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The following interview is with Frank Kameny, president of the Mattachine Society of Washington and the first "known" homosexual to run for the congress of the United States. The benefits of his campaign to the Gay community are numerous besides opening the door for many more to become a part of the government they support. He has traveled throughout the country encouraging Gays to become a part of their government. He spoke before a crowd of about seventy five people at the Gay Pride Conference, at the University of Houston on June 19.

The title of his speech was originally to have been "What is Gay Liberation?" but due to some misunderstanding the title was changed to "Gay's in Politics"; on this subject Dr. Kameny is well versed. The interviewer was Mr. Scottie Harbers.

Q. Dr. Kameny, what do you feel is the Gay's biggest problem in this country?

A. That can take the next hour to answer! Broadly, of course, it's the same problem that every minority group has—namely, the negative attitudes which result in damage to self-esteem, self-confidence, self-image, dignity and so on. Those attitudes which tell a person he's second class and second rate and that his condition is second class and second rate. He actually begins to believe this at the gut level and starts to act that way, to respond to life in that way.

As I have said, all minority groups have this in common. It's the kind of thing that's being fought with such slogans as, "Black Is Beautiful" and "Gay Is Good."

That's general. Now, more specifically, of course, are simply the manifestations of societal prejudice and a variety of ways ranging from denial of employment, whether private or public, to the criminal law and it's administration and implementation. Those are among the problems. One of the major problems which arises out of the others is the relatively complete lack of social resources for homosexuals. About the only thing that we really have in most places at present are the gay bars. They serve a very real function, but they are far from the ideal social arena. And this means that for those people below the legal bar age, whatever that may be in various cities, there is absolutely nothing in the way of social life. I think this is a very critical need. I get calls from people in their teens who have absolutely no social life at all with their peers—no dating, dancing, leading a comfortable, rewarding social life. They have absolutely nothing. So here is an important area.

Q. Well this is one thing that I run into personally here in Houston is that a person in their teens has no where to go unless it is a "het" or "in it" establishment and there is simply no place for them to go. What are the alternatives, I mean

what can we do to provide a place for the "below 21" in this community?

A. Well, they are beginning to be set up in some cities, at present it is still more in the talking stage, than beyond that. For example coffee houses, which since they do not involve alcohol are open to anybody. Just as one example, not necessarily the best, the University of Maryland, the Gay group on that campus has a coffee house which is open every Friday, it's open to anybody on or off campus. There are plans in Washington for opening of another coffee house downtown which will be open to Gay people of all ages. We held a number of dances in Washington which were open to the whole Gay community, without restriction to age, we had people there from thirteen and up. There is a group in New York, called "Gay Youth" which has an upper age limit, nothing to do with the traditional lower age limit of 21. They have chapters in a number of cities, they are largely socially oriented although by no means totally so. These are the first beginning, exploratory efforts to remedy a situation which very much remedying. Now Washington, all bars are open at 18 and New York as well which helps that situation a little bit for the upper end of the teens, but in most other cities it is 21 and it raises a major problem all through that area.

I think that the Gay community, the homophile organizations in the past have been very much afraid of having to do with the younger people. I think they have been almost paranoid about it. This is changing considerably, none of the

newer groups have lower age limits, Mattachine of Washington, which is one of the older groups, totally deleted all mention of age in it's regulations, about a year and a half ago. So that at least you are beginning to bring people into the community, but of course with the subject being talked about increasingly now it's unlike the situation in the years back where the Gay teenager thought he was the only one in the world; he did not know of anybody else. He is at least aware of the fact that there are lots more around and therefore if he searches there is in fact something to be found, in which he was not sure existed before. I predict that in the next couple of years you will see the first high school Gay dances and I expect the PTA's will scream and the school boards will screech. We will go on and organize them and if they make too much of a fuss we will simply call them into court and through the constitution at them and we will go right on ahead and organize them and it will probably will be the same sort of thing as with the first college groups, there will be a lot of static and it will take a few very very determined people to push the thing through the first few times and after that it will be generally excepted.

Q. I do feel that it is going to take some courageous people, I have to agree with you there. Who would you say you draw your largest amount of support from?

A. Support in what sense?

Q. Financial, moral, and just the actual running of a political campaign?

JIM GARRISON NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT ATTORNEY

ARRESTED

New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison, vice squad officer Robert Fry, vice squad chief Edward Soule, and to other people, were arrested on federal charges of bribery, illegal gambling, and obstruction of law enforcement; the justice department announced. Attorney General John Mitchell announced in Washington that five other people were being sought. According to a 113 page affidavit filed with the complaint payments of up to fifteen hundred dollars a month were being made to Garrison and the police officials to protect illegal gambling machines owned by TAC Amusement Company.

Tape recordings of some of the actual transactions were part of the government's case. Garrison, who is the district, who was involved in a long running investigation in an attempt to show that more than one person was involved in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The government affidavit names Pershing Garvais as the informant to expose the alleged gambling operation. Garvais was identified as chief investigator on Garrison's staff between 1962 and 1965. Garvais was quoted that for nine years he was the conduit for pay offs from pinball machine owner John Elms to Garrison. With bi-monthly payments ranging from two to three thousand dollars.

The charge of perjury was filed against Clay Shaw less than two days after he was acquitted of the conspiracy charge by a jury in late February 1969. After that trial, the New Orleans Times Picayune and the New

Orleans States-Item ran front page editorials claiming Garrison as being unfit for public office. Meanwhile Garrison was coming up for re-election in 1970, and not stand the newspaper's broadside and slapped another charge on Shaw to stop that press. It did so effectively, that Garrison was able to eek! out a victory at the polls. The case had served its purpose regardless of the fact that there was no evidence to support perjury.

More to the point however was the fact that Garrison was guilty several times during the conspiracy case of manufacturing evidence against Mr. Shaw or attempting same. Garrison's aids took a burglar by the Shaw residence to climb over a wall and break in to plant a piece of convincing "evidence," but the burglar refused. During the trial Garrison used a dope addict in jail to testify that he had seen Shaw exchange a parcel at the Pontchartrain Lake front at dusk at one hundred yards distance. Not brought out at the trial was whether the weather was clear enough to have afforded the addict such an identifiable view.

A few years before the Shaw case Garrison was having a fude with an ex-police chief in New Orleans named Giavusso. The police chief found that Garrison was a regular patron at a house of prostitution on Conti street which was painted green. A raid on the house produced the madam and the girls, including Garrisons favorite, but no Garrison. He had left fifteen minutes earlier. The favorite ended up as Garrison's receptionist at his court house office. It goes without saying that she had no previous legal experience. But then neither did Garrison. His previous legal experience before becoming district attorney was to defend the madam of the green house.

Before running for District attorney, Garrison, registered with a downtown employment agency to find him a job. The agency was unable to find Garrison a job.

Before the Shaw trial, Garrison was a frequenter of an old, established Gay bar in the French Quarter. He has had a reputation for liking teen aged boys. See February 1971 issue of NUNTIUS page 22, article on Garrison's being accused of molesting a thirteen year old boy. Garrison has also been district attorney while the Gay extortion ring has also been operating, see February 1971, NUNTIUS, page 7.

This is where vice squad members start sex play in public places and arrest any takers they can get after the sex, and later drop charges if the person pays them thousands of dollars. Also see NUNTIUS issue March,

1971, where a Texas heir had sex with Garrison one evening and was arrested the following evening for approaching the exited male organ of a vice squad member

Such is the double dealing of Garrison. It is a miracle that he is still in office and not impeached.

Persons who know Garrison well and who have worked with him say that he is mentally ill and not with reality.

"HAIR" in Houston



It was Wednesday night and we were on our way to see "Kitty's Litter" and Hair at the GB International. The two people who were along for the ride couldn't believe that I was taking them to a bar to see Hair. I kept trying to convince them that I had some sense left, but to be honest I was afraid we were in for a real bummer. We were early enough to see the female impersonation numbers, who are worth going to see by themselves, but it was clear in my mind that many were there in this packed house to see a show fall flat on it's face.

Hair is a social protest with emphasis on communication through the music media. In this scene the medium becomes the message. The show is not meant to entertain but to point up serious flaws in the American way of life. The fact that the show is so much fun is due largely to the fact that people can laugh at themselves. The level on which the play operates is

somewhat confusing because you expect there to be some hidden meaning, stop looking the play is honest. It is America quaking beneath the yoke of military fascism, and its youth dying from the hate, the war, the pollution, and the drugs which are all the product of a sick country.

The building that is being used presents a few problems and you soon realize that a lot of continuity is lost because of the poor lighting. The sound has a few rough edges but all considered the effect is still there. Long pauses between the scenes are disturbing but they give the waiters a chance to wait on you. The costumes and make up are alright, someone must have gotten the idea of what the show is about. The players develop well and you get the feeling that this is a professional production.

Hair was meant to be a ball-breaker i.e. shocking, but if just doesn't seem to be that anymore. Above all the show has become fun for the audience. The music, dancing, and singing are a part, a reflection, a sign of the tribal meeting going on around you and if you want the performance to be a success then you must become a part of the music, dancing and singing.

The shows before Hair change daily and are a must as is this fantastic production of Hair.

S. Harbers

GAY MURDER, SUICIDE

Dallas - Police said the shooting of two men on an East Dallas street appeared to be a case of murder-suicide.

The victims were identified as Walter J. Guillory, 28, of 5124 Live Oak, and James A. Harrell, a 38-year-old Baton Rouge, La., man.

The shooting occurred about 6 p.m. following an argument between the two men in the 800 block of Munger, witnesses told police.

Guillory was shot twice in the chest and stomach, Harrell once in the brain. Both were dead on arrival moments later at Parkland Hospital.

At this time the reason for this tragedy is not known.

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ALA CONVENTION IN DALLAS

The 90th annual convention of the American Library Association was held in Dallas the week of June 19th through the 26th. The ALA/SRRT Task Force on Gay Liberation provided an alternate program of activities.

June 19th several members of the ALA meet with local supporters of Gay Liberation in the Task Force Site to review plans for the counter convention. Israel Fishman reviewed the authority under which the task force constitutes a legitimate branch of the ALA, according to ALA organizational rules.

Round Tables are major groups within ALA dealing with particular areas of interest and authority for the creation of Round Tables is found in the constitution of the ALA.

In 1969 The Social Responsibility Round Table (SRRT) was established by the ALA in order to provide a forum for the development and implementation of new concepts in library service.

In 1970 The Task Force on Gay Liberation was organized according to the by-laws of SRRT. The purpose of The Task Force on Gay Liberation is to raise issues of discrimination against gay people within the library profession and to make library service awards available to gay people.

Mr. Fishman stated in the strategy session that the intention of the Task Force was to provide not a disruption to the ALA meetings, but an alternative to them.

The Task Force is against neutrality and conservatism. It is not enough

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for the library to be the refuge of the homosexual. So that gay people can be recognized as one of the unserved groups of American library users, there must be a program of consciousness-raising.

The General Discussion period of the first meeting brought out that the real oppression felt by gay people is the discrimination against them by those who fear to be identified with the "closet queens" who "pass" as hetero.

June 20th Ruth Shivers spoke on the spiritual needs of the gay person. The het world tends to think of the gay in terms of his sexual activities, the gay is not considered as a whole person with the ideals and spiritual conflicts of others. "To become sensitive and responsive to the needs of others without prejudice; to develop self-respect and a sense of responsibility to ourselves, to others, and to God" was outlined as the spiritual goals of the gay community by Miss Shivers.

The Metropolitan Community Church services was attended by several visitors of the ALA June 20th.

On the 21st the IFC (Intellectual Freedom Committee) of the ALA was approached by members of the Task Force and were requested to take action in the case of Mike McConnell, whose appointment to the library of the University of Minnesota was cancelled because of his life style. The IFC refused on the grounds that the case did not fall under its jurisdiction.

"Hug a Homosexual" booth was set up by the

Task Force. The booth received very little action but had ample television and national news coverage.

The "counter-conference" meetings were highlighted by Mike McConnell who spoke to approximately a group of 150.

Mike told of his appointment to the University of Minnesota and the letter of confirmation which was rescinded following his application for a license for marriage to his male lover.

Mike won his case against the University of Minnesota in Federal District Court. The verdict is still pending in a higher court which was appealed by the University of Minnesota.

The Intellectual Freedom Committees failure to censure the University of Minnesota after the verdict handed down by the Federal District Court and the resolution in his favor passed by the Minnesota State Library Association brought great disfavor from Mike.

Mike outlined five significant points which he feels brings his complaint under their jurisdiction.

1. The Regents disapproved his contract for political reasons.
2. They interfered with the prerogative of the head of the library.
3. The appointment was never described as contingent upon approval of the Regents.
4. The disapproval of the contract was upon "marital" grounds, which is a direct infringement of a specified point of intellectual freedom, as outlined by the IFC.
5. The Regents' disapproval was in part because Mike

McConnell was not ashamed of being Gay, and was not content to lead his own life style quietly without bringing it to any kind of public attention.

Mike summarized a resolution to be presented to the ALA membership. The resolution basically is that there are minorities which are not ethnic in nature, and that discrimination against any minorities, whether of ethnic or non-ethnic nature, should be strenuously combated.

The first annual Gay book award was presented to Isabel Miller, author of A PLACE FOR US. Her novel was originally published by her own Bleeker Street Press in 1969, and will be brought out later this year by McGraw-Hill.

"Sex and the Single Cataloger -- New Thoughts on Some Unthinkable Subjects" was jointly presented by Joan Marshall and Steve Wolf.

Joan Marshall's main topic of discussion was Library of Congress subject headings. Joan pointed out that the closer one examines the LC subject headings, the more it becomes evident that the LC norm is a white, Christian (Protestant) male who is heterosexual. Only white males, etc. are considered as categories without qualification. All others are considered as role-player, approximating the white male norms: Negroes as businessmen, women as consumer, Jews as scientists.

Steve Wolf pointed out that bias is shown in the terms employed to describe homosexuality in the Library of Congress system. Objective classification should employ such terms as "minority sexual preferences and behaviors" or "alternative alternative sex styles".

Revised terminology in classification by librarians and library users should be pressed was Mr. Wolf's conclusion.

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The talks were followed by a lively discussion of various ways of bringing to general notice this dissatisfaction with common terminology. It was generally agreed that a two pronged attack would be most appropriate: formal application for changes through the Library of Congress Bureau, combined with continuing pressure and individual effort on a local level.

On Thursday morning,

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the suggested resolution on non-ethnic minorities was presented to the membership meeting.

The membership voted overwhelmingly to adopt it in the following form:

Whereas at least between six and ten percent of the population leads a same-sex life style,

And whereas gay people suffer arbitrary discrimination in employment and housing when their interpersonal orientation becomes known,

And whereas the striving of gay people to liberate themselves from arbitrary discrimination poses for librarians problems similar to those of other oppressed minorities.

Therefore be it resolved

The American Library Association endorses the following statement of position:

The American Library Association recognizes that there exist minorities which are not ethnic in nature, but which suffer oppression.

The Association recommends that libraries and members strenuously combat discrimination in services to and employment of individuals from ALL minority groups, whether the distinguishing characteristic of the minority be ethnic, sexual, religious, or of any other kind.

by Jeannie Stone
Written for The Advocate

SUICIDE

"HINTED" IN DROWNING

A 37 year old man drowned in an apartment swimming pool in Dallas.

Police identified the victim as George Fleming, 37, who lived at the Hockaday Terrace Apartments, 5615 Belmont.

Fleming, a native of Scotland who had lived in Dallas since November, was pronounced dead just before midnight Thursday after he was pulled from the Hockaday swimming pool by his roommate, Richard Longstaff, 32.

Longstaff told investigators he had been with Fleming beside the pool before going into his apartment. After returning outside about 15 minutes later, he found his roommate floating face down in the pool.

Longstaff said he pulled the victim from the water and applied mouth-to-mouth resuscitation in an unsuccessful effort to revive him.

It is rumored that this death was not accidental but suicide.

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PENTAGON GIVES IN ON GAY DRAFT QUESTION

In perhaps the most significant advancement for gay rights since the beginning of the homosexual movement in the United States the Pentagon three weeks ago radically revised its 20-year-old policy of discrimination against homosexual men. The change was quiet but sweeping. Medical History form no. 89 used at induction center examinations to "screen out" homosexuals and other undesirables was replaced by a new one. From form no. 93 the question concerning a man's "homosexual tendencies" has been omitted. Other questions which were considered either confusing or unnecessary were eliminated at the same time. So was the requirement that the form be signed under penalty of perjury. New form no. 93 is the result of several surveys made by selective service personnel in an effort to simplify and reduce the ambiguities of the examination.

For many months now the Defense Department has been squirming under the yoke of its policy which categorically excluded homosexual men from any branch of military service. The regulation was a wide-open invitation to draft dodgers. Draft boards had no effective control. As a matter of fact the government was never able to successfully challenge a man's word if he declared "homosexual tendencies." All prospective draftees who checked "yes" to the question "Have you ever had or have you now...homosexual tendencies?" and stood by their word and rejected attempts to get them to supply so-called expert "proof" had ultimately to be disqualified on medical grounds. The Committee to Fight Exclusion of Homosexuals From the Armed Forces with headquarters in our offices, has helped over 700 draft-age men with this specific problem. But as the name suggests, the Committee's primary concern was to get the sex question removed from draft exams and thus bring an end to the class discrimination against homosexuals.

The importance of the change from the standpoint of the practical rights of

homosexuals, and all men, is tremendous. There will be cries of anguish, of course from short-sighted, self-serving draft resisters and their agents. But the larger issue is that men in a free society should not have to discuss their sexual behavior with an agency of the government for any reason. The right to privacy in our sexual affairs should

be one of our basic liberties. Sexual feelings are a matter of private conscience. Under the old directive every man who even answered the sex question on his draft examination was thereby compromised. The greatest single evil was that in the process of screening out homosexuals all 19 year old men were required to register their sexual feelings with the federal government.

No one knows how many homosexual men may wish to go in or stay out of the armed forces. The figure is the subject of speculation. But the count one way or the other is not relevant. The essential question is that homosexuals should never be treated as an unvarying, all-inclusive group, or prohibited from any of life's pursuits as though they were. To the military way of thinking all homosexuals were considered medical and moral "rejects." The rationale is the very same as that used by prejudiced civilians to categorically exclude homosexuals from other fields of service and work as well. Thus, the homosexual who will use the prejudice against him to evade the draft is in a way a "plastic pansy" or "Auntie Tom." He is the sort of homosexual who is willing to play the sick role assigned to him by society as a means to his own selfish ends. In so doing he hurts the cause of gay rights more than anything else. In other situations he may be the homosexual who protests that he is as qualified to teach school, to be a civil servant, to work at government contracts, to be bonded, etc., as is a heterosexual.

Under the new Defense Department directive some homosexuals may still be rejected from service - but

it will be on an individual basis, as the result of a personal interview. Quite simply if the Defense Dept. is able to discover homosexual tendencies in a prospective draftee through psychiatric interview let it try to do so. Or if a man feels that his homosexual proclivities somehow should disqualify him from the armed forces let him initiate the discussion. The burden of proof would then be on him. But the blanket discrimination is now gone - we hope forever. It is not a patchwork reform. It represents a radical and positive change in the government's attitude toward homosexuals. It is an acknowledgement of the fact that homosexuals are after all human beings. That they should be judged like other human beings according to their individual merits. It recognizes the fact that some homosexual men are fit for military service and some are not. This attitude is far more realistic than one which tries to determine military fitness by whether a man is gay or not. The test of manhood has changed.

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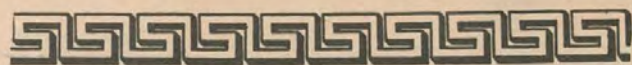
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Capricorn - All love-minded Capricorns have some emotional adjustments to make before the 14th. After the 14th there is a tremendous force that will bring a beautiful love to your life. The romance will be highly colored but difficult to capture and hold during the first part of this month. Things will be changing fast during mid month so be careful of things falling out from under you.

Aquarius - If you feel yourself developing strong attachments for a person who is older, quiet or in a position of authority don't be surprised. For best luck don't discuss your affair as its origin is of a mystical nature. If you have been flirtatious, take care for there will be many broken hearts during the first half of this month. You are not one to waste time with self indulgent sadness, be direct, positive, and enjoy.

Pisces - Good before bad - love smiles thru the last half of the month. Before that you may find one love to be a true enemy. Avoid indulgence in luxuries and

AN OPEN LETTER TO THOSE THRIVING ON GOSSIP AND THINGS!!!

It is with some reluctance that I feel compelled to answer certain charges against me which were printed in the February and June issues of this newspaper.

I feel reluctant because I do not wish to become a part of the segment in our society which seems to thrive on gossip and backbiting.

Truth - I have never owned, I don't presently own, nor do I ever intend on owning a financial interest in a club. **Truth** - I am not under indictment or free on bond for allegedly burning anything. I freely admit that my business activities and personal life were closely investigated after the fires which destroyed the old Plantation

pleasures which your mate can not afford . . . this makes him feel he is losing his independence. The first part of this month brings strange, whirlwind, or unaccountable romances. They may seem glamorous but this is only illusion and later things will show themselves for what they are.

and Palace clubs. This investigation was prompted by my personal friendship for many years with the owners of the clubs and the many rumors pointing the finger of guilt in several directions at once shortly after the fires.

Truth - On April 7, Mr. L. Ogren pled guilty to thirteen separate counts including the burning of the old Plantation club, the burglary of my apartment, and the attempted burglary of Ronnie Levines Apartment on Oct. 3 of last year. He received a five year sentence in the State Penitentiary in Huntsville.

Truth - Mr. Bob Capel is an opportunist from Dallas leaving the now defunct Aquarius Club to seek his fortune in Houston.

Mr. Capel approached me in May "on a business proposition." For \$2,000 he would not appear as a witness in any forthcoming arson trials concerning the burning of the clubs in Houston. When I explained my neutral position in this matter and told him that if he had concrete information in these cases

he certainly should testify and that extortion is a federal offense. He became outraged and stated that he would see myself, Ronie Levine and Larry Shea behind bars. No threats of any kind were made to Mr. Capel as I have no reason or wish to threaten him or anyone else. My attorneys and the F.B.I. are aware of Mr. Capels Houston activities and share my feelings that we all should have more important things to do than become engaged in cheap theatrics.

Truth - Further rumors, name calling and other unstable, immature actions will not be answered by me.

I make a sincere plea to everyone of you who read this to let our law enforcement agencies do their job in connection with the Houston club fires without the "benefit" of rumors which tend only to confuse and hinder their efforts and bring discredit instead of

desirable social recognition to our community.

Vern Bechtel

MR. LEVINE SPEAKS

Mr. Levine came to the paper office and made the following brief statement to-wit: "It is up to the courts and to God to prove my innocence."

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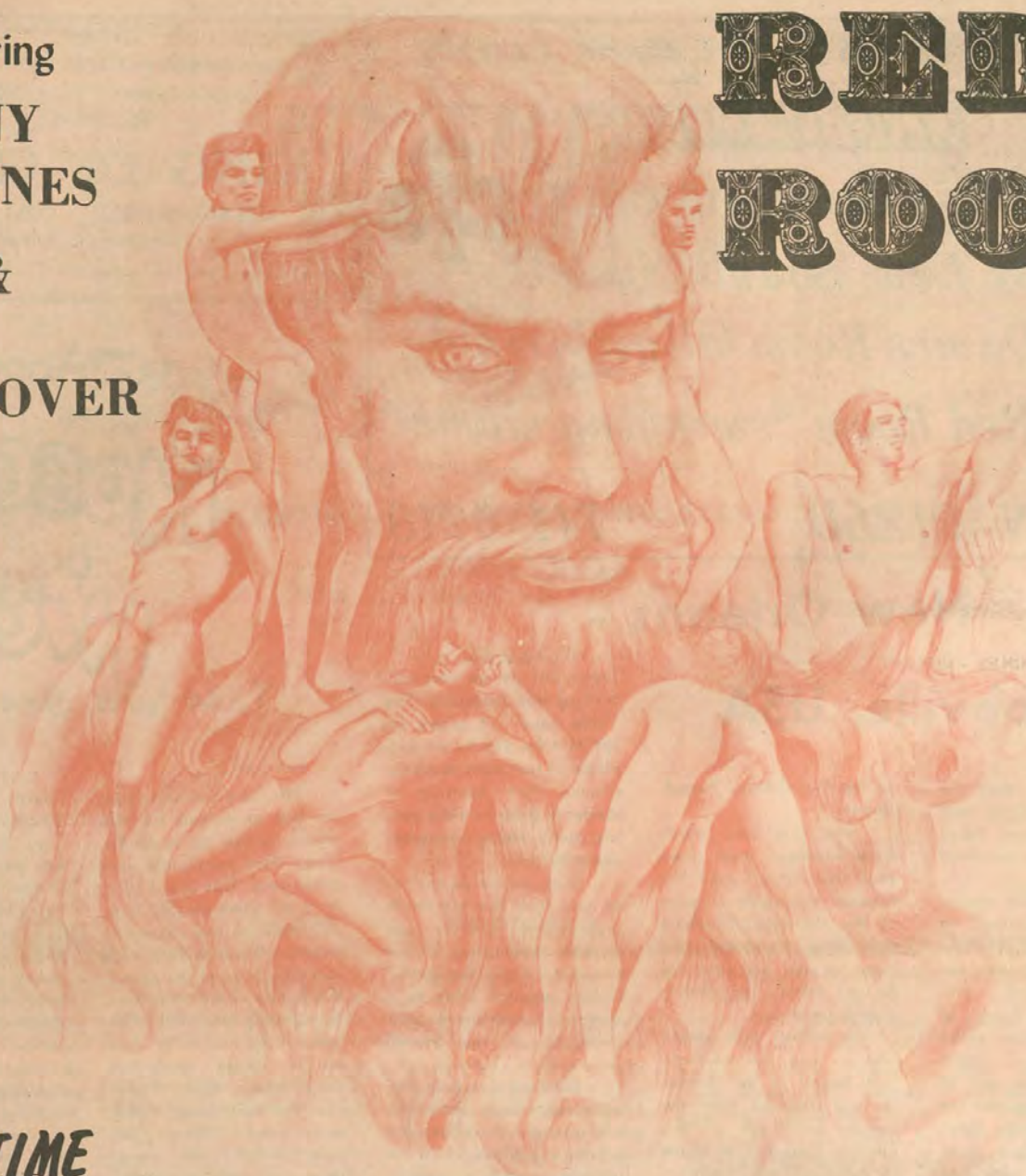
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source to dominate. After all you can do it without them knowing it. I am not saying take up S & M this month but you can be butch. Beware of offending people in official positions (such as the police) they are very easily set off in this hot weather. Things are going to be very active, just remember someone has to pay the bill and keep those hot pants on their beautiful.

Gemini — It's not a good time for you to go running to someone, if you let them come to you — you may be able to come together. Helpfulness to others is a quality which will pay off this month — don't expect reward but your life will be made

more enjoyable. Keep your emotions in bed and deal with people on a rational plane for a change.

Cancer — Ruled by the moon your emotions tend to be stirred and influenced by it's phases. Romance is favored under the influence of the full moon on the 8th. People in your home tend to be stirred by the same things you are. Beware of sensitive people, they are not ready for a violent change in your actions. Steer neighbors into more pleasing situations and you will both enjoy it.

Leo — Ruled by the sun you should realize that life is more stable than others believe — don't be too sen-

sitive. Your tricks are not your property, don't become upset if they find others as interesting. Your greatest source of pleasure is still your steady friend, lover, room-mate or whatever. All your taste may be in your mouth but remember that you have the power to enjoy whatever you do.

Virgo — Romance is not favored the first three weeks of this month but after the 19th things should become very interesting. Misunderstandings may creep up and reach suprising proportions in a short period of time. Keeping on the level and making sure you are understood pays off. It's a good time for new tricks but don't

go to deep before the last week of this month. Learn your limits and stay within them.

Libra — Ruled by Venus the planet of love and beauty makes you a very good person in oh so many ways. Beware a pair of lovers they could seem to be broken up but as soon as you latch on to one he'll run back to his partner — how tacky. Your independent nature will not allow you to stay with one

person very long. Play the field its more glamorous and you will find people running after you for a change.

Scorpio — All right you have some dues to pay but if you are careful you can do it without undue suffering. It's hot so subdue your desires, they will get you something you really don't want. Entertain at home the last of the month, you could meet some great people this way. Keep your secrets to yourself —

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New Orleans, once the fun spot of the Gays from all over the United States is unrecognizable as such today.

The once great atmosphere of the "Quarter" is now depressing to see. The streets are filled with unclean, longhaired, half nude persons lying or sitting on the steps, curbs and sidewalks. At every street intersection and at intervals inbetween you are solicited for funds by these beggars. They have sores on their faces, arms and legs adding even less to the once fun-filled streets

of the New Orleans French Quarter.

The Gay bars which were numerous some years back no longer hold the relaxed, enjoyable laughter of the old days. The bars that have weathered this great change are few and do not attract the quality light-hearted gays.

In talking with people who are long time residents with homes in the Quarter it was learned that the corrupt politicians of this city are somewhat to blame for this disgusting condition. Driving in the Quarter at most times is virtually

impossible yet we were told walking was dangerous. The "vice cops" it seems are apt to take you in on suspicion of just most anything ranging from hustling to murder in order to make your trip costly, embarrassing and uncomfortable.

If the police do not get to you first the legitimate professional hustlers and muggers strip you of your valuables along the poorly lighted streets. This is a common occurrence even with residents of the French Quarter area.

The long time bars that have lasted are definitely not tourist traps. They are all serving drinks which are most reasonable in price for the size and quality, this is hats off to the owners of the New Orleans Gay bars.

Another attraction in New Orleans French Quarter is the Club New Orleans baths. BEWARE — there is a sign at the entrance that "we are not responsible for loss of personal property." There is nothing to indicate that you might check wallets, watches, etc., at the desk. You have lockers or rooms with keys yet even with the key to your room or locker there is still no safety of your property — is this business that desperate? If this is your bag — take only what you need in the way of cash for this trap.

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Hic, how can anyone be so dumb as to think that the shows we now see in all the clubs have completely new performers. This is not true! It is the same persons with new material and costumes. It seems that with the growth and popularity of the shows the quality of the performers has greatly improved. The competition has made most of the "drags" work and better their acts to the point of now being better than good "female impersonators." We even have some who are quality dancers and use their own voices.

Each month with the influx of gays to our community or the opening of closet doors, new spots open. There are three that are going to be open are already open now, that is that we know of, might be more.

The Guilded Garter is to open real soon at 2613 Milam in the old "Players Image" location.

Della Dare, Sherman and Larry will host this new showbar.

Della Dare is a female-impersonator and has appeared in a number of clubs here and elsewhere — this makes her known to many. A few of the clubs are Ronsue's, Dallas, Aquaris, Dallas, Villa Fontaina, Dallas, The House, Dallas, The Old

House, Fort Worth, The Jungle House, Oklahoma City, and in Houston she has been seen at Mary's, Queens Haven, Scene 1, Palace and Entree'.

Della uses her own voice and unless you are aware of her not being a man would not know the difference from her very realistic female appearance.

Second on the scene is The Caravan at 5404 Nordling in the North side of Houston. This is new to this section of the city as the other Gay bars are in the downtown or southwest area. We have not seen this bar but understand the place is exceptionally nice. We have seen some of the personnel and if they look any better on location than they do off — look out — the place is a sure fire winner.

Last but not least by far is the opening shortly which is an understatement as it is already open is Lynn's Cherry Tree in the West University Village of the southwest section of Houston.

Lynn Hudspeth has been namely known to the club and bar groups of our city as "Mr. Clean" and has managed and worked in some of our leading clubs and bars. There is not too much known about plans for this new "Tree"

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The club address is 5607 Morningside.

Rumors had it that the widely known Bayou Club in Dallas was closed. This was far from the truth from what was observed the last week of June. There has been additions, such as a new bar and patio and more air conditioning.

The crowd was heavy all over the clubs many bars and patios and dance floors. The Bayou sure attracts a lively group of ghosts for it not to be in operation. Dennis Sisk and Jack sure seem to be putting all into this, Dallas's best known club.

The Orchard Club has a complete new look. We are told this has been remodeled and is a place for the girls to enjoy. Love the new carpets and bar arrangement and know the boys are awed with envy of the girls new and modern club.

Killing time in the heat of Dallas mid-afternoon we went to the Crescent Art Theatre. For a week-day and mid-afternoon there was a

great crowd escaping the outside heat to have their temperature rise with the showing of the "heated film on the screen". Visit the Crescent Art in Dallas for an uplifting.

TJ's hosted a real live beer bust and Weiner party Sunday June 20th at Queens Point, Lake Dallas.

The invitations were printed with complete map and directions as to how, when and where. Margaret knows how to show her appreciation for the support of her many friends and customers of TJ's, the fun "dance bar" of the colony.

Ronsue's - never anything like it! Showtime at 8:30 - no room available and had sent ahead an hour and a half to have space saved. All of Dallas turns out for this Sunday show. Wonder why "Sue" doesn't have a show during the week for the Dallas group and the Sunday show for out-of-towners.

Saw friends from out of town all over the place, New Orleans, Houston, Fort Worth, Oklahoma City, and Austin. The show at Ronsue's is a must even with the capacity crown.

Mr. David of the Red

Room in Houston was the guest at Ronsue's Sunday as was Afrodesia from Shreveport, Louisiana to add zest to the review. The Houston's Mr. David made his first appearance in the "Big D" area and will be back in mid July. Check at Ronsue's as to the date.

Frank Caven's King of Clubs has a great new sound system with fun for all. He has in this fine club the "Les Dames Room" (all girls club) with its own bar and dance floor. A must for both girls and boys when in Dallas.

The Candy Store, another of Frank Cavens clubs is somewhat new on the Dallas scene with an all new "Gay Light Show" and separate pool room and comfortable dance floor and atmosphere. From observance this club has a great deal to offer, "not just candy".

The Swinger is one of the fun spots, you have to drop in to see what we mean. Has a patio? for dwarfs? - what is the cowbell for - what is the arrangement on the cigarette machine?

In the Gallery 1 to find it was now the "Detour". This change mentioned in another article already in The NUNTUS.

Austin, Texas still boasts the gala fun spot your hostess Marie giving her all for the customers and friends who frequent the Pearl Street Warehouse in our capital city. Hats off to Marie for such a great fun spot.

Corpus Christi has the all new and fabulous of the states clubs. The only club complete with swimming pool and all, and when the term complete is used it applies to all activities, pool, dancing, pin-ball and good and friendly service.

"Big George's" Red Room under the management of Ken Paul always seems to be doing something "grandous" for the select clientele frequenting this red-hot-spot of the in-the-groupe clique.

Fantastic is the only way to describe the shows to be seen here on Wed. and Sunday. The amateur show on Tuesdays is a must for the most in fun and laughs in the weeks start.

Tiffany Jones (Miss Red Room) directs the show and also puts her best foot forward for all to see, this is a full time job and the results rewarding for the show is tops.

The Red Room Review has on the bill of attractions Mr. David, Jerry Vanover and Terry Thomas along with guest stars each show.

The Galleon, home of the BP (beautiful people) is still the center of activity in the Southwest area with just everything anyone can want. What is said is still very true "a night out in Houston is not complete without a drink at the Galleon".

Hic, what do you mean your eyes hurt? You haven't seen anything like it before! Can't imagine what you are talking about unless it is the realistic film at the Art Cinema. Can't understand your going so often to see the best in "art film".

The Farm House, one of the new clubs to be added recently to our growing list has been packing them in. This club is well run, large enough to accommodate the crowds and has adequate space for dancing. A very fine fun spot with everything going for it.

Mr. Frizby, the only gay bath Houston has ever had is being patronized more by out-of-towners than the local group. Each night there are new and different faces at

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Joe Anthony has again done it and not only changing the name of the club from Gayboy International to GB International but the location as well.

GB International has on the program at this time one of the finest productions of Hair seen by anyone. It has been compared by the audience to shows of Hair produced in California and Los Vegas and is said to be better. If you haven't seen it, call now and make reservations to do so. This is a must on all calendars.

Hi Kamp - this is not an expression but one of the fastest swinging clubs on the circuit. Check this spot for service, good drinks and fine music.

One of the steadiest most pleasant bar is the La Boheme at 1504 Westheimer. For a fun enjoyable drink in one of the friendliest clubs stop in and see Dennis.

The Gay beer bar in the whirl of things is none other than Mary's - yes and this is no joke. The fun bar is open mornings from ten a.m. with a fine group gathering at this watering hole. See it!

Our Mid-Towne Lounge in the midst of the action is cool, comfortable and a happy atmosphere for the fringe downtown group.

Houston boasts one of the nations few all Gay theatres, The Mini-Park. This theatre books the best film available for the enjoyment of adult audiences.

Rita and Ricci are still packing the Roaring 60's catering to a great group of ladies. This club is one of a kind and the best of its kind. These two girls are a big credit to our Gay community and we all do appreciate them.

Pappa Bear (Rita) is the wheel that runs the Sixty Second Bond Company and am not sure but understand is also in the insurance business.

NEW BAR IN DALLAS

"Get off the straight and narrow and detour to the Detour" is the slogan for Dallas' newest, swinging gay "saloon".

The Detour located at 3113 Live Oak Street should be serving mixed beverages by the time you read this article. In case the final approval has not come thru from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, you'll probably recognize the old established establishment as the Gallery One formally owned by Walter Price since opening in late 1966.

David Fleming and Buddy Rogers are the owners of the Detour and the change over becomes effective with the issuance of the mixed beverage permit. The bar has been completely remodeled and enlarged to about three times its original size.

Most Dallasites and out of towners as well will remember Buddy and David from the good old Atlantis days.

Arthur and Brent, co-partners to the co-partners will be around to make your visit to the Detour even more memorable.

The new youthful image at this already established location should be exciting to the young and old alike.

When in Dallas why not DETOUR!

GB SABOTAGED

What we have been told about the air conditioning at GB International being sabotaged has been checked out and found to be true.

The wiring was pulled out and the copper line that carries the freon was cut. The cost to repair the damage was \$500.00 plus the loss of business on a busy week-end night.

The owner of GB called the police as well as a private investigator to find the person or persons responsible. We are told that with the information gathered so far that charges are forthcoming.

POSTMAN SACKED --- HE'S GAY

An anonymous letter mailed from Houston, Texas to the Post Office Department in Washington, D.C. in July 1968. This letter stated that J.B., employed by the U. S. Post Office in Houston was a homosexual.

In September the same year J. B. was called before the postal inspectors to defend himself against these charges. J. B. was not informed of his rights to council or any others. They promptly told him the penalty for false statements. The penalty is a fine up to \$10,000 and 5 years imprisonment.

After having been threatened with this J.B. gave a signed statement of admission which follows:

State of Texas :
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I, J. H. B., after first being duly sworn make the following statement freely and voluntarily. No threats or promises have been made to me in exchange for this statement.

I have been shown copy of a letter sent to the Postmaster General by an anonymous person, alleging that I am a known homosexual. I am a homosexual but I don't know to what extent this is known. I have no social contact with any

other postal employees. My homosexual activities are general limited to the house I am buying at ---- in Houston. I have visited other homosexuals in their home or apartment. I do not visit public places where known homosexuals hang out and I have never been arrested or even questioned by any local law enforcement people in connection with my homosexual activities.

I have read this statement of one page and it is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J.H.B.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of September 1968, at Houston, Harris County, Texas.

W. F. Hanson
Postal Inspector

Witness
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Inspection Service Sr. Clerk

The INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

Houston, Texas: Homosexual activities of Regular Carrier J. H. B.

1. An investigation in the above subject was made at Houston, Texas. The Postmaster General received an anonymous letter which was mailed at Houston, Texas on July 16, 1968, and is quoted as follows: "You have a mailman on your payroll at Houston, Texas

who is a known HOMOSEXUAL. He works in the Highland Village Station, in Houston, Texas. His name is J. B."

2. J. H. B. is nicknamed "----". He furnished a sworn statement in which he acknowledges that he is a known homosexual and engages in homosexual activities at his home in Houston and also with other homosexuals in their home in Houston and also with other homosexuals in their home or apartment.

W. F. Hanson
Postal Inspector

WFH:ps

Enclosures:

Sworn affidavit of J. H. B. dated September 11, 1968

Letter to Postmaster General, postmarked Houston, Texas, July 16, and received in the office of the Chief Inspector July 18, 1968.

OTHER LETTERS AND INFORMATION TO FOLLOW IN NEXT ISSUE.

During this period from from September 1968 to January 1970 J. B. has been fighting this case in the federal courts.

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The years and months of legal battles with our government has been very costly for J. B. both in cash plus unemployment and the mental anguish.

The final appeal has been made to the U. S. District Court in Washington D. C.

J. B. in his fight has asked for help from the Mattachine Society in Washington D. C., American Civil Liberties Union, Houston, Playboy Foundation, Chicago, Ill., and has now made an appeal to the Society of Individual Rights (SIR) in San Francisco.

Additional details of this infringement against J. B.'s right as a citizen will be printed later in the NUNTUS.

In all the appeals to the above mentioned he has had nothing but encouragement and being told to keep up the fight that the case was important to the homophile community.

This is our fight - citizens and taxpayers of the homophile community.

THE NUNTUS MAKES THIS APPEAL TO YOU AS READERS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOMOPHILE COMMUNITY TO HELP YOURSELF AND J. B. IN THIS ALL IMPORTANT FIGHT FOR RECOGNITION AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS WARRANTY OF WORKING IN OUR GOVERNMENT.

We have withheld the name of J. B. to prevent further

Small World Department



SINGLE PERSONS LESS PRONE TO CRACKUP-- STUDY

Single Americans are much less likely to have mental breakdowns than married ones, says Harold J. Dupuy, psychologist who directed a survey for the National Center for Health Statistics.

embarrassment but if you as readers wish to correspond with him - request his address from the NUNTUS.

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It has long been generally thought the reverse was true. But earlier studies concentrated on the marital status of people in institutions, and "if single people get into trouble they're more likely to end up in institutions," Dupuy told the publications Behavior Today.

HOMOSEXUAL MINISTER

San Antonio (AP) - Gene Leggett, an admitted homosexual was a minister without a church or credentials late last month.

Fellow clergymen suspended him from the ministry Tuesday in an emotional session of the Southwest Texas United Methodist conference.

The vote was 144 to 117. It was taken one day after members of the Gay Liberation Front disrupted the annual conference meeting by voicing a plea in the bearded, moddressing minister's behalf.

Leggett took the vote calmly and said he will surrender his credentials as a minister - as well as his membership in the church.

Two other ministers immediately announced they also will turn in their credentials in sympathy with him.

Leggett left the meeting with another controversial ex-minister, Wil Schaefer of Laredo, at his side.

Schaefer, also a Methodist, was stripped of his credentials as a minister recently because of his romantic relationship with a divorcee.

Leggett, 36, is a resident member of the Dallas Theatre Center. He also operates a home in Dallas called the "House of the Covenant" for homosexuals and others whom he feels the church has not reached.

A veteran of a decade in the ministry, Leggett said he planned to continue his work at the home, which is not affiliated with the church.

He has been with the Dallas Theatre Center on a church appointment for the past six years. Previously he served churches in New Jersey and at Dilley and Austin in Texas.

The church considers the appointments of each of its pastors on an annual basis. Leggett's case was taken under special study by the board of the ministry after he announced he was a homosexual.

The board - which handles all matters dealing with clergymen - said

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Leggett had been found "unacceptable in the work of the ministry."

The reasons were not spelled out.

Officials said he could have remained a minister, but not assigned to the Southwest Texas conference. They said arrangements could have been made to assign him permanently to the Dallas area.

Leggett refused such arrangements "on grounds that I do not feel that I am unacceptable to the work of the ministry."

He told the conference however, that he was willing to take an appointment in the church if offered one, "although it seems there are so few Christians left in the Methodist church that probably no one would accept me as I am - as a minister of the Methodist church."

There were no offers.

One conference delegate, the Rev. Albert Clayton, asserted the church was skirting the issue in the handling of Leggett's case. He said many churchmen "feel his homosexuality is the key issue and that he needs to be tried on this issue," meaning a church trial.

Soon after the vote on Leggett's case, the Rev. Richard Heacock, who spent 11 years as a missionary in Alaska, and the Rev. Bob Williams of San Antonio said they will leave the ministry as a result of the conference's decision.

Heacock is a brother of the Rev. Jack Heacock, the church's district superintendent at Corpus Christi.

Members of the Student National Coordinating Committee later issued a list

of request on the conference on behalf of the Negro community here.

NY WOMEN'S PRISON CLOSED DOWN

The much-criticized Women's House of Detention was closed Sunday as the last of its 422 inmates were moved from the Greenwich Village prison to a new facility on Riker's Island. The 39-year-old prison in the heart of the Village has been a source of controversy and investigations for years. Inmates complained of overcrowding, dehumanizing physical examinations and rampant lesbianism.

GAY LIBS DISRUPT MEETING

San Antonio - (UP) - The Gay Liberation Front disrupted an incident-torn Methodist meeting last month forcing premature adjournment amidst a flurry of shouts and near-fisticuffs.

Earlier Thursday, a flamboyant former clergyman strode into the meeting and burned his ministerial credentials "as a symbolic act of disgust" for the church.

The Gay Liberation Front's outburst came during a routine business session near the close of the Southwest Texas United Methodist annual conference.

Self-described members of the homosexual group, seated in the balcony; suddenly unfurled long paper banners emblazoned with Scriptural passages.

The group's demonstration was in support of Gene Leggett of Dallas, an admitted homosexual who was suspended from the ministry during an emotional session of the conference earlier this week.

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There were shouts and the audience of several hundred persons was in an uproar. The presiding bishop, the Rev. O. Eugene Slater, immediately adjourned the meeting.

As the bishop began saying the closing prayer, a young man in a dress, Pat Brown, 25, burst into the aisle and rushed toward the speakers platform.

"Don't touch that man!" shouted someone in the audience as the long-haired Brown threaded his way through the crowd.

"What man?" said another in the audience.

Churchmen surrounded Bishop Slater and refused to allow Brown near him.

"Those people totally and flagrantly violated our rights," Brown shouted, "and the Constitution protects everybody."

Retorted a churchman: "We have freedom of assembly, and you violated that!"

Brown jumped up on a pew and continued to shout at the crowd as it slowly left.

Leggett later said Brown became angry because Leggett was not allowed to address the conference.

Leggett said he had approached church officials about speaking to the group before the conference closed and had been assured the matter would be referred to the delegates for a vote. He said he felt sure there would have been no incidents if he

GAY PRIDE WEEK IN AUSTIN

Last weekend was the Gay Pride Week in Austin; Gay Liberation had meetings, a march, a dance, and a picnic which were described by a reporter on the scene as being "incredible." The entire event was carried out with a flair that only Austin Gay Liberation seems to possess. The ability to deliver a message to the public while at the same time providing a most enjoyable time for the people involved. This is one of the best ways of changing peoples attitudes. Our reporter was ecstatic the first time we talked with him Sunday morning.

Saturday afternoon

had been allowed to speak.

The Gay Lib outburst came within a few hours after ousted Methodist minister Wil Schaefer strode down the aisle of the church and dumped his burning credentials on Bishop Slater's desk.

"Bishop, here are my credentials," said Schaefer, who was dismissed recently as a Methodist preacher at Laredo over his relationship with a woman.

about 200 people carrying signs and banners marched up congress to the Capital building. On reaching the Capital the crowd began congerating on the steps outside of the building. A sudden downpour caused the crowd which then numbered about 250 people to rush for shelter inside the public building. The guards in the building must have thought the crowd meant to cause some violence and locked the doors before anyone had a chance to get inside. Not letting the rain stop them the speakers went on as usual despite the fact everyone was soaked.

The rain made it a warm humid night in Austin but that didn't stop about 250 people who attended the dance from enjoying themselves very much. It was held at a barn about 15 miles from Austin, with a fine selection of recorded music, free beer, and swimming. The pool was put to good use by many people, several of whom had misplaced their swimming attire and simply went in without it. The dance and skmny dip provided some good wholesome fun for all the people present.

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Free beer and snacks were much in evidence and the informal atmosphere of Austin produced a warm feeling in the hearts of everyone.

Sunday brought with it bright sun and 400 Gay picnickers, and for one who is accustomed to pollution, the bright sun and clean air of Austin's Kyler Park was a welcome relief. People got together with one another and talked of the events of the weekend. The people who were at the march telling the story to people who couldn't make it. Food and beer were provided by Austin Gay Lib. and it was fun for everyone. Rain fell on the picnic and only dampened the bodies not the spirits of the people.

All of the comments made about Gay Pride week in Austin tell about how relaxed the hets are about Gays. This could be because of the way Austin Gay Lib has unified with the Gay community and provided the hets, Gays and everyone with real understanding of what a Gay is.

our works. We seem to say: "All men are created equal, but some are more equal than others." We are like the Kansas City taxi driver with whom the writer had a discussion some years ago. He maintained that there is nothing quite so potent as a morals builder as the realization that there are people who are inferior to us in at least one way.

But all of this has to do with justice, with what we owe each other. When the Apostle Paul writes the Galatians: "There does not exist among you Jew or Greek, slave or freeman, male or female. All are one in Christ Jesus," he is speaking of love, of that virtue which is the very essence of supernatural, divine life.

Paul is telling the Galatians that the various divisions of: national and/or racial allegiance ("Jew or Greek"); social class ("slave or freeman"); sex ("male or female"). All of these may before have counted for a great deal with his readers. But now they have been christened; they have put on Christ, as one puts on a ceremonial robe; and so they have been made Christian.

Now Paul's list was adequate for the age in which Paul lived. Ever since, it has been the obligation of those Christians of whom he writes, to up-date that list and make it more relevant for the times in which they live.

For our own time, certain classifications can be suggested. But the very mention of them sometimes proves too painful, too close to home. So how about these? Age: the very young and helpless; teen-agers; young adults; the middle-aged; and those whom we shall call "senior citizens." Life-style: hippies; street people; collar-and-tie preservers of a more gracious way of life; the open-minded, whether liberal or conservative; the close-minded, whether liberal or conservative. Sexual orientation: married fathers and mothers of children; dedicated celi-

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Animal Farm is the name of a highly amusing allegory written some three decades ago by George Orwell of 1984 fame. In Animal Farm the bigger and stronger farm animals tyrannize over the smaller and weaker farm animals. And the most familiar line from the book is: "All animals are created equal, but some are more equal than others."

Now all of us are prepared to swear by the principle enunciated in our Declaration of Independence: "All men are created equal." But too often we honor this principle with no more than a national assent. In other words, what we agree to in our words, we contradict in



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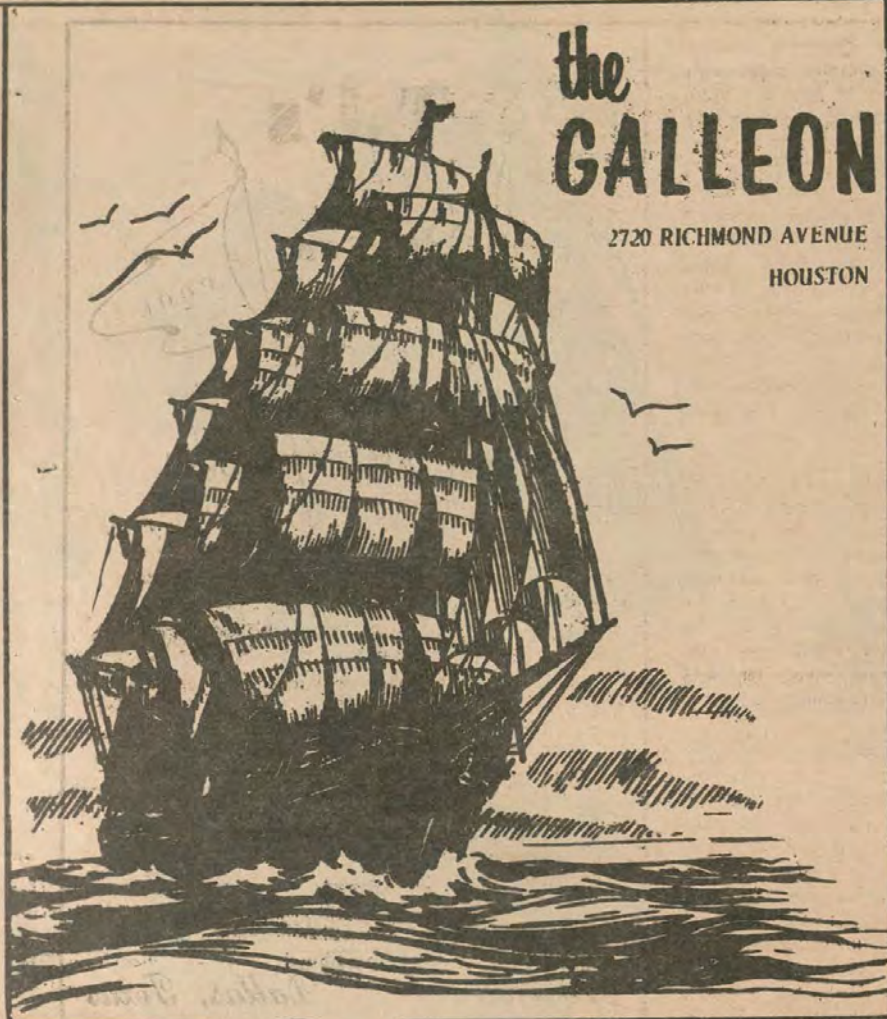
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bates in convents, rectories, religious houses; the unmarried, for whom married life or entrance into religion would be a tragic mistake; and those who love not wisely but too well and toward whom Jesus extended an especial sympathy.

In Paul's listing there is something which might at first escape our attention, and it should be kept in mind in our preparation of a more timely and relevant listing. Paul calls attention to what people are and not to what they do or to what he may suspect they are capable of doing. And in this connection we may learn much from meditation upon a brief statement by a character in Shakespeare's *Coriolanus*: "What he cannot help in his nature, you account a vice."

ACCIDENTAL
MURDER

In a recent civil suit in Tyler, the courts held that the death of an insured was accidental when he was shot by an irate husband committing adultery. The suit (Great American Reserve Insurance Co. V. Sumner, 464SW 2nd 212), arose when the insurer denied payment of accidental death benefits to the insured's estate. The court required the company to pay, stating (in classic legal fashion), "Death is not the usual or expected result of adultery." We hope that this ruling will be expanded to include fornication.

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WASHINGTON - The US Court of Military Appeals, the highest military court in the land, has decreed it is illegal for an officer to "fraternise" with enlisted men. It did so in upholding

the conviction of Navy Lt. (j.g.) Carl R. Pitasi, 28, of Boston, for fraternising with Seaman Robert E. Clark during the Fall of 1968. This obviously trumped-up charge was the only one the ghouls of ONI could smear Mr. Pitasi with when their leering attempts to pin a sodomy charge on him fell limp.

While clearing Mr. Pitasi of the sodomy charge, the court convicted him of fraternising by entertaining Seaman Clark in officer quarters at the Great Lakes, Ill. Naval Training Centre, eating lunch with him in a civilian restaurant while both men were in uniform, socialising with him in local bars, buying him civilian clothing and loaning him his car and officer quarters while he, Mr. Pitasi, was on leave. These heinous crimes were sufficient in the eyes of those dedicated to justice in the Navy to strap Mr. Pitasi to the mast, as it were. One can only imagine (with little difficulty) the lurid investigations techniques typically used by the subhumans employed by the Navy in such matters, and the effects on Mr. Pitasi and Seaman Clark. Sadly, this sort of evidential sexual guilt on the part of the US Navy Officer Corps is all too frequent these days. The projection mechanism of the closet queens in braid is all too obvious.

Although the taboo of fraternising has been part of military custom for centuries, and with good reason at one time, it is not specified in the written Uniform Code of Military Justice of the United States.

However, the Court said fraternisation is part of an "unwritten military common law" and thus is punishable under the Code as conduct "prejudicial to good order and discipline in the armed forces."

Previous convictions for fraternisation have always been associated with other "crimes" such as sodomy, and Court officials said it was the first time a man had been punished simply for fraternisation. It was also obvious a classic example of the closet queen in full pique!

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WELL, LUVS, IT'S been such an interesting month past, really it has, and one of the BIG pleasures for just everyone with any taste was the welcome arrest over in New Orleans of that ogre, District Attorney Garrison. Again, that is. This wretch was arrested only a few months ago on a charge of molesting a minor boy over there but we all knew that he'd be able to wiggle out of it. But this last arrest, for bribery, illegal gambling and just much more, luv, is a nice Federal charge! Thank you, J. Edgar Hoover, John Mitchell and all the other darlings in the Justice Department for WONDERFUL work! New Orleans will be such a nice place again without this sick, sick, sick closet case in the DA's office. And you know it, luv!

ACTUALLY, WE WERE JUST in New Orleans recently and sadly impressed by the way this Garrison number had harassed so many of the Gay bars out of the Quarter over the years. Tragically, however, the Quarter has been infested with an enormous numbr of utterly filthy, stinking, disease-ridden parasites who masquerade day and night as hippies and revolutionaries. These disgusting drones are nothing but thieves and addicts and bearers of contagion, my dears, and most of them are willfully playing at whatever

insignificant "relevancy" is au courant with the witless at the moment. And they're TACKY!

Fortunately, luv, we ran into that dear thing, Ron Sue of Dallas, club owner and artiste, who made the visit in New Orleans so much more fun. And one cannot forget the charming old dear who owns the chic apartment building where we stayed as guest of the Lady H. Even though trolls ate the air conditioning unit supply Lady H's apartment whilst we were in residence, all in all everything was just AWFUL.

THERE WAS A DIVINE party on board a princely Admiral's yacht for a group of patricians to decide matters pertaining to the coming Social Season. We're just thrilled, really we are, to know they got things settled well in advance of the season. It's Important to have a sense of direction about such things, and you know it. And such a fascinating group, too. Who do YOU know who gets \$2,000,000.00 cheques sent to him, luv? Not bloody many! And all those titles! Anyway, this group of patricians is planning a more formally organised club or something for our community just to keep the standards up and to have just lots of good times and isn't that just ducky. Why, certainly!

ANOTHER PARTY, resembling one of those marvy

Benny Bernstein radical chic socially aware do's was recently held at a small and charming house in Norfolk Street. It was in honour of the fourth anniversary of Al and Tom and the guest list was eclectic. Very. It included that dear New Orleans boy, Hank, whose inability to keep his hands off minors is SO well documented, and he did not break his record the night of the party, either. All over the water bed, too. Tsk. Tsk. Tsk. Utterly tasteless...

WE WERE ALL NOT the least suprised when a River Oaks denizen and his wife filed for divorce recently. Now we assume he and she will be happily settled in the Montrose area while she sails off into whatever land divorcees head for with their settlement.

A NUMBER OF THE PATRICIANS and others of wealth and/or power are watching with keen interest the career of a well-known Texas politician believed to be On The Way Up. These gentlemen are most seriously interested also in seeing the ridiculous Texas sex laws changed to permit consensual relations between adults of whatever sex. And they would like to see this politician's attitude towards this move into modern times harden into favourable action soon. That's the way it's done in Texas, honey-chile: you know where the bodies bathe and offer a tour guide service for a fee. Hallelujah!

WE HAVE BEEN SPENDING some really delightful evenings of late recovering from the rigours of the day in the new Baths of Houston, MR. FRIZBY. It's so GOOD to be able to relax in such comfortable surroundings with such attentive folk any night of the week, luv! And it's so much more convenient than a prow through the bars in search of relaxation which so frequently eludes one, and you know it. And since it's a private membership club, all nice and legal, luv, not just ANYONE can rush in. Keeps it cozy, luv. Very cozy. And we know you'll like it. We do.

NOW THAT A CERTAIN person has supposedly left town after so much oral activity, luv, we wonder if sabotage and target practise will cease locally. Not that we assume a connexion for one moment, luv, but it will be interesting to see...

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THAT TACKY HOT DOG EMPORIUM across the street from The Entree' has let it be known that they DON'T like Gays and keep your damn cars off their lot at night! Well, we don't like their attitude or their food, luv, and plan to take our business elsewhere. (That means we won't trade with them, luv. And we suggest that nobody else does, either.) La.

JUST A BIG THANK YOU to that dear boy, frequent columnist for this journal, raconteur and long-hair enthusiast, Scotty, for introducing us to a fabulous magazine, "AFTER DARK" with all its marvy articles and astoundingly lovely pictures of some of the most gorgeous males seen this side of a Marine recruiting station. Merci, chérie! And regards to all your helpful friends.

AND SPEAKING FINALLY of molesting minor boys, we understand a local number is planning to stand for election as Governor. Now THAT ought to be a hoot! Although we suppose his arrest record for the above-hinted-at crime has long since been mysteriously lost by the police department. 1967 was an awkward year, luv. Especially in the Fall.



If the picture above reminds you of someone you know or have seen then your guess is right. This is really Iva ("Mother") Dorana.

Known to many of us only as "Mother" because she is and has been to so many in the gay community.

She makes her home in Dallas but "camps out" behind the bar at Ronsue's every day.

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LETTERS to the EDITOR

Los Angeles 6, California
June 21, 1971

Phil Frank
The Nuntius
Houston, Texas

Dear Friend:

It was indeed a pleasure to meet you and other members of your staff during our recent visit to Houston. Later in the evening we had several hours with the Rev. Billy Hudson and a number of others, so that our visit to your city was very helpful in my being able to bring back to our Board here a report of Houston developments.

Enclosed are a few recent notices of activities here at ONE. Our June Lecture I missed but am informed it was very much worthwhile. ONE's continuing aim is to help people to better understand themselves and others, the goal being better balanced, happier lives for all concerned. This emphatically is the motivation of our unique European Tours. No other organization has successfully conducted such, so far as we can learn. Certainly, none planned as are ONE's to bring about better understanding between American and European homophiles, as well as having a wonderful fun trip. And is that not the important point always, to balance the fun with the substantial and help to break up the image the public has (as well as many Gays themselves) that being Gay means nothing more than a shallow whirl of giddy fun happenings and lots of sex?

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Our second recent Art Show is founded upon the same basis and is ONR's main contribution to Gay Pride Week, something quite unlike anything the other groups are doing. We shall also participate in the Parade, but hope to make our part distinctively in the tone ONE represents, though this will not be easy to do in the midst of so much carnival atmosphere. Incidentally, a large exhibit of fine figure photography from Dallas will be a major unit in the Art Show we are setting up.

We are entering Nuntius on our mailing list and hope you will put us on your exchange mailing list so that we can keep in touch with Houston happenings. Also, that we can keep in touch with you directly and be of service to each other as all responsible groups should do.

Sincerely yours,
W. Dorr Legg, Director

Dear Mr. Legg,

It was with great pleasure that we were included in your tour of this area. We here in Houston feel that we are fast becoming one of the leading centers of activity in the southwest United States for advancing understanding of the Gay citizen. Much has already been done, much more lies ahead. We congratulate ONE on their profound contribution to this human understanding during the past several years. The NUNTIVUS wishes to assist ONE in the coming years.

Phil Frank

Houston
May 18, 1971

Dear Phil,

Again happen to receive a copy of your newspaper. Could be better, could be worse.

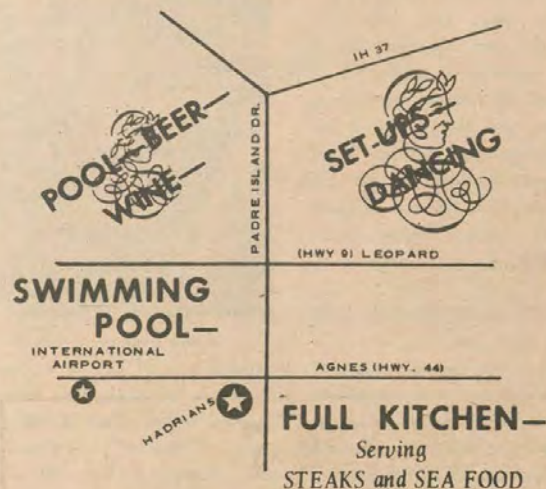
Me? I am a personnel man with desires to help.

Me? I am AC-DC, a bi. Well educated, worldly, traveled a bit, seen some of it, not all.

My suggestion. We cannot employ men even with obvious talents, skills, abilities unless they play it straight at the plant and office. "They" place me in trouble if I suggest employing one. Can you tell them to play it "all the way straight" and that "on the job" is no place for pick ups? Then I am on the carpet for employing one of "those". I cannot help them get some of those good paying spots unless they keep it buttoned up when working.

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This queen would have liked to have had ONE man and then to take CARE of him in ALL ways, wash, cook, sew and all. The suburban house, dishes and all - one man. But fate did not run it that way. The glamour of youth is long gone, but the wealth of memories, the wonderful people live on. But oh the many hours of loneliness and tears. The hurts linger too.

Keep up your efforts, it is needed by so many souls.

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Dear Name,

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Dear Mr. Frank,

I want to thank you and your friends for helping make my vacation a success. By the mere fact that you felt you didn't have to "entertain" me was a compliment.

Just sitting and watching a group of friends working together on something they all love and believe in is inspiring.

After being in Houston for a week, meeting people and making friends (not a pun) I am more relaxed but no less confused as to what I want to do. More important to me than that is the fact that I am more contented to let things happen spontaneously.

This does not mean I will not move to Houston, rather it means that if I do it will not be as planned as I had thought and I will be much happier to do it "a'la bingo".

Thank you again for letting me be your friend and thank everyone else for making my trip to Houston a real "trip" I am not likely to forget.

May God bless and keep you beautiful people beautiful. I remain

Always a friend,
Clinton

Dear Clinton,

Your move is Houston's gain.

Phil Frank

Saigon, Vietnam

June 22, 1971

Dear Phil,

For ages I have intended to write to you but, so much has happened that I would not know where to begin. I finished my dog grooming course in Houston, and I opened my shop in New Orleans. Much to my surprise it was doing quite well when my ex-boss from Saigon wrote me a letter asking me to come back to Vietnam, so here I am. I am sure that I told you that I had finished a tour of duty here when I met you in Houston.

A friend of mine from Houston sent me your latest copy of the NUNTUS, which, I might add, I greatly enjoyed. Of course being on a defense contract, one must be constantly careful what the others see. But you know me well enough to know that I am pretty independent.

When this tour is over (and we don't know how long our contract is lasting as it seems pretty indefinite), I plan on returning to New Orleans to open a groom shop for doggies in conjunction with a grooming school. Also, my sister and I plan to raise show poodles for sale. Those are my ambitions now, and I might say my main reason for returning to Saigon to secure the necessary capital. Even though this is supposed to be where the action is, I wouldn't be here otherwise.

Needless to say, the troop withdrawal has had its affect on the city life in Saigon. There are less and less Americans - I should say fewer - and it is quite noticeable on the streets. Also, there is the constant harassment by the Vietnamese and MP's., not gay wise just otherwise. Of course, the military has their purges every so often and it gets a bit frustrating, but I still am glad that I came back.

After I left Houston, I had intended to write; but you know how easy it is to have good intentions. The moment that I received a copy of your paper, I sat down at this typewriter and wrote. I felt that I had put it off enough.

Sincerely
Cecil

Dear Cecil,

Thanks for the letter and am looking forward to your return visit to Houston.

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Rev. Dr. Billy Hudson, Pastor

Three months in Houston! Hours of endless work, efforts, contacts, in our attempt to acquire building facilities for our Church of Montrose Sanctuary & home. We have been busy scouting, searching, and seeking for an adequate space here in the Montrose district...even consulting realtors with our need, vision, and hope. Handicapped by the costs of lease rentals and lack of support and funds with which to work it leaves the ministry in states of perplexity and wonderment of WHAT DO WE DO NOW? Shall we relinquish the task we set out to do here in Houston that God sent us for? Is there really enough interest among the Houston gay community for a Church to warrant our continued efforts and stay? These and other thought provoking questions we ask ourselves. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THERE IS SUFFICIENT INTEREST, A DIRE NEED, AND THAT THE CONTINUANCE OF OUR EFFORT IS WARRANTED! Although there are times when we feel like we've come to the proverbial "end of the rope" situation, we are prayerfully "tying a knot in the end of that rope and holding on!"

Readers of "The Nuntius" are aware of our arrangements last month to use temporary facilities at the YMCA & YWCA to conduct services & begin building our Church....that the facility had been engaged and payment made two weeks in advance of our service....handbill announcements of the service printed at a considerable expense....and then, at the last minute we ~~we~~ were informed that there "is no room in the Inn"; excuses were given; cancellations made; and we were hopelessly left without a facility to operate merely because our ministry and interests are primarily directed to the gay community of Houston. It is such Organizations as these, under the disguise of Christian Enterprises, who with their prejudices and discriminatory practices, have diminished interest in professing Christian Churches of today and brought with it a decline in meeting attendance. AARC picketed the YMCA to voice our disapproval of their unchristian tactics...their insult to the entire gay community! I'm convinced that the Lord Jesus Christ himself, if applying for a nights lodging at the YMCA in person, would be denied lodging and admittance. They would not recognize Him, know Him, and because of His dress, manners, minority cause....I'm of the opinion their reactions would be to "tar, feather, and run him out of town on a rail!" God forgive & help these "whitened sepulchers full of dead men's bones...hypocrites who say and do not...blind leaders of the blind!"

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There are always harassments, hurdles, adversities that any minister, leader, or group must encounter in the establishment of a Church or organization. Any new program goes through three stages, namely: 1) ridicule, 2) discussion, & 3) adoption. Truth has to fight its way into the world! Misunderstandings of persons, places, intent & purposes, are also often deterrents in the building up of any worthy cause. Humanly it seems such a weakness in us all to be "doubting Thomas", skeptical, stand-offish, uncommitted, critical! Yet without faith we do not remove mountains or please God. Without vision we perish. And it takes no special brains or talents to be critical of a person, place, or program. We are all prone to be super-critical of others...yet make allowances quickly for ourselves. We all love ourself, not withstanding our faults, and it would behoove us all to love others in like manner.

People are funny. We all know that. But what's not funny about people is the unconcerned, uncommitted, complacent attitudes many often take toward their own welfare, safety, security....or who withhold mercy, compassion, interest in that of others.

People get wrapped up and fuss over little unimportant things, but can be surprisingly nonchalant and curiously fatalistic about grim issues or major decisions that will ultimately affect their state of happiness, rights, destinies!

No gay person needs a "crystal ball" to gaze in to see what the sorry plight it has been for homosexuals of the past...and the slightest amount of intelligence will provide solemn reality that unless we as individuals and gay communities rally around our own causes, provide sound & sane answers to our particular problems, our future will remain blighted with gloom and over-shadowed with continued persecutions and injustices.

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There are actually lists of reasons why a person or group program may fail, fall short of their fulfillment, but I am convinced that the underlying reason for all reasons is "defeatism & lack of courage". The ^{WORTHINESS} ~~worthiness~~ of anything is not always determined by its popularity. Most everything that is honourable & right had humble beginnings, endured misunderstandings and opposition, fought its way into existence.

I sincerely pray, hope, trust, that the gay community of Houston...together with the ministry and dreams of a "Church of Montrose" will not succumb to the "dismal D's"delay, discontent, denial, destruction, depression, all of which adds up to 'discouragement' which creates a lack of heart and leaves us with "nothingness". The gay person, just as with the straight, were born to win! If we have individual faith, personal commitment to the ministry & Church, anticipate, plan, believe...we will not be far from our objectives! The gay community of Houston needs a church that will be on the go...in the know... providing the needs of the spiritual life of their community. THE CHURCH OF MONTROSE IS THAT CHURCH!

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There are those gay persons in Houston who no doubt could well afford sizeable donations to our Church cause, others more limited in their giving, but if every gay person alone would do their part, large or small, we would not lack funds in our program effort for you. We are going to ask the gay bars and business of Houston to pledge weekly donations to the cause, receipt them, and which will be tax deductible. Several have already made commitments. As quickly as possible we will be calling upon all proprietors to acquaint ourselves with them and solicit their pledged interests. We are for them and I am sure they will be for us. I know, too, that every gay person will do their part. BY THIS WE WILL BE ABLE TO ACQUIRE A BUILDING...FOR YOUR CHURCH... AND BRING INTO EXISTENCE THIS NEEDED PROGRAM. All incomes & disbursements of funds will be conscientiously recorded...books maintained for inspection... and printed monthly in the Nuntius. The Church & ministry needs your support if we are to build and do God's work here.

In the meantime the ministry remains actively busy with many writings, correspondences, contacts, counseling sessions, prayers for God to "supply our every need...both our's & your's...according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." We love Houston...the gay community here. We are here to serve, to help, to be your friend. Interested persons in the Church, or those needing counsel & help, may contact me by writing Rev. Dr. Billy Hudson, 1126 Berthea # 6, Houston, Texas 77006...or by phoning "The Nuntius" 524-5612, leaving their name & phone number...or how they may be contacted, and we will get in touch as quickly as possible.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my humble gratitude and thanks to Phil Frank, Owner & Editor of "The Nuntius" for his loyal interest for the gay community, this ministry, the Church of Montrose, his unselfish time & efforts for our cause here, and the space he has been donating in the paper for our work. The entire Nuntius Staff has been wonderful and for this we say "thank you" ...it is appreciated!

Also, we are deeply appreciative of the friendship and assistance given us by the management of the Entree' Lounge....Pete, Bob, Joe, and others there. Then to "Ted"...Houston's own Mr. Frisby....for his interest & loyalty in our program and work. God bless all of you! I'm most anxious to personally meet and become acquainted with other Owner's of gay businesses here, individuals in the gay community, and equally sure they too will respond in friendship and assistance to that which God has committed to our trust here....in behalf of gay community interests.

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A. Oh, you are refering to the political campaign. In my case, of course, came from the Gay community and in Washington I have the support in general of the whole Gay community as far as I can see with a very few exceptions. However as the campaign got going it was run on the level where I got a good deal of support in terms of moral support and encouragement from people all over this city. So that for example now that the campaign is over, I am known through the city, so that when I walk down the streets, strangers come up and say "Hello" or if I sit in a restaurant people come over; their general reaction is congratulations on the campaign and "Sorry that I did not win and a hope that I will remain in politics because you are needed." The financial support came largely, almost entirely, from the Gay community. We ran a major fund raising campaign all over the country and funds came in from every where from change right on up to several hundred dollars in checks. We had a few angels who gave sizeable sums, some of the bar owners, one of the bath owners and many in the intermediate range.

Q. I would like to ask you what sacrifices you made on a personal level, what type of job did you have to give up, was there any harassment or anything at all of this type?

A. Do you mean during the campaign?

Q. Yes, during the campaign.

A. There was no harassment of any type, again we did not know what to expect at all. There were a couple and only a couple of nasty letters, considering all of the others on the other side they don't really amount to much and other than that no harassment of any kind. The major sacrifice was simply one of time. Once you get going on this you are literally in it 24 hours a day, you get up at 8 in the morning and get going, and have your public appearances, radio and television appearances and press conferences and staff meetings and campaigning in the bars and the streets and everywhere else and it takes you right through until 2 in the morning, and then you are off the next morning for another busy day.

Q. As the first announced

homosexual candidate, what do you feel were the benefits of your campaign to the Gay community?

A. I use the word politicizing and I feel very much that it was the start to politicize our community. When a group of people are persistently, shunted into the sideline, when they are not part of what is going on, when they are not part of the mainstream of life, of the community nor of society, they tend to think of themselves in those terms and not being part of things, that is the establishment, there is the government, there are people who decree things and do things and you do want to have a part of this. You tend to think of your self that way and then not that way and it takes some doing to bring a community of people who are accustomed to thinking of themselves that way as being potentially and ultimately actually apart of what is going on. I feel that the campaign served to stop the machinery of the establishment; to begin the politicizing of our community; and to bring the Gays back into the mainstream of general life.

Q. During the campaign, you ran as an independent, but what were your political affiliations before your becoming an independent candidate?

A. All of my life I have been a resolute political independent. My votes at one time or another in the years that I have been voting, my X's have gone completely across the ballot in terms of parties and affiliations.

Q. This has a tendency to happen with people that are informed on what things are going on.

A. I never had a formal party membership in any party.

Q. I noticed that quite a few "long hairs" have attended the meeting today have you had this type of turn out in Washington also, and if so would you like to comment on it.

A. It depends, what if anything you mean by the term "long hair" beside the narrow denotive sense of length of hair. Our campaign staff consisted of people of every possible range and variety in type. At our campaign dances, we had several major dances in our campaign headquarters, were attended by people

dressed in everything from coats, vests, and ties on down to the most informal dress in every possible way. Our theme was personal freedom and we really meant it.

Q. Where do you think we should start here in Houston?

A. One of the problems of coming into a city on this short of a notice, especially if you are a long distance away and haven't had that much communication, is that you don't really have a feel for what the problems are. There are a whole variety of different levels to operate at and I think they are complementary and supplementary, they are certainly not mutually exclusive. The first thing that should be done of course is to sit down, get a group of people to sit down and formulate exactly what your problems are in Houston. Some cities for example in Chicago, it is very clear that right near the top of list if not at it will be problems of relationship with the police department. This applies to some cities, this does not apply in other cities.

Q. We seem to have here in Houston a workable situation with the police department. As long as we stay within certain guidelines that they set out, we can do what we please, but if we get outside of those, they have a tendency to come down on us.

A. Do you agree to those guidelines? I mean I am not about to live under guidelines set out by other people. I will set out my own guidelines and I will tell the police what they are. If I consider my guidelines reasonable and if the police don't, then there is going to be a clash between me and the police and I would rather expect to win it when everything is all said and done. Formulate the present guidelines, if they have not been already formulated and decide whether you really want to live under them. If you feel that they are overly restrictive, then you start taking measures to change them starting out

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with, that is if the police are open to it, conferring with them and proceeding from there. Check out the situation on employment. I suspect that the homosexuals in Houston are not much different from other cities in that in general one of the prime concerns throughout your working career is "What would happen if my employer finds out?"

Q. What steps could be taken at this time to relieve this problem?

A. It is one of the primary concerns for most homosexuals all over the country. One of the ways to do something about that, do you have any kind of a human relations commission here. Check on your fair employment or your civil rights law and so on. These suggestions that I am making are long slow processes. They are not the kind of thing that you can change overnight or over quite a number of nights. But try to see what can be done there about beginning to get yourselves included under the protection of those. Private employment in this country is still very much a matter of the prerogative of the individual employer. So unfortunately there are still a great deal that just is not amenable to very much of an attack. If an employer does not like people with red hair, he still has an enormous amount of freedom in just not hiring them and there is just nothing that can be done. This applies very broadly in this country still, unfortunately and it means that when there is a persistent pattern of discrimination of that sort that large sub-communities are in a difficult situation. That is part and parula of the whole question of changing attitudes on a broader basis which means trying to get out in front of a community those people who feel that they can or want to do it. Get themselves on radio and television, speaking appearances, appearances before community groups of various kinds and in the whole slow tedious and often

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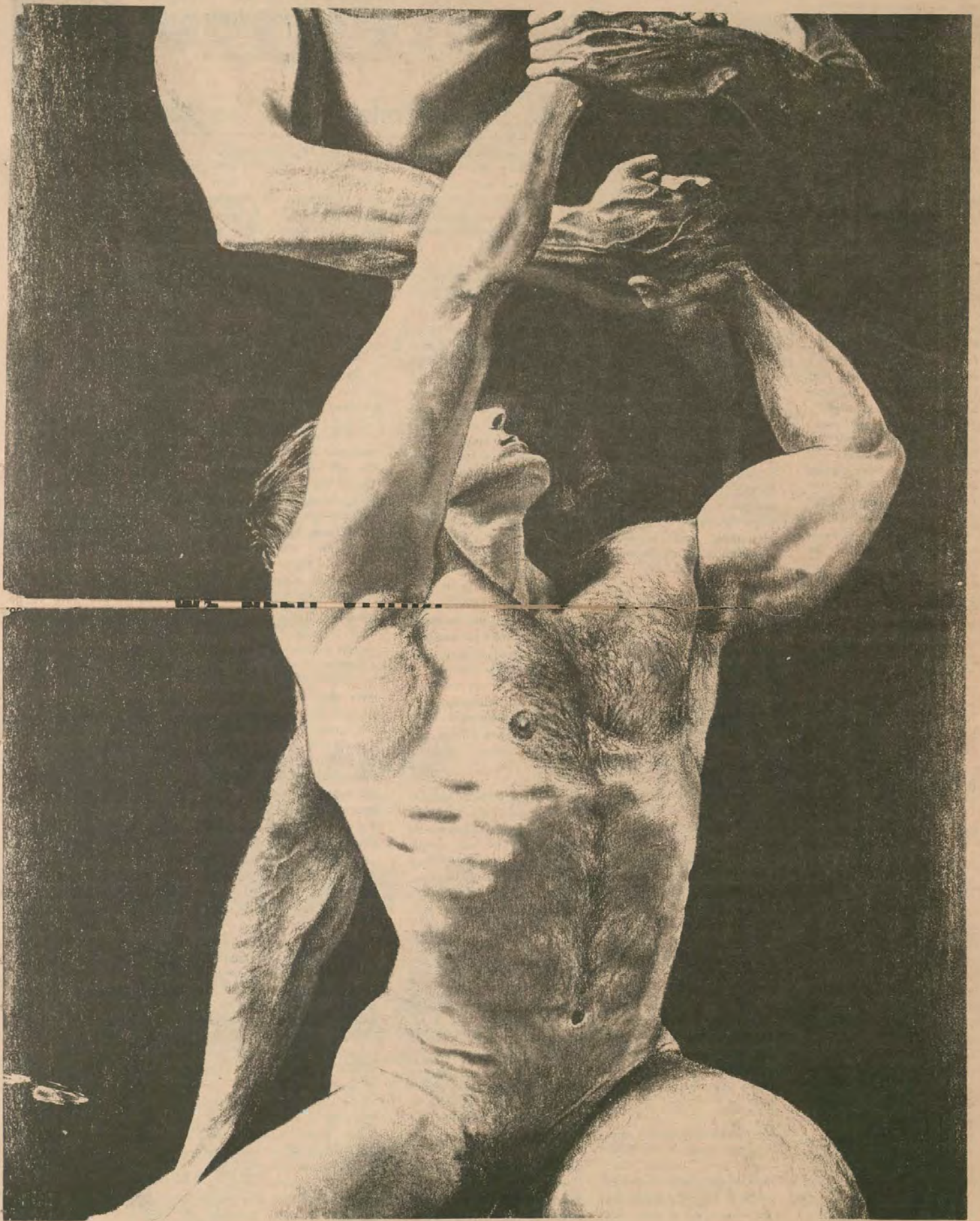
very depressing, because it seems to be producing no

seems to be producing no results, a very depressing process which has to be done of simply educating the public in order to change their attitudes.

Q. It sounds like a public relations campaign really.

A. That is a very real aspect of what has to be done. It is by no means the only thing. Now the early homophile movement before the early 1960's, before I started the Mattachine Society of Washington, was devoted almost exclusively to that. That I feel was a mistake although I can't criticize them too harshly because the whole context was different in those days. But that is one of the necessary directions in which you have to go. Now of course another thing, there are more militant approaches. If the employer fires somebody, there is always the possibility of the individual taking him to court, even though he thinks there is very little chance in winning, there is always a possibility if you have a militant group of approaches by them picketing and that sort of thing. If a public stir is made anytime some sort of firing happens, the employers who have in the past had a free hand will begin to feel a lot less free. So there are a large number of things that you can do.

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