get another job besides the one I already had. I now had two jobs plus going to school five hours a day. On week days I could sleep about five hours in the afternoons. This soon was getting to me. I was getting behind in my studies. I knew I couldn't go on much longer.

It was then my lover started to give speed to me, in capsule so I could keep going with no sleep. I was having to take more and more to keep going.

It was then I informed my family that I was gay. It had just the opposit reaction than

I had expected.

My mother wrote me letters telling me how sinful I was. She quoted Bible passages condemning homosexuals, and constantly reminded me of Nell.

Now I was tired from working and school and depressed by both my lover and my mother and still greater by my religion.

My lover soon found the solution to my problems. It came in a capsule. It was a 2500 mg Dexamyl either base speed. He started shooting me up. It wasn't long before I was shooting more than him.

I started to lose weight, slowly at first and then faster and faster. I was a stocky 250 pounds when I started. In eighteen months I was down to 150 and 145 pounds. I looked five years older and felt even older than that. I had all but lost interest in school and I knew I couldn't continue much longer.

It was then my lover left me. This was the last straw. I now had no one, I was a nobody, I didn't want to live anymore.

This was also a hard time in LA for all speed

freaks. The supply of speed coming into the city was all but stopped. I even would buy acid (LSD) and shoot it as all acids have speed in it. I even tried herion twice, luckily I am allergic to it as it made me deathly ill.

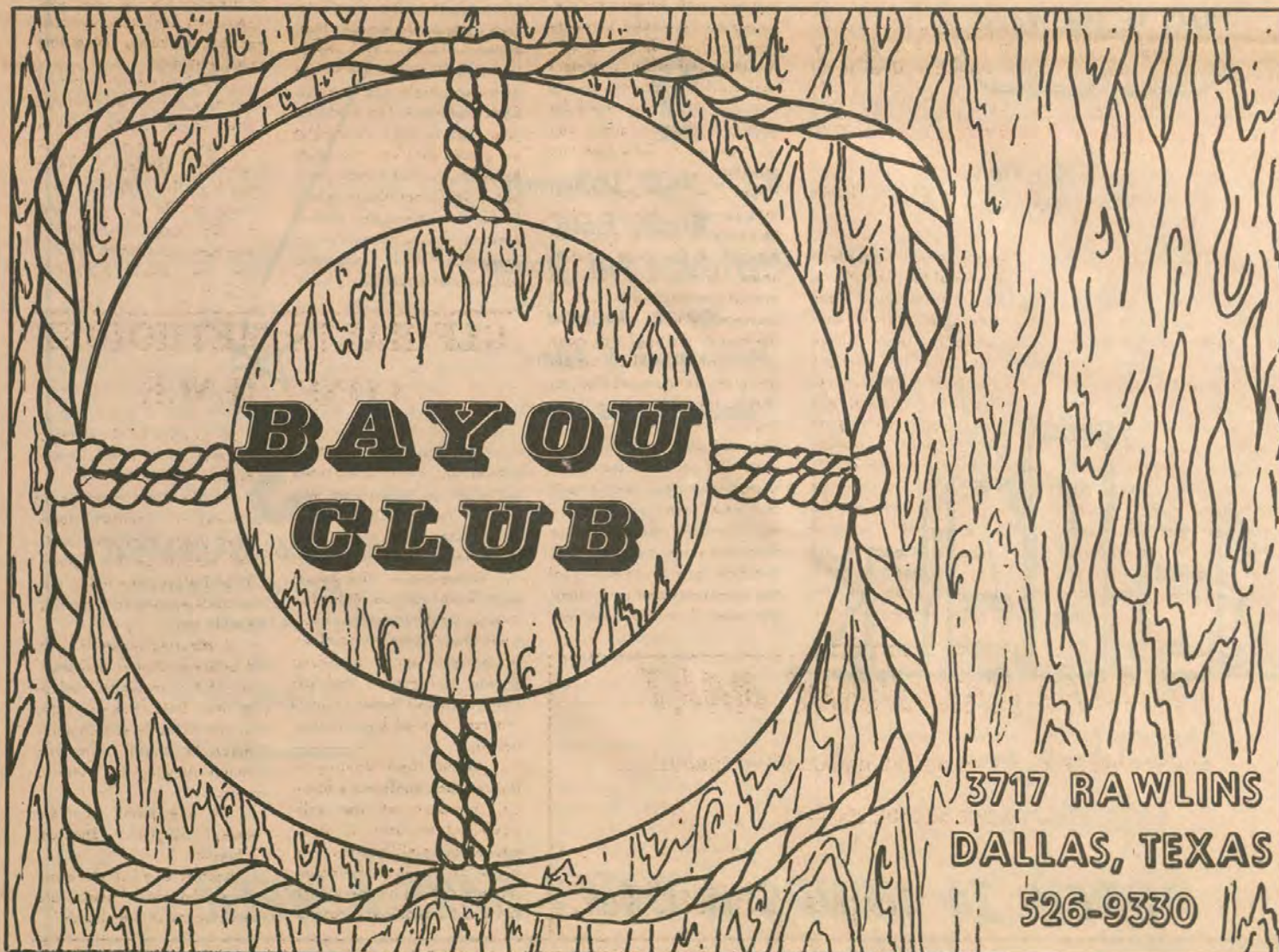
One night I decided to end it all. I bought twenty Red Devils (secondals) and shot all of them at once. This should have killed me within minutes.

A friend of mine found me in my apartment. He realized what had happened to me. He called two friends of his for help. These two people were to become the two most important influences in my life.

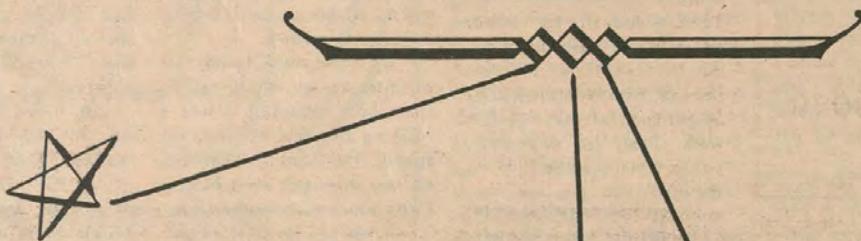
Bob and his lover John were both twenty some odd years older than myself. They were christians, and members of a christian homosexual church, the Metropolitan Community Church.

They saved my life that day, and I am glad now that they did. At first I could not understand why they worked so hard to do so, and not just to turn me into the police.

A few days after my attempt to commit suicide, John



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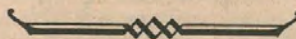
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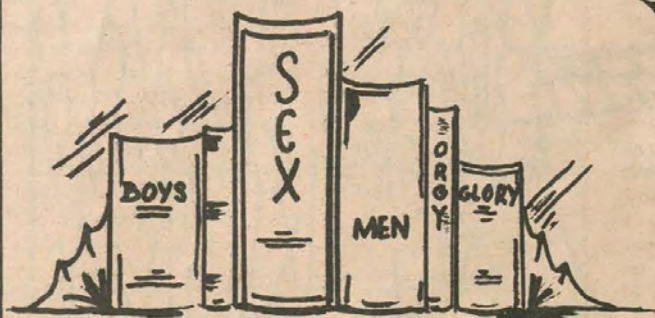
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and Bob were at my apartment to see that I was alright. I then asked them why they had done all they had. They did not even know me. Why were they spending their time and energies to help me stop destroying myself.

Bob told me then that he was a Christian and he cared what happened to all people. That turning me into the authorities would not do me any good but maybe even harm me. That a person must receive help in the form of love not to have it forced on them. Bob told me that he and John loved me as a Christian and cared what happened to me.

Before they left that day, they told me if I wanted to quit drugs altogether to come to them and they would help me. But I had to go to them on my own accord with a true desire to stop using drugs and ask for help as they could not help until I wanted to stop.

For the next two weeks I continued to shoot speed. I didn't see Bob and John at all in those two weeks. After these two weeks I knew I wanted to stop and I wanted John and Bob's help to do so. I then went to them and with tears in my eyes, I not only asked but begged for help.

For the next ten horrible days I went thru mental and physical anguish while going thru withdrawals. I could cry out for help, for them to get me some speed, then when they would pretend they were going to I would beg them not to. I would curse them, tell them I hated them and in the same breath tell them how much I loved them. I hated myself for having ever used speed but hated trying to get off of it just as much. During the whole ten days I was never alone. John or Bob was always with me day and night, twenty four hours a day. They would comfort me and pray for me. I gained courage and strength from their presence. Knowing that someone really cared was the

greatest thing in helping me through this ordeal.

After those ten days I knew I would never use dope again. I still desire speed, even after two years being off of it. But I won't ever use it again. A person once on dope will always desire it the rest of their lives. A person stops using when they really have a desire to. But they never will be able to stop the physical and mental desire to use it again. You must have the will power and determination not to go back to it.

After I kicked speed I started working with Bob and John and people like them to help addicts. I cannot promise them anything but the regaining of self respect and stopping the destruction of their bodies. I let them know there are people who care and want to help.

I love the kids on drugs and I want to help. If you are happy being a dope addict I don't knock you, but I cannot help you either. You have to have a real desire to quit. The only people I can help is those who want my help.

In the near future there is going to be a center to help drug addicts. In this center there will be people like myself who want to help. I wish only that we could start sooner, but it takes time to get something like this started.

If you have a true desire to quit drugs and want and need help, write me in care of this newspaper. I will make arrangements to help you all I can. Don't be afraid of us as we love you and want to help no matter if you are gay or not, if you are an addict — want to help.

D. F.

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The above is an article submitted by an individual that the NUNTIVUS feels is dedicated. Through his work in this line has attracted men of the Clergy that work with him.

ASTRO ERECTIONS

Aries — Keep an open mind, it's safer than an open heart. The early part of this month is a good time for visits from some very nice people. You may not find entertaining as a job as has been the case of late. Guests in bed tend to add something to the fun of it all.

Taurus — A desire for increased authority and popularity go hand in hand with your need to increase your income. So put some of your assets to work. Don't be surprised if you are worth more than you thought. You are due for a surprise benefit on the 19th or 29th. Be careful to stay off my corner, things are good all over.

Gemini — If you will just try to be more likable (not pushy) you will find that you are. You have lots of work so get busy. When its time to play

give it all you have got, be of good humor and it may pay off in the end or some equally enjoyable spot. Enjoy your birthday.

Cancer — It's time to realize that every trick can't be a lover. Honest feelings are fine but when you mistake heat for love you hurt everyone. It may be you are attempting to establish a home life of your own but don't rush things. You will know when love has found you, it won't let you go.

Leo — If you are not realizing enough from your work it could be necessary to change professions. Being a natural whore you may be tempted to use your ass-et. Remember all that glitters is not gold and it's better free not sold. If you have a strong desire to change your environment you may find the chance this month. Keep cool, it's hot enough without blowing it and don't risk those social ties.

Virgo — The early part of this month will bring you back into contact with that person you like so much who has been far away. Friends have some problems you can help with but do it tactfully and don't get too far in. Stress the need for more sex with fellow workers, it will increase your understanding of everything.

Libra — Around the 6th, 15th, and 29th you will find it easy to get what you want out of your so-called recreational pursuits (some of us call it sex). Be able to recognize the people who want you and heed the call of the bed, floor, or whatever is handy. Be careful about mounting expenses, those wild young boys are nice but can be costly.

Scorpio — Exercise in moderation and curb overoptimism, ego and extravagance, you have been going to hard as of late. By being too outgoing you have missed some very deep emotional experiences; give yourself a break and you will find tricks much easier to get. Slow down and enjoy some home life.

Sagittarius — A tall dark stranger, and a long trip. Oh well, why not. Listen to advice and be ready for that trip or visit even if it is just to the beach. Summer is here and so are the tan bodies of all those pretty people. You gain by becoming involved with others, don't play hard to get. Wait until you get in bed to play... then it's more fun.

Capricorn — Be careful in forming relations with others, this is a good time for you to enjoy playing the field. Watch what you eat, you know how those high protein diets are in the heat of these warm months. Keep things simple and remember you are one of the most needed people in the world.

Aquarius — Problems may present themselves having to do with your psychological base-home, family, or property. The trend of events will be favorable and you may find that this is a fun period. Use your imagination and you will

find that your romantic attachments and dealing with youthful people produce the results you wanted. Be of good cheer and have a great month.

Pisces — You will find support and encouragement on the home front, be ready for a rapidly changing month. Keep your wits about you and attempt to preserve harmony at all costs. If you have any unfinished work it is time to finish. You may find tricks in out-of-the-way places, avoid them. In the past we learn what to expect in the future.

The Scales Of Justice



HETEROSEXUAL WOMAN STABS HUSBAND

Ruth Moses, 51, of 1236 West Bell was charged with murder Wednesday in connection with the Tuesday stabbing death of her husband, Willie David Moses, 47.

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ANOTHER HETEROSEXUAL WOMAN STABS HUSBAND!

Ocie Herbert Holt, 58, of 10134 Porto Rico died about 4PM Sunday as the result of a knife wound in the chest.

Holt's wife, Mrs. Eva Holt, 60, told police that she stabbed her husband during an argument while returning home from a tavern. She said that he came into the house after they got home and was going for a drink of water when he collapsed on the kitchen floor.

The couple had been arguing about how fast Holt was driving, she said, and she stabbed him with a small knife after he slapped her about the face.

Mrs. Holt was held in city jail Sunday night.

HOMOSEXUAL LINK FOUND IN HORMONE -

Three Los Angeles physicians say they have found that homosexuals can be detected by an imbalance in the male sex hormone.

Drs. M. Sidney Margolese, Oscar Janiger and Richard Green discussed their preliminary findings in a study of homosexuality financed by the National Institute of Mental Health.

They said their investigation, based on a study of 75 persons, suggests that male homosexuals can be distinguished from heterosexuals by an analysis of the male sex hormone, testosterone.

Testosterone, they said can be broken down into hormonal substances called androstrone A and etiocholano-

lene E. Whenever the amount of E exceeds A in a male, Margolese said, there is an overwhelming chance that the subject is homosexual.

The only exceptions to this noted to date, he said, are individuals with diabetes and severe mental depression. This throws off the testosterone flow, the physicians said.

"I am close to saying that homosexuality is genetic," Margolese added. "We have not found anyone who is a strongly motivated homosexual and who is otherwise healthy whose E level does not exceed his A level."

98% OF KNOWN CANNIBLES ARE PRACTISING HETEROSEXUALS!

HETEROSEXUAL PAIR SENTENCED IN RAPE, ABORTION

A Tomball man was sentenced to six years in prison and his wife to three years by Judge William M. Hatten Friday for the rape and criminal abortion of a 14-year-old girl last year.

Woodrow Willtrout, 40, pleaded guilty to raping the girl, the daughter of a family friend, and his wife Sandra, 27, pleaded guilty to performing an abortion on her in April, 1970.

HETEROSEXUAL SENTENCED TO DEATH

Lloyd Johnson, 29, charged with murdering his girlfriend and her five-year-old son November 24, 1970, was sentenced to death Thursday by a jury in District Judge E. B. Juggan's court.

Johnson received the death penalty for shooting

Parish Leon Morgan in the head at the time he also allegedly murdered the boy's mother Mrs. Pritcher Anita Morgan, 24, in her apartment at 6364 Hirsch Road.

During the trial, prosecutor Rick Stover presented as witnesses, relatives and police officers who testified that Johnson told them he shot the boy and Mrs. Morgan.

After he was arrested, Johnson told police he bought the pistol on the day of the killings to teach Mrs. Morgan how to shoot.

Johnson told police he had been living with the woman and her son for about five weeks. He told police he did not know why he shot them.

HETEROSEXUAL WOMAN FOUND INNOCENT IN MAN'S CHOKING DEATH

Mrs. Nellie Vasquez Robles, 37, was found not guilty Wednesday in the choking death of her husband, a disabled ex-Marine, in their home at 12715 Blue Haven.

Marcelino Robles, 43, a veteran of World War II and Korea, paralyzed from the waist down, was found dead Dec. 14 by sheriff deputies.

Mrs. Robles testified her husband attacked her and choked her and that she began choking him in self defense. She said Robles let go and she left the room.

Later she returned and found her husband snoring and breathing heavily, she said. About an hour later she discovered he was dead and called the sheriff's office.

The trial was in Judge George L. Walker's court. However, Judge William M. Hatten heard the verdict in lieu of Walker, who left at 4 PM to attend ceremonies in Washington on the Brazos honoring Speaker of the House Gus Mutscher.

Judge Hatten explained to the jury that he was sitting in for Walker because Walker had another assignment.

MOTHER, KNOWN HETEROSEXUAL, FACES SLAYING TRIAL

Patricia Ann Goolsby, 19, charged with smothering her 4-month old son Sept 22, was

found sane Wednesday in Judge Sam W. Davis' court, clearing the way for a murder trial. Jury selection for another jury will begin Monday.

Mrs. Goolsby's attorney, John Lohmann III, has contended since the start of the trial last Monday that the slim receptionist should have been tried to determine whether she is guilty instead of a sanity hearing.

Lohmann initially asked for the sanity hearing. However, he later asked that she be tried on the merits of the case. The state said that the request for the sanity hearing had to be carried out.

The jury found that Mrs. Goolsby is presently sane and is capable of standing trial for murder. Under law a new jury must be impaneled to determine her guilt or innocence.

HETEROSEXUAL COUPLE GUILTY IN MORALS CASE

After a quick change of events in the opening day of trial on a morals charge, a Freeport couple was sentenced to a total of 25 years on a charge of indecent exposure to a minor involving a teen ager and a retarded girl.

Wallace Deats, 42, was sentenced to 15 years and his wife, Julia, 35, was sentenced to 10 years on the same charge. Five charges remain against the couple stemming from the game incident.

The couple changed their plea to guilty after a collection of photographs and magazines were admitted as evidence before a six-man, six-woman jury in District Judge Paul Ferguson's 149th District Court.

The Freeport couple were arrested in March after three children were picked up by a Brazoria County sheriff's deputy on Surfside Beach near Freeport.

The children told of being allegedly forced to pose for lewd pictures and commit sex acts with the Deatses.

In his opening remarks, Brazoria County District Attorney Ogden Bass warned the jurors, "In my humble opinion, you are about to hear a bad, bad case. Its going to be nasty, vulgar, obscene and rank. Sometimes it's amazing the accomplishments of

people for the sake of satisfying lust."

Later, as Bass attempted to introduce the pictures and magazines as evidence, defense attorney Jimmy Wilcox charged that the Deatses' civil rights had been violated when the pictures and books were reportedly confiscated in the Deatses' home by a Brazoria County Deputy sheriff.

At this point, the jury was retired and Judge Ferguson began hearing testimony from a 13-year-old child and later from the deputy concerning the events leading up to and including the arrests of the couple.

After his action to accept the evidence, the couple changed their plea to guilty and waived their rights to a trial by jury.

PRACTISING HETEROSEXUAL CHARGED WITH RAPE IN CEMETERY!

A 17-year-old cemetery laborer was charged Saturday with raping and robbing a 69-year-old woman who said she was at the cemetery to place flowers on her husband's grave on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Police arrested Nathaniel Hawkins, 17, of 4905 Pickfair, at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery, 6900 Lawndale, where the woman said she was assaulted at noon Friday.

She said she was about to place the flowers on the grave when she was dragged to a car and forced inside. A man tried to rape her there, she said, but she managed to fight him off. He then dragged her from the car, and assaulted her twice, she said. He also robbed her of an undetermined amount of cash, she said.

Police said the woman identified Hawkins from a photograph taken after his arrest. He was charged with rape and with robbery by assault. No bond had been set for Hawkins Saturday Night.

The woman was taken to a hospital where she was reported in satisfactory condition.

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IT WAS JUST FAB-ULOUS, really it was, and Marbella NEVER looked better, luv. Just EVERYbody who IS was there, in varying states of undress, and it was FUN. Tragically, we missed Arthur Talk, that dear old chubs, whose arrival in Spain coincided with our departure. We'll catch him next time round . . .

ALL MANNER OF THINGS have been doing in Houston while we were frolicking al fresco, luv, and thanks to so many dears who sent in the most interesting letters with the most interesting people, we'll share just about everything with you. You knew we would!

ISN'T IT JUST TOO, too exciting about all the changes taking place in some of our local watering holes? Of course it is, and especially all those stories, confirmed & purely silly both, about the sale of this place and that place. It's just so exciting to be involved in such big-business affairs, even presiding over bankruptcies, Luv. One of the larger flesh-pots, rivalling Forest Lawn for quietude in recent weeks, has changed hands, actually, and will see the advent of one of Houston's most literary types in the saloon business west of Montrose. Joe Anthony

's already serving up daily & nightly rations of fun and games at Mary's and Queen's Haven, and we all know how fascinating those two places is going to be just terribly successful in his latest venture in the old Romulus location, we look forward to seeing how he does things. Others are curious about his newest venture, Gayboy International, too. And you know it . . .

SO TACKY, ACTUALLY, just to trot in and repossess the Armadillo's furnishings! Tasteless, Abbey Rents, tasteless!

THE EMPLOYEES at the Romulus have been just so fascinated by the frequently repeated senario where their young manager, Terry Ritter, keeps stuffing \$20.00 bills into the shirt pockets of some uniformed policemen - cheek to cheek. One can only assume, luv, that the dear boys in blue are collecting for the Widow's Fund or some other worthy cause. Surely!

THAT DEAR BOY, so successful in all he does, just sold his very attractive River Oaks house to some other dears, and we know they're just going to be so happy out there amongst the trees where some of the most interesting parties had some of the most interesting people

over the past few years. And Maxine Messenger, who really appreciates a stiff price, is just agog over the figure mentioned in the purchase contract, and headlined the item, complete with cameo snapshot of dear Dick. Tasteless, tasteless . . .

THAT DARLING GERMAN boy, Willie, and his associates are about to open another lovely addition to the Montrose area, just down the way from their funfunfun Michaelangelo's. It's called Alexander's and you just know it's going to be boffo. We wouldn't lie to you!

DENNIS DAY, LIBERACE, and just who knows who else we run into at the Tattooed Lady! Back just barely and we find the dear place just bumpy with show-biz persons (which just titillates Cora to near collapse!) And wasn't it sweet of that dear, dear "Shirley Ankles" to trot the charming Liberace by to say whatever was said! Of course it was, and never you mind that nasty rumour about his PR career resting on the prostrate bodies of so many former friends. He has a charming smile . . .

THEIR FRIENDS WERE SO drained emotionally to learn of the divorce of Jack and Roland. Jack, poor dear, has moved in with Jim, that dear boy who has those charming apartments and town-houses and laundries and funny tenants, who has moved out. It's all so confusing, but we understand that each is keeping custody of a poodle. Golly.

AND TO MAKE IT even more interesting, and you know we like it kept interesting, Jim is also itemising possessions for a possible divorce in his own household. These property settlements can be so tiresome, luv, and then there's always the poodle to consider! Yes.

THAT DEAR OLD dear, Art, was recently inconvenienced by a gentleman caller who left Art's residence carrying away cozy memories

and Art's car. Now it's off to gay, exciting and police-trappy New Orleans to identify the body-car, that is. After that, it's time to revise his guest list. Poor poor dear.

WOULDN'T YOU KNOW that while we're gone new clubs spring up like daisies, in chains practically! Yes, you know that. We went round to see the newest, the Hi Kamp, and thought it utterly tasteless and noisy and vulgar and sure to be a howling success. The owners, known to their many friends, patients and clients as The Tooth Fairy and Wanda the Witch, are such funny dears, really, and we know they're going to enjoy tripping fantastically through this newest addition to our night life. With so much help from their friends, luv . . .

IT WAS UTTERLY rural and such bumpy fun! The Farm House, luv. And when we saw that German-speaking bartender all tricked out in those clever togs, it was all right-in-place again. So glad to have that dear Gene and Emit back in the saloonery. And so glad to see towering Lynn lurking about the place doing whatever so well. Dears, all of them: and such a funfunfun place to drink and dance while irremediably damaging one's inner ears.

UTTERLY FASCINATED by the negotiations that Frank Caven and his PR man, that dear old boy Don Moore, who is such a charming fellow, really, are in concerning their acquiring another of our watering holes. Frank, so well known in Dallas for his clubs there, is just terribly anxious to come into Houston with similar operations, and we know he'll just be terribly successful and happy about it all when he does. And so many are anxious to watch him do it. And will.

NOW THAT DEAR Lanis and his associates have sold the Romulus to Joe Anthony (it's renamed Gay Boy International, luv, and that's something, it has to be!), just everyone is so curious to see just where the much-spoken-about Terry Ritter will surface next. It is almost too much to expect after the past few months that this 19 year old club manager will not be put to further commercial use by dear Lanis. Of course, so much of this young man's career will depend upon the dispositions of the courts, but surely Something Will Be Done . . .

THANKS AGAIN, LUVS, for all those marvy notes with all that marvy information about all those marvy people. Keep them coming in, and

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KILL THE QUEERS

by Don Jackson

"Psychiatry is waging a war of extermination against homosexuals", said Dr. Franklin Kameny, "The psychiatric profession is the major enemy of the American Gay Community."

For the fifth time in a year, Gay Liberationists disrupted a shrink convention. This time it was the American Association convention in Washington, D. C. Enraged shrinks pushed and shoved at Gays, as the Gays forced their way into the convention hall. Veteran Gay Militant Dr. Kameny "liberated" the rostrum and told the shrinks that the disruption could be viewed as a formal declaration of war. "This is a declaration of war against you", Dr. Kameny said.

Kameny was answering a challenge by Executive Director O'Donnell of the National Association for Mental Health. Last November, Gays disrupted the NAMH convention in Los Angeles. At that time, O'Donnell said "if you go against us, we'll set your movement (Gay Liberation) back ten years".

Since then, aggressive

anti-homosexual provocations by shrinks have increased. In December, they pressured the Nebraska legislature into declaring that all "incurable" homosexuals are "sociopaths", and as such can be incarcerated for life in state mental hospitals.

The American Medical Association, and NAMH affiliate, launched a vicious anti-homosexual crusade in its magazines, TODAY'S HEALTH and the AMA JOURNAL. Other shrinks busied themselves writing anti-homosexual hate literature.

Castration under various guises came into common use as a "treatment" for homosexuality. Dr. Hans Orthner, a neurosurgeon, announced that he had excellent results "curing" hundreds of homosexuals by destroying the sex nerve center in the brain with an electric shock probe. Other neurosurgeons boasted that their surgical methods to destroy the sex drive with various brain surgeries or by cutting the nerves leading to the genitals were equally effective. In California, atrocious "experiments" were performed on homosexuals in state mental institutions and

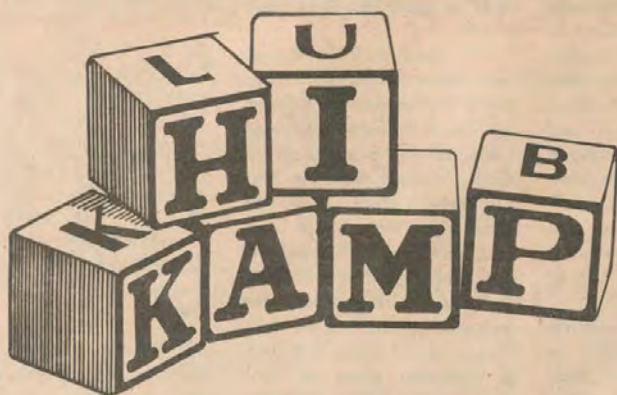
prisons. In most instances these atrocities were committed without the consent of the "patient".

Dr. H. B. Glass, president of the prestigious American Association for the Advancement of Science told the national conference of that organization: "There will have to be forced abortions to rid the world of uncontrollable defects such as mongolism and sex deviation". Dr. Glass, a geneticist, sounds more like a eugenicist. His remark is almost identical in wording to a remark made by the late Adolph Hitler to the German Eugenics Assoc.

In April, 1971, Dr. Sydney Margoless announced that he had discovered that homosexuality was caused by an endocrinological imbalance—an excess of the male hormone, etiocolanolone. Dr. Margoless predicted that his discovery would lead to a drug for the "treatment and prevention of homosexuality".

Dr. Margoless's research was funded by the National Institute for Mental Health. It provides a way to implement Dr. Glass' "Kill the Queers" proposal. Since hormone secretions begin before birth, it will be possible to detect and abort homosexual fetuses.

Gay Liberationists take



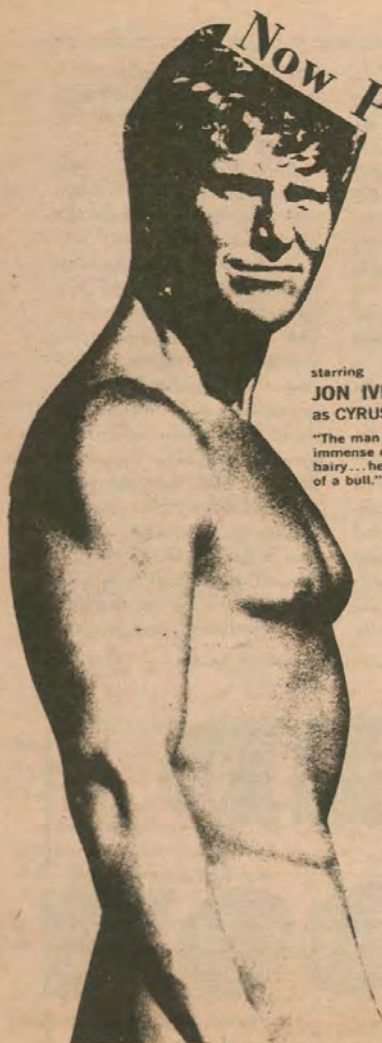
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Originally published in 1966 by Greenleaf Classics, Inc., the novel was to immediately become, and remain, a top best-seller. Sales figures later confirmed the book to be during the next three years among the top 10 best-selling original paperbacks printed in the U.S. as substantiated by articles in both The Wall Street Journal and Publisher's Weekly.

Basically a fantasy set in the Western American wilderness of the 1870's, veteran director Andrew Herbert has retained the pastoral quality and poetic beauty of the story through the delicate camerawork of photographer Robert Maxwell.

The extremely controversial nature of the subject material presented in the picture was not without problems in filming. Nude scenes and masculine kissing, so much a part of the original script, has been adhered to in the filming. Good taste and an intelligent approach to the material by cast and crew alike helped to circumvent any possible trouble during location shooting. Much thanks is owed to members of the U.S. Forestry Service for their cooperation and understanding during production.

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all this as evidence of a monstrous conspiracy for the genocide of homosexuals. Gays feel that the shrinks are angry because of the disruptions, and because Gay Liberation has exposed anti-homosexual psychiatry as a hoax—nothing more than a semantic device to veil the religious beliefs of shrinks with the respectability of scientific terms.

Shrinks say that homosexuality is a disease because heterosexuality is necessary to reproduce the species. The fact that other primates are dominantly homosexual yet still manage to have a rampantly growing population does not impress the irrational shrinks, nor does the fact that dominantly

homosexual human cultures survive and flourish shake their religious conviction that the human race will become extinct without universal state enforced heterosexuality.

With equal logic it could be argued that since people need have intercourse only once every ten years to maintain a 0 population growth, that heterosexuality is obviously a disease and must be stamped out as a genetic strain lest people become as numerous as cockroaches.

During the early part of this century, eugenics was a respectable and popular science. Eugenics is the science of improving the human genetic pool by encouraging people with "good"

genes to multiply, while discouraging or preventing reproduction by individuals whom the eugenicists felt were inferior. During the 1920's, many American states, including California, passed eugenics laws, which provided for the compulsory sterilization of habitual criminals, sex deviates, the mentally ill and the retarded.

But it was in Hitler's Reich that eugenics raised to its greatest prominence. Eugenicists proclaimed that Jewishness and homosexuality were genetic defects that had to be stamped out by the "final solution". Later, Gypsies, Blacks and Slaves were added to the list of "diseased" racial strains.

If the First World War

was "The war to make the world safe for democracy", the Second World War was the war to make the world safe from eugenics. The outrages of the eugenicists united the world against the Nazis. Finally, the eugenicists declared that all non-Aryans were "untermenchen", an inferior, subhuman species.

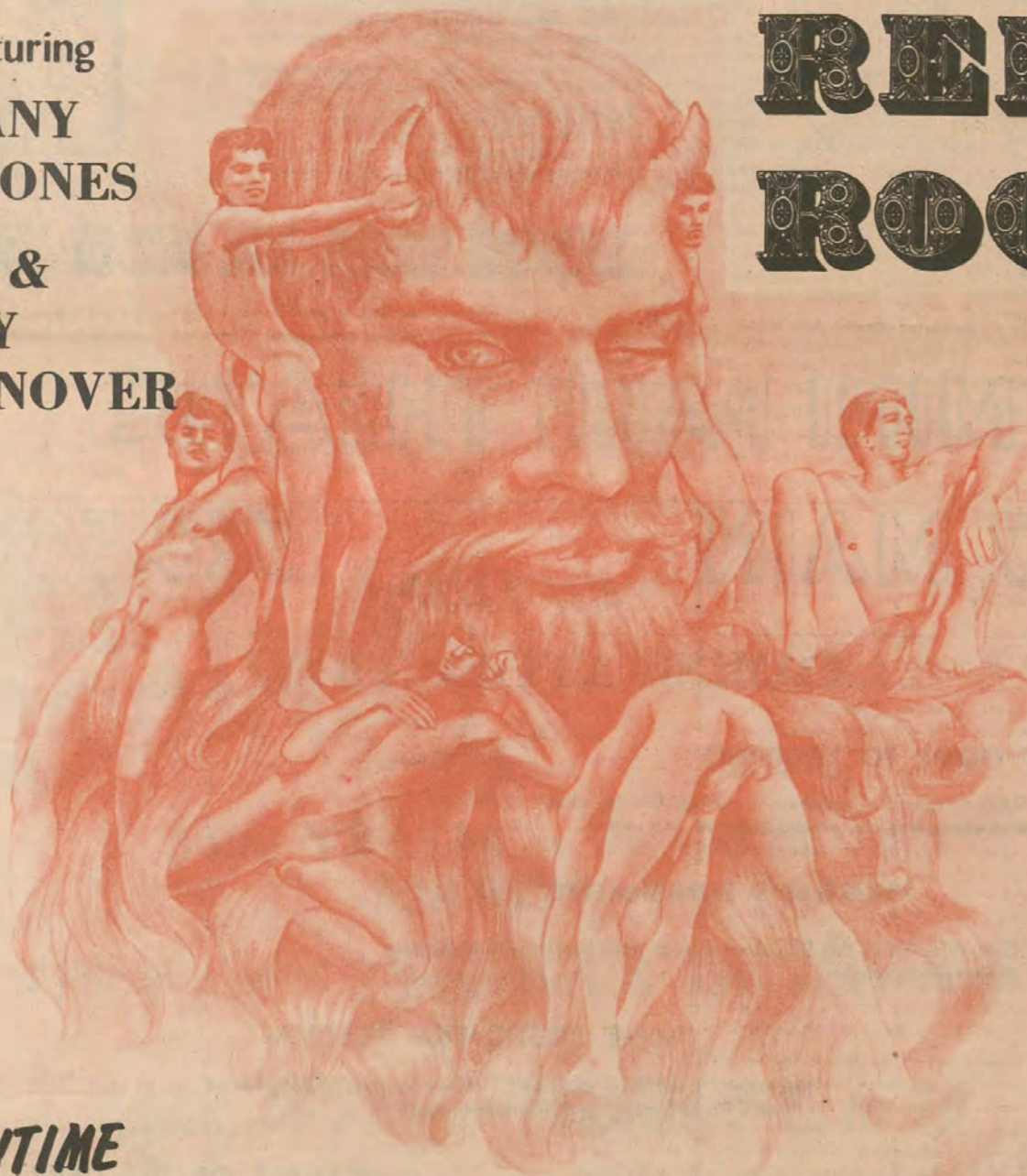
The terrible science reached its culmination in the extermination of twenty million people in the crematoria of Belsen and Dachau. Now, the disreputable science is again raising its ugly head under the label of psychiatry, neurosurgery, genetics and endocrinology. The new eugenicists, being mostly Jews, are free from anti-semitism, but are vehemently

anti-homosexual and to a lesser extent anti-black. Many of the neo-eugenicists involved in the anti-Gay conspiracy are saying that Blacks are genetically inferior and have smaller brains and I.Q.'s than caucasians.

The fact that the neo-eugenicists are almost unanimously Jewish is relevant. The anti-homosexual taboo can be traced to the ancient Jews. Homosexuality was acceptable and commonplace in all other ancient civilizations. It has been suggested that the Jews adopted anti-homosexuality (and circumcision) as a national symbol, like a flag, in order to distinguish themselves from their neighbors -- and to increase their birthrate, thus gaining

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a military advantage over their neighbors.

Anti-homosexuality became a patriotic attitude connected with the territorial ambitions of the Jewish kings. It became an obsession of the Jews and permeated every aspect of their culture. It was carried into Christianity by Saul of Tarsus (St. Paul), who spewed forth anti-homosexual venom in the "Epistles of Paul", more than half of the New Testament. There is an anti-homosexual taboo built into Christianity, but it lacks the intense patriotic fervor of the Jewish taboo. Gentile scientists seem to overcome their subconscious hate, but even Jewish atheists have such firmly rooted anti-homosexual obsessions in their cultural heritage that it dominates their mental processes to the extent that it dominates their mental processes to the extent that they cannot view homosexuality rationally.

Hopefully, American cultural inhibitions against mass extermination will preclude a restaging of the last days of Belsen and Dachau. More likely, the neo-eugenicists will attempt genocide by murdering homosexuals while they are still fetuses — as they have already impaled.

Either way, the genocide of Gays will be disastrous for the world. The ecology probably requires a certain percentage of Gays for ecological balance. In addition, a high percentage of artists, composers and literary figures are Gay. Gays such as Shakespeare, DaVinci, Michelangelo and Tchaikowski have brought beauty into an ugly het world.

— EDITORIAL —

YMCA & YWCA: BAH!

The Young Men's Christian Association and the Young Women's Christian Association in Houston do not turn out to be as Christian as their legal names imply, nor as Christian is defined generally.

The Downtown YMCA and YWCA both discriminated against the American Association of Christian Crusaders (AACC) and its Church of Montrose by cancelling the Church's reserved space on Sunday the 23rd of May, 1971. Both places had accepted the Church's reservation of space to use for church services, then reneged at the last moment on their agreements. This shabby treatment of the Church of Montrose and its pastor, resulting in financial loss and embarrassment, is not to be casually excused.

These so-called "Christian" organizations violated their agreements for the sole reason that the Church of Montrose serves primarily a homophile community. Apparently these "Christian" associations are not prepared to follow the lead of their purported Master and extend the hand of Christian brotherhood to such as we. A sad commentary on the basic principles of the YMCA and the YWCA. And rather silly considering the universal reputation of both institutions!

The Gay citizen no longer has to tolerate the malicious opinions of the hets of this world. Those days are long and mercifully dead. As for the YMCA and YWCA, we would remind our readers and friends that both derive part of their financial support from the United Fund. Even allowing for the extortion techniques used by the United Fund to receive "Donations" from salaried employees here, we would urge the homophile community to say NO! to any further donations to them. Instead, direct your donations to the Church of Montrose. If you wish to support a Christian organization, then support one which has our genuine interest at heart.

letters to the editor

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Editor,

I wish you would quit using the word straight as the opposite of Gay. Straight means right, correct usual, ordinary, moral truth, fairness, honesty accurate, upright,

reliable, and candid. Its antonyms are tricky, dishonest, crooked, swindler, abnormal, confused, deviant, dissolute, unnatural, and vicious. (Funk and Wagnell's Dictionary). When straight is used as the antonym of Gay, you imply that Gay is unnatural, and abnormal. The continued use of the word straight has an undesirable subconscious psychological effect on the readers and militates against pride, self-esteem, etc, and causes Gays to think of themselves in a negative manner.

I suggest that the non-prejudicial word "Het" be used instead of straight. You will note that most of the underground press has already switched to the new usage.

I AM NOT ABNORMAL

P.S. I enclose a submission which is also furnished to Liberation News Service and out of state Gay publications.

Dear I Am Not Abnormal,

We think your idea is a good one, and in this edition of *The NUNTIVUS* we have used the word "het" in several instances, along with the word "straight" to describe a person of heterosexual persuasion. The word "straight" has taken on many more meanings in current English usage over the past few years and the dictionary definitions are no longer final. This is typical of any

living, vital language; the dictionaries will catch up later.)

Editor

Dear Phil,

Houston's Gay scene has been most fortunate to have three first class quality clubs. Can you name any other city in America which has three? The old Palace Club was first, the Romulus, then the Phoenix fire bird rose out of the ashes to penthouse level and became the new Palace, and then came that cute Tattooed Lady. The Palace Club was the most beautiful Gay spot in America, even if it did look like some femme fatale screen star's kosher bedroom.

As usual, the Gay crowd ignored quality, most staying away claiming the Palace as being "too" elegant. If a city has 20 and more gay bars, why shouldn't 2 or 3 of them be fine places? If one is going out to gay places, why be forced to limit one's self only to dirty, uncomfortable grubby ugly places.

Some kid themselves that they don't feel comfortable in a fine place. Others have a mistaken opinion that fine places are nelly. What is nelly about the Houston Country Club, the River Oaks Country Club, the Houston Club or the Bayou Club? These places are all fine

POLICE

"PEEK"

"The Nuntius" contacted Miss Anne Hornack, Assistant Director of the Houston Public Library, concerning the installation and use of a two-way mirror by the Houston Police Department in the men's restroom at the Library.

Miss Hornack was queried concerning the mirror and she related that its installation had been made at the request of the Houston Police Department. "... she didn't remember just how many years ago. "Because of numerous complaints made by patrons of the Library concerning "certain actions" that were transpiring in the Library's facility.

When asked if the mirror had been a determining factor in reducing the number of complaints, the Assistant Director stated that, "Yes, it had been a determinant in curtailing these actions" and that such unpleasant activities had calmed down. She went on to say that recently the staff of the Library had received very few complaints from their patrons and that "... spells of complaints came in cycles."

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and you don't see many nelly types there at all.

The Gays tend to be flighty and patronize one bar over the other for silly or unknown reasons ignoring quality as they fly from bar to bar.

The sad result appears to be that we are well on our way to losing our finest gay places from lack of support.

Management has been interested in getting more

business, but have been deplorable in some of their actions and lack of actions. As flighty as most gays are, even the most staunch customers are not going to put up with some of management's abuses.

A bar fly whos bit.

Dear Bit Barfly -

It might be a matter of

pocketbook and taste as well as others not having been bit but stung by your "quality" clubs. You haven't mentioned nearly all the "quality" spots where service rather than decor is in evidence.

Editor

Dear Editor,

Scene 1 had seventeen arrests the 22nd of May which was actually at 2:30 a.m. Sunday.

Two plainclothesmen came in, sealed the door, and searched everything and everybody. All personal I.D. checked, employees all had health cards, all licenses were in order. The owner was confident that everything was in good order as he had complied with every regulation.

He stopped serving by 2 on the clock and took away at 2:15. At least they thought they had.

The fire department had been in the day before asking them to remove the rear exit sign. This the manager did the same day he was asked to do so. The power was switched off to do this as a result the clock lost time.

The police called the paddy wagons and hauled seventeen to jail, charging

them with consuming or serving after hours.

While this was probably not harassment for being a Gay bar, the morality of these policemen deserves a more than casual examination, because they were dead wrong. Is it not part of their oath of office to prevent crime and violations of the law? While ignorance of the law is no excuse these customers at the bar would have preferred to not break the law and deserved to have been given the chance.

Here is a victimless crime. Here are two policemen standing by idly and encouraging the consumption by their permissiveness and the clock wrong.

What kind of respect for the law does the public get from this sort of treatment from the police? The police in an orderly society are to be asked for help rather than to be feared by law abiding citizens.

I hope that these arrests fight this case in court, win, get the arrest records destroyed, get an apology, and get the two policemen disciplined with a lowered rank.

Lucky regular customer
Out of Town

Dear Out,

It is part of the management's job to protect his customers as well as his license. The ball has been dropped or I misunderstand your letter. Scene 1 has had a bad clock for some time - "so we are told". Do you really feel that the police are at fault here? Just hope management paid the tab for the paddy ride - negligence - !!!

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PROSPECTS:

The Sodomy Laws Must Go

By George Schatzki

At present, every state except Illinois has some law which prohibits so-called "unnatural sex acts," usually called "sodomy" or "the abominable (or "unspeakable") crime against nature." Typically the laws prohibit one or more of the following: bestiality (intercourse with animals), buggery (anal intercourse) and oral-genital contacts.

Almost all of these laws do not distinguish between consensual and non-consensual acts, nor between public and private conduct, nor between homosexual and heterosexual relations. Most of them do not exempt sexual acts committed in the marriage relationship, and there actually have been isolated instances in which married persons were prosecuted for these acts.

My comments are intended to set out very broadly the history of sodomy and of its most feared manifestation, homosexuality; its present status in our society; and some of the legal ramifications.

Hebrews

While it is not entirely clear when the first so-called "secular" laws against homosexuality or sodomy emerged, most historians agree that taboos on this type of "unnatural" sex were legislated by the Hebrew tribes; these prohibitions found their way into the Old Testament. It is generally believed that homosexual practices — especially anal intercourse — were common among the Canaanites and the Egyptians. Moreover, not only was homosexuality common in the "cradle of civilization" (the Nile Valley and Mediterranean Basin), but it was practiced in Scandinavia, through the land of the Galls and the Celts, as well as in the Far East. And, of course, in Greece, the zenith of ancient civilization, homosexuality blossomed and was considered highly desirable.

With the possible exception of Persia, in no ancient

civilization were homosexuality and bestiality treated with such fierce opposition as by the Hebrews, who were of the view that persons practicing such "horrible" acts should be put to death. Still, early in their history, the Hebrews had practiced homosexuality through male prostitutes who were employed at the temples; it was then believed that intercourse with these men produced some sort of supernatural blessing or power. Even today this sort of belief about homosexual relations is fairly common among primitive tribes.

While it is true that the early Roman Empire contained in its laws a prohibition on homosexual behavior, the prohibition appears to have been ignored. Indeed, at least one emperor of Rome, Heliogabalus, was believed to have been raised as a priest in a homosexual temple.

Abstinence Ideal

When the Roman Empire became Christian, several new laws aimed at "unnatural" sex acts were passed. The Christians proscribed all sexual acts which were not procreative. (Indeed, the Christians urged total sexual abstinence as the ideal but permitted sex within marriage if it was reproductive.)

In Middle Age England sodomists were thought to be heretics. Indeed, the term "bugger" derives its meaning from the common belief that heretics were also sodomists, and heretics were known as buggers.

Over the years the church lost the power to impose sanctions such as death or imprisonment on offenders of religious laws. Apparently as a result, in 1533, the first secular statute in England was passed to deal with sodomites. Over the years, the substance of that law has become enshrined in our tradition. The Christian taboo on all sex activities which do not have the potential

of reproduction has resulted in many laws prohibiting not only anal intercourse and bestiality, but also oral intercourse.

Usually it is homosexual behavior rather than "deviant" heterosexual behavior, that incurs the wrath of the government and the society in general.

Kinsey

Exact statistics as to the frequency of homosexual practices in our society are not available. The Kinsey reports of the late 1940's and early 1950's are considered the best sources we have. They indicate that more than one-third of the white male population over the age of 16 has had at least one orgasm due to homosexual relations, and that approximately one-half of that same population has at least recognized some strong homosexual instincts or yearnings. About 10 per cent were exclusively homosexual for a period of at least three years in their adult lives, while four per cent remain homosexual throughout their adult lives.

Kinsey and many others have noted that homosexual behavior is not limited to the stereotype, that is, to the intellectual, the artist, the effete and the effeminate. Persons in all walks of life (truck drivers and interior decorators, athletes and professors, doctors and candlestick makers), per-

sons with all personality traits, engage in some homosexual acts. Many are married and have children but seek other sexual or emotional outlets, perhaps only from time to time.

Most "homosexuals" at one time or another if not regularly, engage in heterosexual relations also. Thus, the word "homosexual" may be misleading. It may have reference to those who are exclusively homosexual; it may refer to those who prefer homosexuality; or it may refer to anyone who has engaged in any homosexual acts, or has even recognized homosexual instincts within himself. (If the definition is the last, approximately one-half of the white male population is homosexual.)

Activism

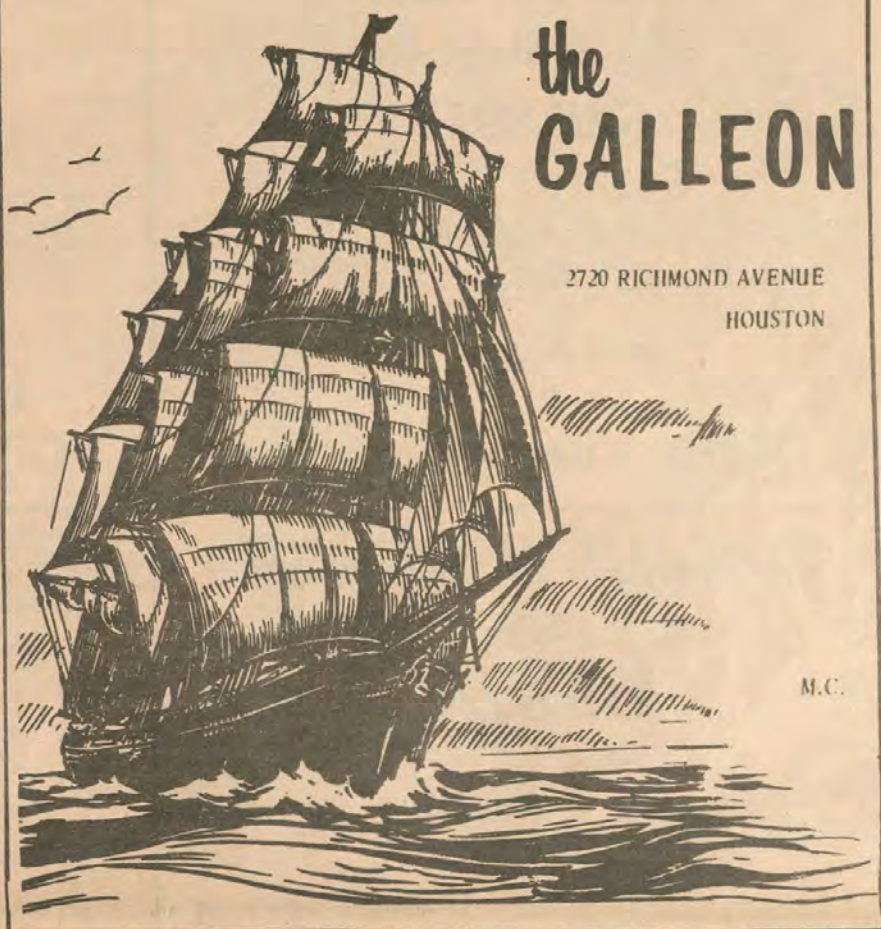
However defined, homosexuality is much more in our society's eye today than in the past. This seems true not only because of the increasing academic interest in the subject, but also because of the increasing activism of a number of homosexuals and their organizations.

These institutions have taken many roles for themselves. Some are attempting to make society more tolerant and to change laws which repress sexual "deviants." Some homophile organizations are attempting to give homosexuals

a sense of identity and a self-image of which they are not ashamed. This is accomplished through meetings and discussions of mutual problems and experiences. These organizations may take on a somewhat "militant" facade, such as Gay Liberation, which proclaims that "gay is good." Or they may be more passive. But all try to be unashamed.

There are, for example, homophile churches springing up in different parts of the country. These churches provide all the usual church ceremonies and counselling, including performing marriages for their parishioners. (While there are no statistics on the subject, apparently homosexual marriages are not so stable as heterosexual marriages. But in all likelihood, one of the major factors for this apparent difference is the lack of legal sanctions for the homosexual marriage — there is no divorce procedure to inhibit permanent and legal separation. Nor is there any children to hold together a couple who otherwise would part.)

The sense of strength and determination of the homophile movement in our country is best illustrated, perhaps, by the newspaper reports that homosexuals intend to "take over" some small towns in the hope of finding peace from harassment due to their sexual preferences.



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Meeting Places

There are other institutions that exist to satisfy the sexual appetites of the homosexual and that are necessary because of homosexuals' inability to make safe liaisons as readily as heterosexuals. Homosexuals are forced to such places as gay bars, which are much like "straight" bars, except that their atmosphere is usually more predominantly sexual; baths, where homosexuals can retire with others and obtain what can be described as impersonal and satiating sex; and parks and restrooms ("tea-rooms").

These locations make it possible for many people who otherwise lead "normal" lives to engage in some quick, impersonal sex, much as their fathers made use of the neighborhood bawdy houses. How many people use these facilities? No one knows. However, one writer has estimated that between 50,000 and 100,000 persons use the gay bars of San Francisco to make sexual liaisons.

Because there are laws against sodomy and against solicitation to engage in sodomy, many of these meeting places are patrolled or spied upon by the police. Typically, the police either spy through holes in the walls or other openings of suspected tea-rooms or individual police officers are charged with leading (seducing?) suspected homosexuals into making passes. As a result of these police practices, which vary in style and intensity from locale to locale, none of the homosexual meeting places are very safe.

Other Forms

As for heterosexual sodomy, the statistics, again, are not complete. Kinsey estimated that nearly 60 per cent of the white male population has engaged in fellatio (oral-male genital relations); that about 17 per cent of the rural male population has engaged in bestiality. It is also clear from the Kinsey statistics that sodomous activities increase with married couples.

However, while many psychiatrists and psychologists are of the view that sodomous acts are often desirable and

beneficial for marriage, many times they are intimidated from so advising patients because of the law. Moreover, educated persons, married and unmarried, often refrain or have guilt feelings because they know of the laws.

While it is true that some people are incarcerated for sodomy (in Texas in 1969, 39 persons were committed to the

state prison for sodomy offenses), according to Kinsey and others, almost all of us would be in jail for sexual offenses if the laws were enforced. This lack of uniform enforcement is itself a problem. For example, police can discriminate against interracial couples or against other "undesirables." Moreover, the laws give rise to the potential of blackmail, by

private persons and by the police.

Repeal

Even if one ignores entirely the rude invasion into people's privacy which is imposed by sodomy laws, it is submitted that whenever a law prohibits conduct in which large numbers of persons engage, absent some very strong reason for keeping the law, the law should be abolished. When dealing with "antisex" laws, and sodomy in particular, there are many reasons for removing the laws from the books:

1. Given the widespread practice of sodomy and the relatively small number of prosecutions, the danger of abuse of police and prosecutorial discretion is greatly enhanced.
2. Since persons can be

arrested for the offending conduct only when the police have evidence of a violation, the police are forced to engage in conduct which is undesirable, such as spying on restrooms or soliciting sexual contacts with others.

3. In those communities where considerable police effort is put into apprehending sexual deviants, there would appear to be misallocation of police resources.

4. The laws reinforce the mores which compel the presence of a deviant subculture in our society.

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5. These laws also provide a rationalization for private sanctions against "sexual deviants," such as refusal of employment.



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6. The threat of criminal sanctions encourages extortion and police corruption.

7. There is injury to the institution of marriage, created by the "threat" of prosecution (no matter how unrealistic this may be), the establishment of sexual taboos and the possible inability of married couples to obtain good professional advice because of statutes outlawing the very conduct which professionals might advise.

8. One intuitively that the moral climate and sense of the national community does not adamantly insist upon punishment for sodomous behavior.

9. There is no evidence that there is an iota of functional harm caused by any of these practices.

10. It is not desirable to develop the disrespect for law that is engendered when it is violated with impunity by millions of persons.

The key to constitutional attack on sodomy statutes is the lack of any secular or functional interest in society's preventing the condemned acts. There is no evidence that buggery, oral-genital relations or bestiality adversely affects the physical or mental well being of the participants. If there were some evidence, only then would we be faced with the more common dilemma posed by statutes that purport to protect individuals from themselves (such as marijuana laws).

The Majority

Sodomy laws are really nothing but laws on morality, with no substantive basis other than history, founded almost entirely in religious beliefs. Some have argued that the government has a legitimate interest in protecting the peace of mind of the many people who object strongly to sodomy — that these people feel safer by knowing that those who perform sodomous acts are committing crimes. This position would justify any legislative act desired by a majority. A majority could always restrain a minority, whether or not the conduct of the minority interfered with the conduct of the majority. Sodomy laws do not further the majority interest, for the majority is in no way affected by what others may do with their private sex lives.

Given the basic premise that there is no rational, let alone compelling, secular or functional justification for sodomy laws, one can begin to construct a constitutional theory for attack. This is not the place to go into the ramifications of constitutional theories, but a broad outline suggests that the First Amendment's ban on the establishment of religion, the due process clauses of the Fifth and 14th Amendment, the Ninth Amendment, and the concepts of privacy all can be utilized in attacking sodomy laws.

At a time when some courts are ready to knock down restrictions on hairstyles, anti-abortion statutes, and requirements for motorcyclists to wear helmets, the sodomy statutes should be easy prey. Indeed, if it were not for the emotionalism that surrounds the subject, these anachronisms would probably have been laid to rest long ago.

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The NECKTIE

John E. O'Connor

For her trip down to the railroad station Mrs. Hartley had put on her lightest summer dress, a white skimmer silhouette with open collar and brass buttons. She had better dresses, but none more cool. Though on a day like this, Mrs. Hartley decided, coolness was simply impossible. Nothing less than air conditioning could have saved her from the murderous Houston heat, and by the time the taxi had reached the station she was perspiring freely. It wasn't much better inside the station house, despite the noisy working of a fan perched upon the cigarette machine. The clerk on duty informed her that the train from New York would be fifteen minutes late, so Mrs. Hartley went outside to the station platform, and there she waited.

There was a meager breeze on the platform and the air was heavy with the smell of salt and loud with the shouting of three negro children playing tag on the vacant lots between the railroad and the warehouse district. With a handkerchief Mrs. Hartley patted away the little slivers of perspiration from her upper lip. She didn't mind her discomfort. What worried her was the possibility of her looking a fright by the time the train arrived, bringing home her son Glenn, whom she hadn't seen for years. Mrs. Hartley wanted to look good for Glenn.

She had the sort of open, large-featured face that never loses its beauty, and a figure that was extraordinary for a woman of fifty years. Mrs. Hartley felt a sudden surge of pleasure, brought on by the familiarity of the station house and the vacant lots and the warehouses. They took her back to the early years of her marriage, when she and Mr. Hartley and Glenn had lived in a duplex just four blocks from the station and right across the street from the Leveridges. The Leveridges were good neighbors who soon became their best friends. They had two children: a daughter, Louise, whom Mrs. Hartley did not see much of, since she played with the girls from a different block; and a son, Rick, whom Mrs. Hartley saw almost as frequently as Glenn, for the two boys were constant companions. Mrs. Hartley and her husband had always approved of Rick as a playmate for Glenn: they seemed pretty evenly matched in strength, in intelligence, and in disposition, without either tending to overwhelm the other. After school and during their vacations, the boys would go off together, usually to the lots by the railroad, which had been unofficially designated as the neighborhood playground. They were inseparable. Even after the Hartleys had moved from Newport News out to Warwick, the boys would commute by bus or bicycle to each other's home, and that soon became unnecessary when the Leveridges themselves moved out to Warwick. The boys attended grade school and high school together, took the same courses, doubledated with the same girls, and chose to attend the same college. They had chosen Dartmouth.

Each week Mr. and Mrs. Hartley would receive one of Glenn's good long newsy letters, which always contained much mention of Rick: how he and Rick enjoyed their double in Richardson Hall; how Rick had received a bid from Zeta Psi and Glenn had not, while Glenn had received a bid from SAE and Rick had not, and so they'd decided not to join any fraternity (that decision had bothered Mr. Hartley, a good SAE man), and how they were both developing ambitions for the legal life. The ambitions held, and after graduation

from Dartmouth, the boys entered the Columbia school of Law where they studied for three years. It was after those three years that the boys started going in different directions, although they did remain in New York and share the same apartment on the East Side. Glenn became a junior partner for a new vigorous legal firm, while Rick became a salaried consultant for an insurance company. Mrs. Hartley had always wanted to go to New York to see them, but she had been tied down by one thing or another in Newport News: her husband's death, the time-consuming task of managing his estate, her presidency of the Women's League, and other matters. During those years Mrs. Hartley had seen Glenn only once — ages ago it seemed, and that was during the frantic ordeal of Mr. Hartley's funeral. Only recently had she found herself, for the first time in her adult life, without anything important to do. She had finally resolved to visit Glenn at the end of summer when, yesterday morning, she had received a long-distance phone call from her son. What he said had given her a great shock. He was coming home. He had given up his practice and was leaving New York for good. Why? He wouldn't say over the phone. "But what about Rick?" Mrs. Hartley had asked. It seemed that Rick was staying behind. Glenn's voice had had an unusual matter-of-factness about it, and Mrs. Hartley had listened for some clue, some indication.

"He's come de train," the negro girl announced. Mrs. Hartley looked down the tracks. Sure enough the train was coming. A small crowd had gathered on the platform, and now they moved out from beneath its shade over to the place where the passengers would alight. Mrs. Hartley could feel her excitement mounting as she accompanied them.

As the train ground and clattered to a stop, Mrs. Hartley scanned the windows for Glenn's face, but it was not to be found. Anxiously, she watched the passengers as they filed out, and was beginning to think that Glenn must have been delayed when she felt someone squeezing her arm. She turned around. It was

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Glenn.

"See how sneaky I've gotten?" he said, grinning. "Why Glenn! You should be spanked, surprising me like that."

He dropped his suitcase and they embraced. When he picked up his suitcase again, she had her first good look at him in over two years. He was different — much more so than she had expected. His hair was thinner, he was wearing glasses and the skin on his angular face had become dry and slack, as though he had just recovered from a serious illness.

"Your old room is all fixed up," Mrs. Hartley said, as they slowly made their way towards the stationhouse. "Yesterday was Mildred's day off. I had to beg and bribe her to help me get ready."

"Good old Mildred. I'll make it a point to be extra nice to her for the first few days."

"She'll be glad to see you," Mrs. Hartley said. She nodded at someone she knew, then continued, "Do you want to check at the baggage room to see if your trunk has arrived? I'm sure it hasn't, not if you sent it yesterday. You'd better be prepared to rough it for the rest of the week."

"I think I will check," Glenn said. He did, and Mrs. Hartley's prediction proved correct. "That just goes to show — Mom knows," he said. They went outside, climbed into a cab and gave the driver their address on James River Drive.

"Gosh sakes, what heat!" Glenn said. "I'm glad you had the common sense not to drive down yourself."

"I guess you New Yorkers are getting a fair share, too," said Mrs. Hartley.

"Yes, Yes indeed." "Oh, by the way, did you know that Mahlon Phelps has become engaged to a girl from Petersburg? I mentioned it in my last letter, which I sent two days ago. It probably missed you."

"It did. So Old Mahlon has finally taken the fatal step, huh? What date have they set for the marriage?"

"Sometime in October, and what a blessing. A wedding where everybody won't be boiled to death after the first ten minutes."

"Yes. Lord, I'd forgotten how grueling those summer weddings could be."

"And haven't there been a lot of them this summer!" said Mrs. Hartley, getting onto her favorite topic. "Bob Lambert and Beverly Ann Osbourne, Troy Gardner and Winnie Diresen. The Gardners were so unhappy that you couldn't show up and usher at that wedding. And then there was Herb Baird and Ellen Singleton, when the

temperature rose to one hundred and how I survived I'll never know. And then Leona Price and her beau from Richmond, and George Minor and that girl he courted at Mary Washington. Oh, we've been keeping our preachers busy this summer." She hesitated.

"What are you thinking about?"

"Oh, just about Mahlon Phelps and Bob Lambert."

Mrs. Hartley nodded knowingly. "Yes, they've all gotten married, or soon will be. Your old gang."

"It makes me feel very . . . out of it."

"Speaking of your old friends, I saw Joe and Tessie Mallory the other day with their little boy. Frankie?"

"Freddie."

"Yes, Freddie. He's such a darling thing, and so bright. Texxie's expecting another in a few months, and they're both happier than a pair of clams. But here, I've been doing all the talking. You tell me some things. How is Rick? Is he staying in the old apartment, now that you've left, or what?"

"Rick is fine, said Glenn, looking out the window. "Apparently his new apartment has worked out very satisfactorily."

"Oh, he's moved already?"

Mrs. Hartley asked, and when Glenn nodded, she continued: "I see. I had gotten the impression that you boys had left simultaneously."

"No. He left before I did. Several weeks ago."

"Well, I certainly hope he didn't leave you in the lurch, without paying his share of the rent."

"Now, mother, you know Rick better than that. Would he pull such a . . ."

"No, no. Of course not. Where is he staying now?"

"He's got a nice four-roomer over on the East Side. Nicer than the one we had, although ours was a five-roomer."

"A four-roomer?" Her eyes narrowed. "Has he got another roommate?"

"What?" he said, burning away from the window and facing her. "I'm sorry. I was looking at the new Sears building."

They struggled to hold their balance while the cab swerved around the corner and into Huntington Avenue. Then Mrs. Hartley repeated her question:

"Has Rick got another roommate?"

"Oh yes, he's got another roommate."

"I hope there hasn't been any trouble. You did part good friends, didn't you?"

"Yes, mother, yes. Rick and I are still . . . on the best of terms. Yes. The best of terms."

With a shock, Mrs. Hartley noticed that her son was fight-

ing back tears. Quickly, she changed the subject and told him about the new downtown Sears store, which they had just passed, and the new Hidenwood shopping center, which was still under construction. She carried the bulk of the conversation until the cab brought them to their destination.

Glenn parked his suitcase next to the stairwell and walked side by side with her into the living room. Mrs. Hartley tried to visualize in what ways the room had changed since he had last seen it. The main difference, she decided, was in the greater number of framed photographs. Her favorite was hung on the wall over the sideboard — a color print of Glenn and Rick at age nineteen, standing before snow-covered Vermont hills, their arms on each other's shoulder, wearing knitted caps and blue ski-jackets with the round scarlet medallions earned at a recent ski-meet. Two smiling pictures of youthful health and foolishness.

"Why don't you fix us some drinks?" Mrs. Hartley said. "Gin and tonic for me. There's some bourbon too, if you'd prefer that."

"Gin's the thing for a day like this," Glenn said. They went out to the kitchen, and Mrs. Hartley watched him prepare the drinks. He brought the drinks over to the formica-topped kitchen table and sat down across from her.

"Well," said Mrs. Hartley, "this is just like old times, isn't it?" I don't mean our sitting and drinking, but just . . . you and me, sitting and talking over the same old table. I eat all my meals in here now. Only when I have guests do I eat in the diningroom, which isn't often."

"It's time to change that," Glenn said. "We'll have some meals out in the diningroom, and we'll have some people over for dinner, too. You shouldn't be alone so much, mother."

"Oh, it isn't so bad. There's Mildred, and there's Mrs. Mackey. She's pretty much alone too, she and her husband, ever since Anna Louise got married."

"Anna Louise is married? Oh yes, I'd forgotten."

Mrs. Hartley took several refreshing swallows from the metal cup, studying her son all the while.

"Glenn, now that you've left New York, what are your plans, or haven't you decided? Do you wish to remain in New-
port News?"

He nodded. "Yes, mother, I'm through will all those . . . carpetbaggers." He uttered a little laugh. "I'm home to stay."

"Well then you might as well stay here. You'll have all

the room in the world, it's economical, and it's a nice neighborhood. Unless, of course, you'd rather live in an apartment?"

"I'd rather stay here, if you can stand having me around."

Mrs. Hartley smiled. Now that the most important thing had been settled, she went on to the next most important thing. "Have you thought yet about where you'd like to work? I hear that Mr. Hastings in the shipyard's legal office is retiring, so perhaps there'll be some room there."

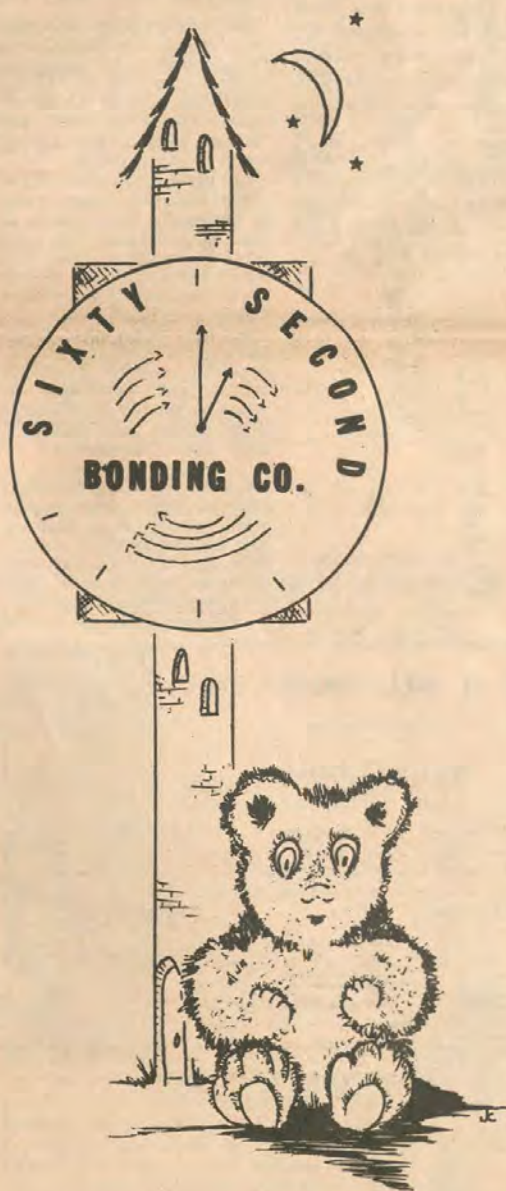
"Perhaps. But I still don't want to work for a corporation. Have you seen Herb Hoyle lately?"

"As a matter of fact, I was just talking to him last night. I ran into him over at the Mackeys. Naturally, I told him you were coming back to

town. And he was very enthusiastic. He said that if you were going to stay, he'd be more than happy to take you on as a junior partner, provided you could pass your Virginia bars. It sounds like a wonderful opportunity."

"It is a wonderful opportunity, Mother. Good old Herb. That's one firm I'd be proud to join anyway."

"Well, you just hop right over there, and you talk with him. Incidentally, Herb Junior has just graduated from U. Va., and he's going pretty steadily with Bitsy Sullivan. You remember Bitsy, don't you? No, I guess not, since her family's only been here less than two years. Anyway, she's a darling girl and just perfect for Herb Junior. And wait a minute. I'll bet the Hoyles invite you over for dinner. Oh, I hope they do, because then you can meet



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their youngest niece Beth, who's staying with them for the summer. I'll bet you'd like her. She's not very pretty, and she wears glasses, but she's very vivacious and lots of fun to talk to and . . . why, I'll bet you'd really have a good time with her. And then there's another girl I'd like you to meet - Linda Gresham. A friend of Daisy Sansamino's. She's a widow and probably a few years older than you, but she's so sweet and a real beauty, and just dying to be taken places."

Mrs. Hartley was about to describe another eligible girl, when for the first time she noticed the necktie her son was wearing. She had been nagged by its familiarity, and now she remembered it. It was the striped red and black tie Rick Leveridge had given to Glenn for Christmas - oh, nearly five years ago, yet it seemed almost brand-new. Mrs. Hartley gazed at it in silence.

Glenn wrinkled his brow, his bewilderment obvious. He started to say something, but then the bewilderment vanished and gave way to realization. He gave her a sheepish, painful smile.

"Yap, yap, yap," said Mrs. Hartley. "How I do babble on!" Slowly, almost hesitantly she finished her drink, and then she smiled back at him, but said nothing.

1971 - The Year of the Middle-Class Junkie

"The Year of the Middle-Class Junkie," is what two prominent doctors are calling 1971. Dr. David J. Bentel and Dr. David E. Smith are co-directors of the University of California's Drug Abuse Information Project.

In this article by Dr. Bentel and Dr. Smith, they report on the rapid spread of drug abuse beyond the ghettos, into the more affluent homes of America.

Heroin, recent newspaper headlines proclaim, is no longer limited to the "lower classes," but is now infecting the sons and daughters of respectable, well-to-do citizens of middle-class and upper-class America.

1971 has become the year of the Middle-Class Junkie. Shocked, distraught, unbelieving parents who discover that their son or daughter is a heroin addict are demanding government and community response to deal with the crisis.

Investigations reveal that young, teen-age white kids, just like the kids in the ghetto slums, rob, steal and prostitute - "hustle" - on the streets to support drug habits of \$25, \$50 and even \$150 a day.

An 18-year-old son of a well-to-do Mill Valley, Calif., resident committed 376 burglaries of local homes to support his \$150 a day habit which required that he steal and "fence" \$500 to \$600 a day worth of merchandise.

Selling drugs to other kids in school is another common way to finance a drug habit. In some high schools, the boys' lavatory is called "the drug store" because of the volume of illicit business done between classes.

Police in most of the larger cities agree generally that almost 50 percent of all property crimes are committed by young heroin addicts desperate to get enough cash together to make their "connection."

Dr. George Gay, Chief of the San Francisco Haight-Ashbury Medical Clinic's drug detoxification section, feels that the new style heroin users are sick because their lives and their world are sick, in spite of affluence. They are almost totally alienated from the rest of

America. They no longer identify with or trust society or even see much good in it.

They feel that they have been betrayed and deserted by their parents, their teachers and their society. So they drop out, sometimes literally. Heroin, they feel, is their best or perhaps only path of escape.

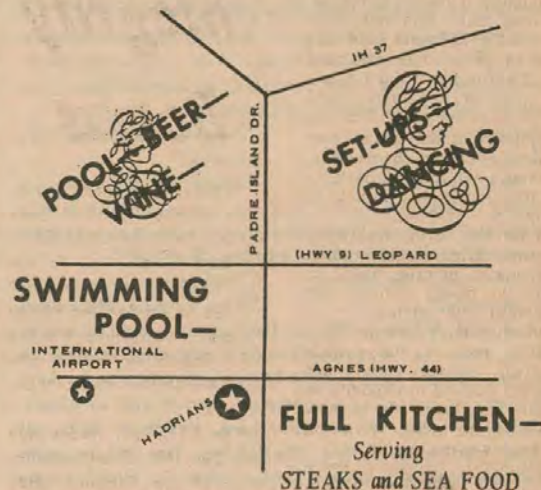
Drugs are the current "in" thing with the kids. Everybody has heard about them, some have tried them, but all are curious. The average kids from good families who experiment with drugs are not mentally ill, but rather going through the normal process of adolescent turmoil.

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more prestigious or affluent the parents — the less they seem to know about what their kids spend their time doing.

They typically lament afterwards, "I just can't understand what went wrong. We did everything we could for our kids, gave them everything they ever wanted. I just don't, for the life of me, understand how they could have gone and done what they did."

The upper-class parent, like the lower, may not even realize for months that his kid is chronically addicted to heroin. He may only find out after his child's behavior and life patterns have so deteriorated that the youth's waking hours are spent on a bizarre, compulsive search for the next fix.

Typically at that point, parental reactions will be irrational, emotional, full of hostility and misgivings and no help in solving the problems.

Community drug treatment programs often employ young, experienced ex-drug users on whom the needy can rely for treatment and advice.

Unfortunately, such projects usually receive very little financial support and are severely limited in capacity to handle the thousands of new young addicts being "born" on the streets every month.

Fortunately, however, there is evidence of a slow shift in the attitude of the general public and the official agencies toward drug problems. There is a gradual but beneficial shift in attitudes regarding education and treatment.

Only when we accept a combination of the social and health care approach to drug addiction and reject the crime and punishment logic, can progress be made toward resolving middle-class heroin addiction and the broader problems of America's Drug Epidemic.

THOMPSON LOSES CLUB Integrity Bombs

Lanis Thompson, former owner of the Romulus Club and the Tattooed Lady Club, lost both enterprises in the first week of June in what must be the most incredible debacle in business circles since Robert McNamara promoted the TFX as an economy measure.

At 11:37 pm Wednesday June 2nd, Mr. Frank Arnold, owner of the Tattooed Lady Club marched into the club with his wife, a formidable couple, and pronounced the closing of the club. Mr. Arnold made it clear that Mr. Thompson, operator of the club, was in serious arrears and that from that moment the Tattooed Lady Club was closed. Guests were advised of the closing and asked to leave at once.

Later in the evening a meeting was held in the club between Mr. Arnold and employees of the defunct Tat-

toed Lady Club to determine the reopening of the establishment. Hopefully some arrangements will be made to continue the city's most charming gay club in operation under different management.

In the meantime the former Romulus Club, now named the Gayboy International Club, was opened by its new owners, Joe Anthony and Tom Vicera. However, this transaction was clouded by an interesting assortment of facts and non-facts. Mr. Anthony said there was considerable difference between what he had been told by Mr. Thompson as to the financial circumstances of the defunct Romulus Club and what the creditors of the Romulus Club claimed. Mr. Anthony said that Thompson's presentation of the facts suffered badly in comparison with the facts as determined by his attorneys.

In fact, Mr. Anthony said Thompson's statements were patently false, albeit in

somewhat more colourful language.

Arnold's actions and statements would indicate his basic agreement with Mr. Anthony's observations.

Thompson, whose reputation for frequently self-professed integrity has been sorely wounded by the labyrinthine manoeuvring of the past few months, was unavailable for comment.

Mr. Arnold when contacted June 3rd stated: "Lanis Thompson is a soft con artist and a thief. I let him operate the Tattooed Lady for six months with an option to buy, to date he has not paid anything to me."

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seriously and he replied: "I am afraid to get into my car without checking the hood, trunk and underneath it and have been doing this for some months. I don't walk out a door without looking each way before passing through it. My friend and I do take these threats seriously."

Mr. Cappell then asked: "Check around and see what has happened to Mike Whitticker? He has not been seen since last Friday night when he left very suddenly and there is no one that knows what has happened to him, not even his roommate Dusty. Mike has received the same threats that I have".

In checking THE NUNTIUS found that Mike Whitticker did leave Houston rather suddenly. It is understood that he is with his family out of state but we do not know his exact whereabouts but are led to believe he is all right.

Mr. Cappell then volunteered: "Ronnie Levine has offered me \$10,000 to leave town and not testify at the forthcoming arson trial, but I have refused his offer. I don't need their money".

Mr. Cappell then said: "I have lined up an attorney and bondsman recommended by Lannis Thompson to bail me out and act in my defence in the event Ronnie Levine after my having refused to take his money filed extortion charges against me in retaliation".

The NUNTIUS contacted Lannis Thompson and was told: "Yes! I referred Bob Cappell to an attorney, one of my ex-partners and also to a bondsman. I told the

bondsman that if he received a call from Cappell and the charge was extortion and nothing else that I would pay the bond fee".

Mr. Thompson was then asked what he thought about the threats and he answered: "these threats are most serious".

RITTER

Ritter and another person to make the false alarm report, supposedly taking place in the Club Romulus.

Ritter's record includes other previous arrests with convictions.

Witnesses have also allegedly implicated Ritter in recent harassment tactics against The Armadillo Club, resulting in police raids in search of narcotics. In each instance anonymous telephone calls were received by Houston Police. No charges have been filed in connection with this investigation to date.

Prior to becoming manager of Club Romulus, Ritters business experience included posing in the nude for beefcake magazine pictures. According to employees, members and guests, his management of the Club Romulus was marked by exotic checking account procedures, unusual bookkeeping methods and steadily declining business. After several weeks of virtually no business, the Club Romulus was sold to Mr. Joe Anthony and Thomas Vecera. It is now gayboy International Club.

AARC PICKETS

HOUSTON - On the afternoon of May 8th the Rev.

Dr. Billy Hudson and the Rev. Don Flanders of the AARC Church of Montrose went to the Downtown YMCA of Houston to arrange for a church service to be held on May 23rd. A meeting hall was reserved for the newly formed Church of Montrose and payment was deposited and duly receipted by the YMCA authorities.

The AARC (American Association of Religious Crusaders) ministers then proceeded with their plans for the first service by printing announcements and contacting supporters of the homophile community. Circulars were distributed giving the date and place of the first religious service and response was impressive. A number of professional and religious leaders of the area expressed support for the Christian ministry of the two ministers, and were pleased that the YMCA had for the second time made space available to a primarily Gay religious organization. (The Metropolitan Community Church was the first such group.)

On May 20th Mr. A. J. Firkessen of the YMCA telephoned asking for the Rev. Dr. Hudson. Dr. Hudson got in touch with Mr. Firkessen the next day and was advised that the reserved space would not be made available to the Church of Montrose because "the air conditioning was out and the assembly hall hired by Dr. Hudson was full of construction material." Dr. Hudson asked if another space would be made available on such short notice by the YMCA since it would not be possible to notify the people who were coming for the service on the 23rd. Dr. Hudson was advised this would not be possible at the YMCA. It was suggested he contact the YWCA.

Dr. Hudson telephoned the YWCA and was told space would be available on May 23rd. Arrangements were then made for the YMCA to transfer the money deposited to the YWCA and a poster to be placed in the YMCA announcing the change of location.

About four hours after these arrangements were made, Dr. Hudson received a call

from the YWCA and was informed the space promised was now unavailable to him and his religious group. The YWCA now claimed the space had been previously reserved but that the reservation had not yet been posted in their ledger.

Dr. Hudson in desperation called the YMCA (at about 5:00 p.m.) seeking assistance, but was told by Mr. Firkessen that "I'm sorry but there is nothing I can do." When asked if the YMCA would reimburse him and the church for the circulars Dr. Hudson was told, "No." Although this amount it is a strain on such a small church's budget.

Upon investigation on May 23rd The Nuntius discovered that the space in question at the YMCA was not filled with construction material and it's air conditioning was functioning. The regularly scheduled YMCA Sunday Service was held in the morning. Of course, this is no great surprise to The Nuntius. The YMCA simply did not want the Church of Montrose to use their hallowed facilities and lied to arrange the matter.

The space previously reserved at the YWCA was, of course, empty until about 4:00 p.m., two hours past the 2:00 p.m. time set for the Church of Montrose services. The YWCA also lied its way out of permitting the use of its sacred premises by the Church of Montrose.

On Sunday, May 23rd, at 2:00 p.m., the Rev. Dr. Hudson and the Rev. Mr. Flanders along with two associates in the Church of Montrose (one of whom is a resident of the YMCA) picketed the Downtown YMCA at 1600 Louisiana for about an hour without incident. They arrived at the YMCA in a VW bus bearing signs of protest at their unjust treatment by the YMCA. After the picketing, the bus was then driven through the Montrose area of Houston to call attention to the YMCA duplicity.

The actions of the YMCA and of the YWCA would indicate the misuse of the name "Christian" in their legal titles. These organisations simply lied and cheated the

Church of Montrose because the church ministers especially to the homophile community of Houston. Period.

Probably the most ridiculous thing about this is the well-known reputation of the YMCA in every country of the world as a virtual male brothel. Hardly everyone's working or living at a YMCA is Gay, but at the same time, quite a large number who do, are. And if this information starts a witch-hunt by the usual sexually mal-adjusted yahoos interested in such bizarre things, so be it. In the meantime, the YMCA and the YWCA might consider changing their names to avoid further abusing the name "CHRISTIAN."



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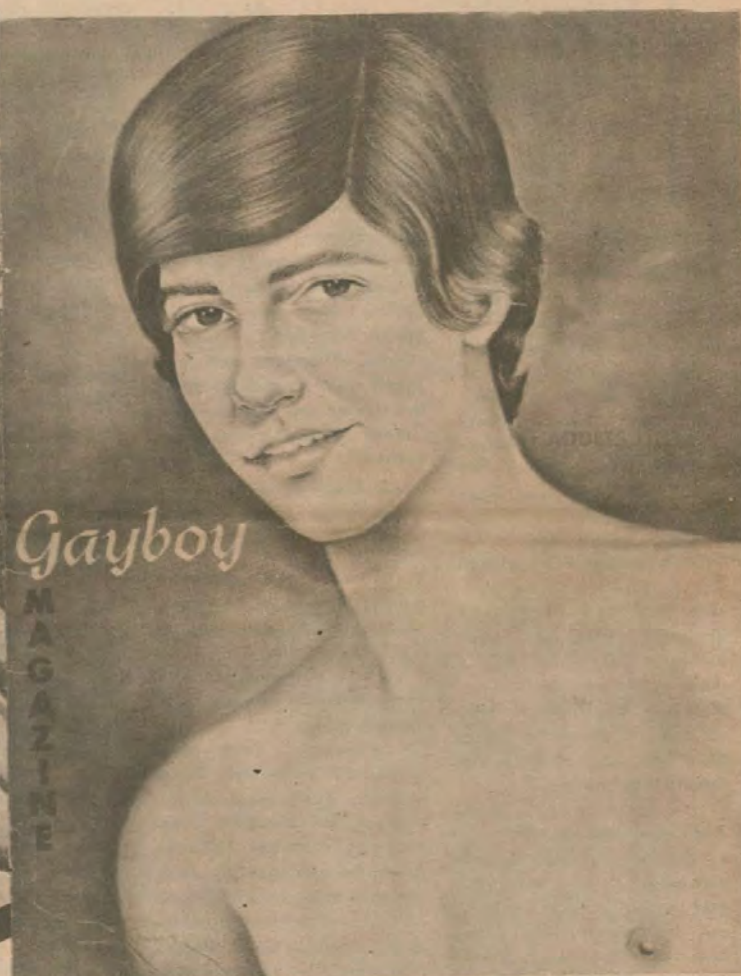
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