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LIBERTY IN THE DEFENSE OF VICE IS NO EXTREME

*As the Federal establishment supplies more of the goods and services required for daily living, each of us pays the price in terms of erosion of our private liberties. So, Goldwater's cry for limited government is not only appealing, but seems a necessity for the maintenance of the United States as a democratic republic.

The Conscience of A Conservative philosophy relegates the responsibility for daily living to the American people and brings us individually to new frontiers of independent growth. I speak, therefore, as one who would prefer to vote for Goldwater.

Goldwater has the distinction of being the first candidate ever to campaign against "the sick joke, the off-color drama, and the pornographic book."

In other words, Goldwater's stand for the good old morality is in direct contradiction to his own basic concept of freedom for the individual. He seems to be saying that he believes in liberty as long as it is
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"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music he hears, however measured or far away."
- Henry David Thoreau

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BOBO SAID NO NO

All of Seattle is distressed about Bobo. He is the 560-lb. star of the Woodland Park Zoo, just turned 13, in the prime of life. He is one of the handsomest, healthiest gorillas in captivity. But Seattle's problem is Bobo don't like no girl gorillas.

Eight years ago, Seattle was so proud of Bobo that everyone from schoolkids to tycoons chipped in to raise \$4,000 to buy him a suitable bride. They settled for a dainty (350 lb.) nubile, aged 11 enchantress, whose main aim in life is to reproduce. Bobo will hardly look at her.

It's not that he's run-down. Each day Bobo gets a massive dose of Vitamin E, swigs pure wheat-germ oil, eight raw egg yolks, a jigger of thiamine and a 20-mg. jolt of male hormones. Each day also brings more letters, aphrodisiac recipes and snide phone calls from citizens who don't like what Bobo is doing to their city's image. Many Seattleites volunteer remedies: "Send Fifi away on a separate vacation," wrote one woman. "It works for me every time. Bobo will love her when she comes back." A man who lives on Puget Sound is so enthusiastic about this own regeneration that he has offered to gather and deliver fresh oysters daily. Zoo Director Frank Vincenzi thinks that a pornographic movie might give Bobo some ideas. Trouble is, no blue film ever made was aimed at the genuine simian market. Fifi needs no such jogging. On the contrary. Her lonely desperation has driven her to amorous lengths that are enough to make a gorilla blush.

Woodland Park authorities think that Bobo's condition may arise from his childhood. He was brought up by a couple like a human baby. He slept in a ribboned bassinet, ate in a high chair, sat on a potty, played pat-a-cake, and wore little-boy suits. When he became too obstreperous and was sold to the zoo at the age of 2 1/2, he was so miserable with his clothes off, and so afraid of the other animals, that his foster mother came and slept in a cot by his side every night for three weeks.

-TIME Magazine



NEWS

HOME

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF: The Haight Theatre, advertised as the "country's first theatre for particular interest films closed one month after opening with both owners disappearing, one jumping. \$2,000 bail. The particular interest film, "Glen or Glenda," a story of a transvestite, was claimed to have been shown to 1,500 persons during the first three days of operation, but attendance reportedly dropped to less than 50 a performance near the end of the run.

The theatre featured lobby murals of all nude men painted in brilliant colors, a physique art show on the mezzanine and a "Mr. San Francisco Contest" on the stage.

Contributing to the debacle were picketing junior high school boys bearing signs reading: "Down with the Ladies", "We Want Walt Disney," and "Put the Hex on Sex".

WASHINGTON, D. C.: Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas said of the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy who saw homosexuals and communists everywhere: "When public men indulge themselves in abuse, when they deny others a fair trial, when they resort to innuendo and insinuation, to libel, scandle and suspicion, then our democratic society is outraged and democracy is baffled. It has no apparatus to deal with the boor, the liar, the lout..."

LAREDO, TEXAS: The FBI National Academy Associates Retraining session for law enforcement officers was told that homosexuals represent a threat to the community in that when they commit suicide jumping from buildings, they sometimes hit passers-by.

The bulk of the information offered at the session was documented from the files of Special Agent Walter V. McLaughlin. He said that homosexuals usually maintain a rigid caste system, the levels of which are: the prostitute, the pederast, the wolves or prowlers, the queens, the narcissist, the bisexual and husband-wife. He described the wolves or prowlers as those too old to be attractive in homosexual circles who pick up one man after another, possibly assaulting or murdering those who refuse.

PHILA., PENNA.: A prominent real estate agent who asked not to have his name publicized cancelled a lease of a theatrical agency which had planned to bring a burlesque show to a Kensington theatre.

NEW YORK, N. Y.: A new organization, the League For Sexual Freedom, demonstrated in front of the Women's House of Detention in an effort to have the jailed prostitutes released. The

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THE FORWARD LOOK

BY

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ROBLEM[®]

This article is the initial section of a forthcoming book on the homosexual problem. No part of this work may be reprinted without the *written* consent of the authors.

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Persons who dislike homosexuals often claim homosexuals do not simply have a different sexual orientation, but that they are totally undesirable persons. When the U. S. Civil Service Commission states, "It is the established policy of the Civil Service Commission that homosexuals are unsuitable for appointment to or retention in the Federal Service...", it must be with the idea that homosexuals are undesirable as workers or as social beings — for they are presumably not employing them to perform sex acts.

Dr. Wardell B. Pomeroy, co-author of the Kinsey Reports, said there are at least five criteria by which the normality or abnormality of homosexuality could be judged.

1. Statistical — Since 37% of American males have had a minimum of one overt homosexual experience and an additional 13% react erotically to other males without overt sexual contact, (totaling 50%) the statistical incidence of homosexual behavior in practice and positive interest is too high to make it abnormal. In addition, 18% of these males have had at least as much homosexual as heterosexual experience for a three year period. 4% of all males are exclusively homosexual

for life. The figures for female homosexuality are roughly 1/3 to 1/2 that of the male — ascribable to the lower sexual interest of women.

2. Phylogenetic — Mammals in general, including man, exhibit homosexual behavior "in abundance", so that by the standards of mammalian life homosexuality is normal.
3. Moral — According to current morality, homosexuality is abnormal.
4. Legal — Since in 49 of the 50 United States certain homosexual acts are illegal (Illinois is excepted), homosexual behavior, legally, is abnormal.
5. Social — Dr. Pomeroy agrees with the American Law Institute and the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry that private sex acts of consenting adults ought not be the concern of society, insofar as such sex acts have no adverse effect on society. Homosexuality considered as such an act is therefore normal.

To describe the private sexual acts of consenting adults as having a negative social effect is to describe an act of magic. Private sexual acts cannot affect persons who do not participate in them and who are, in particular, not even aware of them. The only real effect of personal sex upon society is indirect and positive. Individuals with happy sex lives are usually happier in general and thus may contribute more positively to their society.

But social prejudice harms homosexuals as it harms any minority. More important than the effects of occasional arrests (in reality, few homosexuals are ever arrested) is the fear of arrest and the stigma of possible legal action.

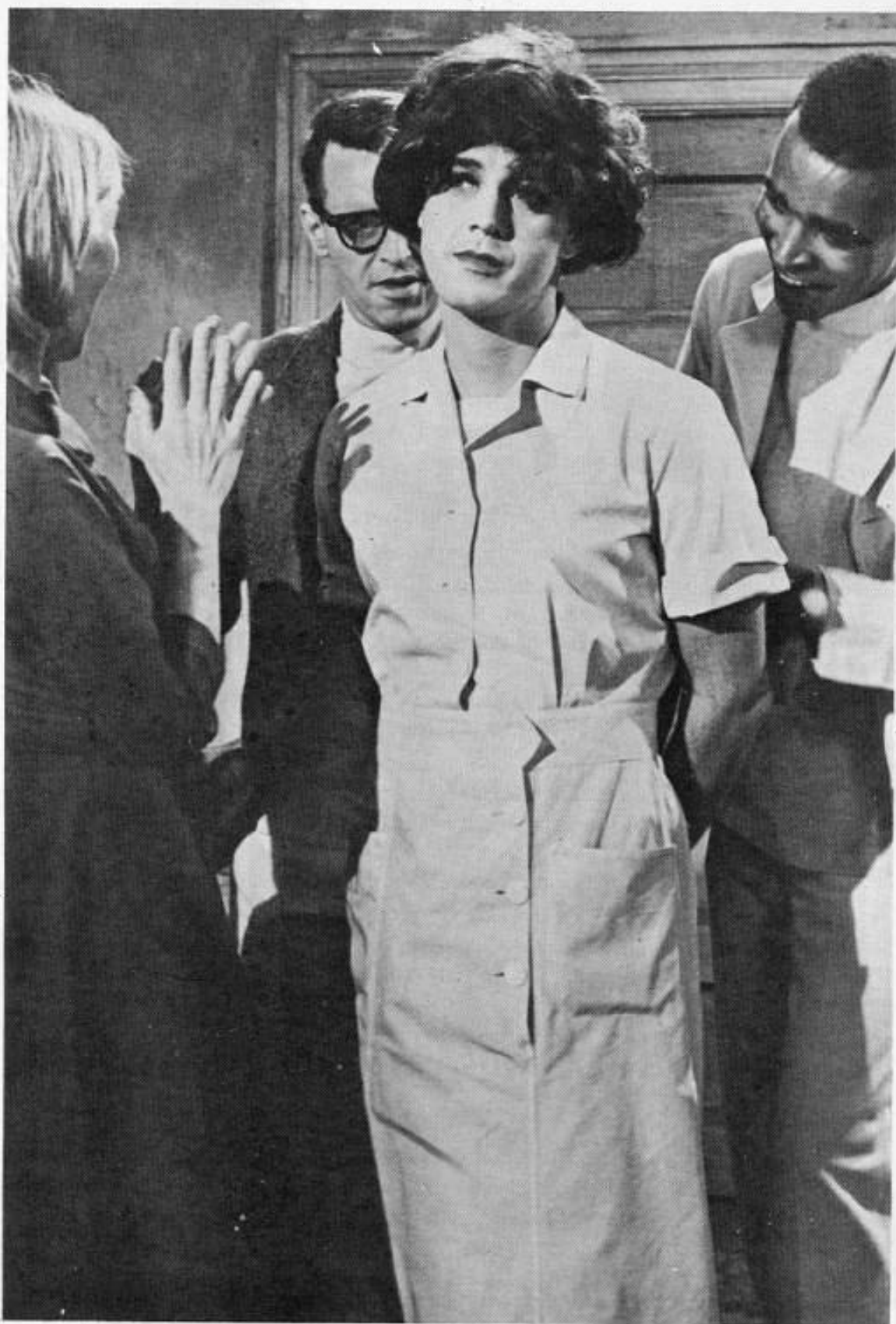
Stigma is the main penalty of being homosexual in America.

It may be difficult to imagine the homosexual having lived half his life with his sexuality subject to opprobrium and disgust. As the homosexual matures, his homosexuality is rarely mentioned, rarely depicted in popular media, rarely hinted in general society. He matures with fear of the consequences that might befall him if his secret were known. When he grows older, he often discovers that his religion considers him sinful. He discovers that his own government rejects him and might not mind jailing him.

Even if a man is never arrested or directly rejected, what must the consequences be of decades of such oblique rejection? It is the quiet, insistent climate that says: "I condemn you" that makes existence difficult for homosexuals.

Seldom are homosexuals touched by the exceptional and violent things which can conceivably happen to them. But the social and legal stigmas are real. They touch some homosexuals sufficiently to cause them to believe

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**MICHAEL CALLAN IN
"THE NEW INTERNS"**



*Fifteen Dollar
Misunderstanding*

A Dialog - P. ARODY

First off the bat, let me tell you that I've been around and have read City of Night and all that, but I don't intend to write one of those dirty stories. So, if that's the kind of thing you want, you had better go to the library or someplace. (Not that I think there is anything wrong with cheap pornography.) (That is, it's OK if you like it.)

I intend to keep this story on a high literary plain. Not that I am a paid professional writer (I'm not), but a college sophomore (which I am) who has taken courses in psychology (which I took), knows something of the values of the American way of life. (Which I respect.) (Loyally.)

I had the advantages early in life and (not that I'm bragging) I was a natural born leader. Starting back (even) as far as the Boy Scouts where I became a leader of boys training to be leaders of men and training to be prepared in battle. (Be prepared, that's our motto you know) (and I am) (prepared).

(As a matter of fact, so as to set the record straight about my background, my father is a member of my hometown's obscenity board and I have long since been reporting smut to my postmaster.) (Even before he began to ask for it all over the place.)

And I also want you to know (for the record) I've had experiences, not just one or two, either. (Not that I make a practice of such displays which I consider too much of as lewd, but I just wanted you to know that I do have qualifications.) But it seems that, as they say in those clever cigarette ads, I digress.

When a guy's been husslin in dis city of New York, he never knows what kinna dummy he gonna run inna. An I mean, New York hasim. An you know the worse of all - dees fay college guys. Let me tell ya, deys dummes of all. Like da night me an Duke was workin 42nd. All a sudden, affer evertin goin real good, dis dum fay college stars askin me bout my mudder. My mudder, get you, my mudder. How fay can ya git? At least, dats wha I tought.

Anyways, las night we's working da Eagle cross from da bus an da place's really jumpin. Pedro an Rocky, dey score wit marks an me an da udder guys beerin an jokin when in walks dis trick an da guys an I jus smile. "Fay college," says somebody an den dey all stars laffin. I gives dem all looks an dey get da point dat I'm next in line for da mark an dey gonna louse tings up with laffin. Dis fay college stans der lookin roun like he don know wedder da run or piss, so I gives him de ole stare job, like lookin right at him an I ain't seein him. Den, I takes a long slug from da beer, lookin a him all da time an den I smiles an he gets da hint.

Needless to say, everyone has heard of the Eagle Bar (and in case you don't know where it is, due to the high literary plain I'm keeping this story on, I can't tell you) (but ask around, you'll find out).

If I was a paid professional writer, I would be able to tell you what happened (shamefully) at the Eagle without offending the moral values of the Country (which I already told you I was loyal to), but this bar is well known as a place of assignation for men who seek furtive and vicarious male pleasures. (You get the point) (it was really a queer bar) (Ha ha). Which going into this bar in the first place, I owed to my college education so that it would be well rounded and complete.

If you will excuse the absence of false modesty, when I walked into this bar of furtive and vicarious assignation, it was only necessary for me to look around once, survey the scene, and glance at the most attractive male (queer) in the place. Through factors that must have had to do with my good looks and snappy dress (college), he stared at me dumbfounded. It was like (if you pardon my telling the story in such lurid detail) I was irresistible. (ha ha).

Consequently, and (as they say) without further ado, I walked to the bar and ordered beers for us. (Introductions being unnecessary in places like these.)

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Dis fay college dumbell walks over to da dam bar as if he owns da place and says to Mike to give him a beer and give one to me which he calls his fine feddered fren. Can you beat dat? I tell you, if I didn't dig da scene so much, I'd stop husslin an go straight!

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I knew instinctively that the high plain of intellectual conversation that one gets as a sophomore in college was beyond Stud (which he told me was his name though it was probably an assumed alias). In college, (not that college is everything) (but it is an advantage, you must admit), having read Dale Carnegie twice all the way through, I learned that it was best to let a strange person (he didn't say anything about queers though) (ha ha) talk (converse) about the things that interested them most above all. Which I left him (Stud) do.

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Whada ya say to a goofball after a show like dat? Beats me. Da guys given da horse laugh so bad dat I tell dem shut up or I show dem what for. Dey knows I'm kiddin about "what for" as don't none of us go in for rough stuff, but dey shuts up cause dey knows business is business.

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ECHO

The Janus Society, the Daughters of Bilitis, New York Mattachine, and Washington Mattachine formed a loose affiliation two years ago called the East Coast Homophile Organizations, (ECHO). The purpose of the affiliation was, among other things, to hold an annual convention in one of the member cities. The 1963 convention was held in Philadelphia and the 1964 convention was held in Washington on October 10-11.

The convention theme, Homosexuality- Civil Liberties and Social Rights, clearly sets forth the two basic concerns of the movement and this was well demonstrated by the debate between Dr. Kurt Konietak, a member of the Janus Society Advisory Board and District Supervisor for the Philadelphia area Board of Paroles, and Dr. Franklin E. Kameny, the President of the Mattachine Society of Washington and an Astronomer. The two goals-- social and legal-- are often antithetical to each other and the homophile movement, with its many other problems, finds itself torn between them. The various facets of this problem are cause for continuing concern and debate and will not find an easy solution.

One of the Conventioneers remarked that: "A cop wouldn't stand a chance in this place today," and a look at the roster of legal experts gathered in the Mager- Hamilton Hotel easily bore out the contention. A partial list of lawyers and civil liberties experts appearing before the convention includes: Hal Witt, Sydney Sachs, Glenn Gaves, John Karr, David Carliner, Monroe Freedman.

Robert King, a member of the Washington Mattachine Society and Convention Coordinator delivered the keynote address.

Julian Hodges the President of New York Mattachine Society spoke on: Politics is Everyone's Business.

Representatives from the Methodist, Unitarian, Catholic, and Swedenborgian, and Jewish religions participated in a panel on the positions of the various faiths in reference to homosexuals.

The 1964 ECHO Conference has been beset by an almost unbelievable set of external adversities. Washington, D. C. had been selected for the conference city and the International Inn as the hotel. About six weeks before the scheduled opening of the Conference, the International Inn cancelled. Because of the amount of time available to find new accommodations, it was decided not to press the issue, but when the Grammercy Inn cancelled about four weeks before the opening, a strong stand was taken and a lawyer expert in the contract law field was retained.

In the interim, the Manger Hamilton was contacted and they agreed to permit the conference. The pressure on the Grammercy Inn was sufficient and they capitulated leaving ECHO with two possible hotels. On the basis of the Manger Hamilton's warm reception, it was decided to drop the Grammercy Inn.

Ten days before the Conference, the Manger Hamilton also cancelled, again leaving ECHO homeless.

At this writing (six days before the Conference), it is scheduled for the Sheraton- Park Hotel and, as was put by an ECHO delegate: "After three hotel cancellations, we have finally settled on our tentative arrangements."

Credit is due the ECHO Coordinator, Robert King, for persistent efforts on behalf of the 1964 ECHO Conference and to all of the members of the Committees responsible.

Other issues have been raised by this series of mishaps and it is hoped that the ECHO Committee will apply themselves to settling them within the few months after the 1964 Conference.

DRUM will present an open discussion of these issues in subsequent months in the hope of drawing an adequate framework of operation. In so doing, some individuals will be extremely unhappy with the stand we take, but the stand will be firm.

-C. P.

CRYPTOGAYME

October solution: It only remained for me to realize that I was not a freak - Gide, Corydon

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Homosexuality In The News

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"I have no reason to doubt your abilities as a director, sir, but may I be so bold as to suggest that Hamlet did not have a thing for his mother?"

his flavor. One is reminded of Henry Ford's offer of automobiles in any color- as long as they were black.

"It is the responsibility of the national leadership... to encourage every community in this nation to enforce the law, not to let it be abused and ignored." It seems somewhat heretical to take a position for lawlessness, but it would be nice if he were to explain how he would prefer the enforcement of the sodomy legislation and whether he would support the death penalty in the states where such is still a conceivable consequence of conviction.

The morality plank in the Republican Platform is a direct expression of desire to control the private morals of the citizenry, but it is no more an interference than practices of the various agencies under the Democrats. The Post Office's concern over what they define as obscene mail, is merely one indication of this kind of not so well advertised vigilanteism.

In terms of the amount of direct, individual freedom now enjoyed, it can be expected that erosion will continue regardless of the outcome of the election. Beyond a doubt, the erosion could become a landslide with Goldwater in the White House, but Johnson's election offers nothing close to a panacea.

In another context, the Very Rev. Francis B. Sayre, Jr., dean of Washington's Episcopal Cathedral said of the election: "Our people are in a great dilemma, and there is no section of the country which you may visit today where you do not feel this profoundly. We stare fascinated at the forces that have produced such a sterile choice for us: frustration and a federation of hostilities in the one party; and in the other, behind a goodly facade, only a cynical manipulation of power."

It can only be hoped that Goldwater will be defeated, but I hope further that his nomination will serve to create a true two party system throughout the land and that these competing forces will become more responsive to the need for freedom.

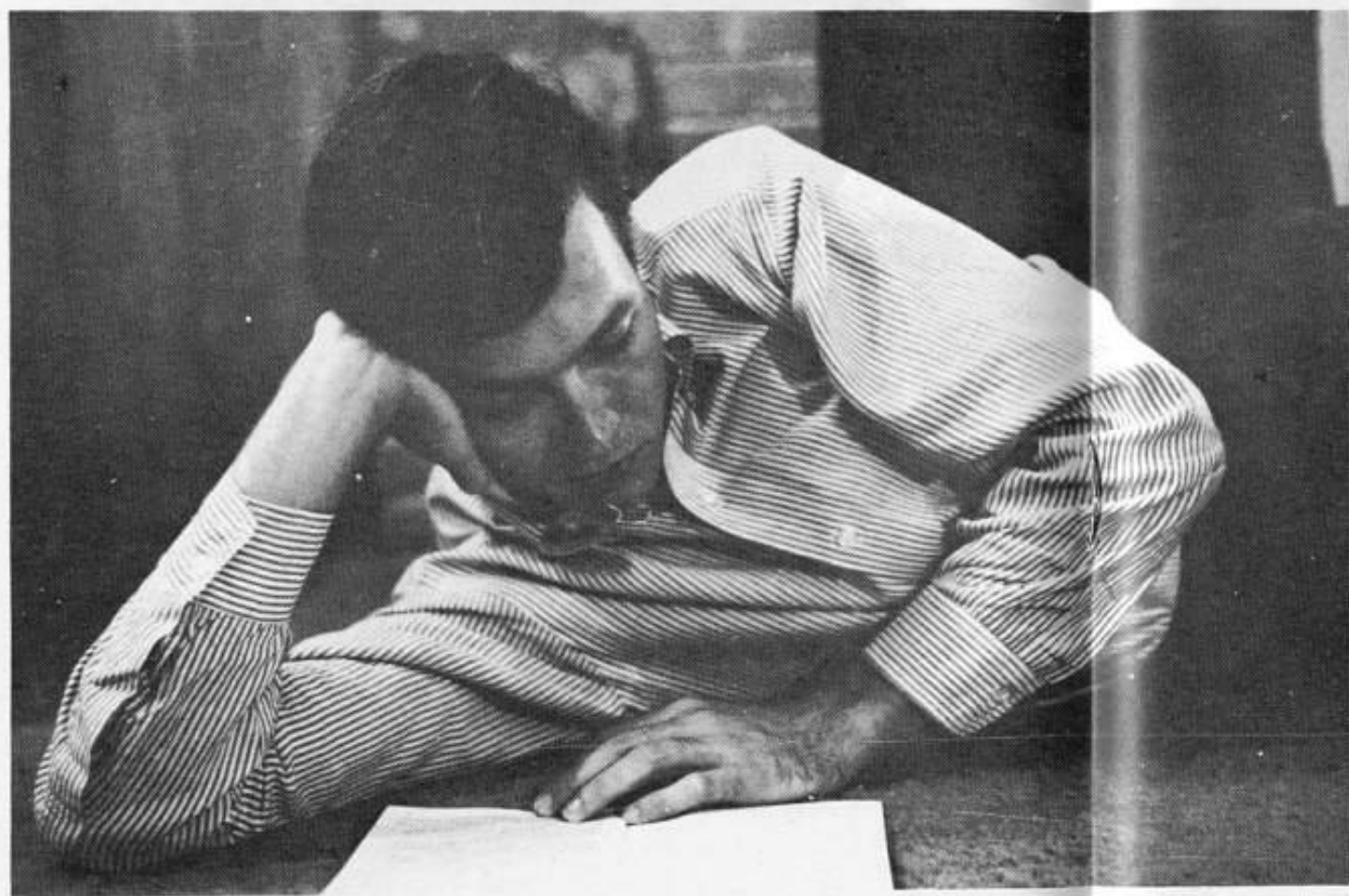
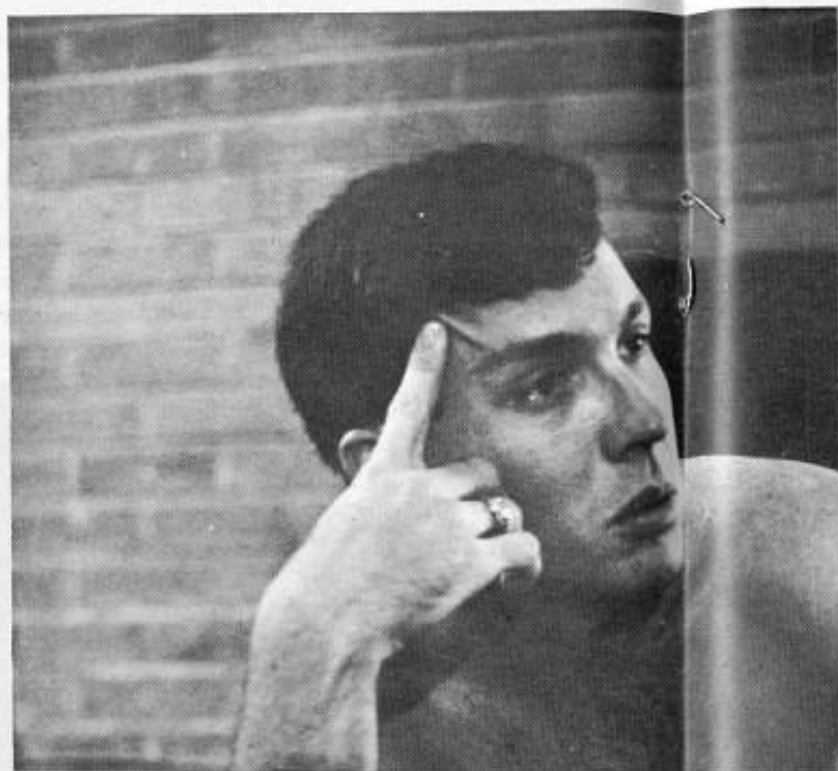
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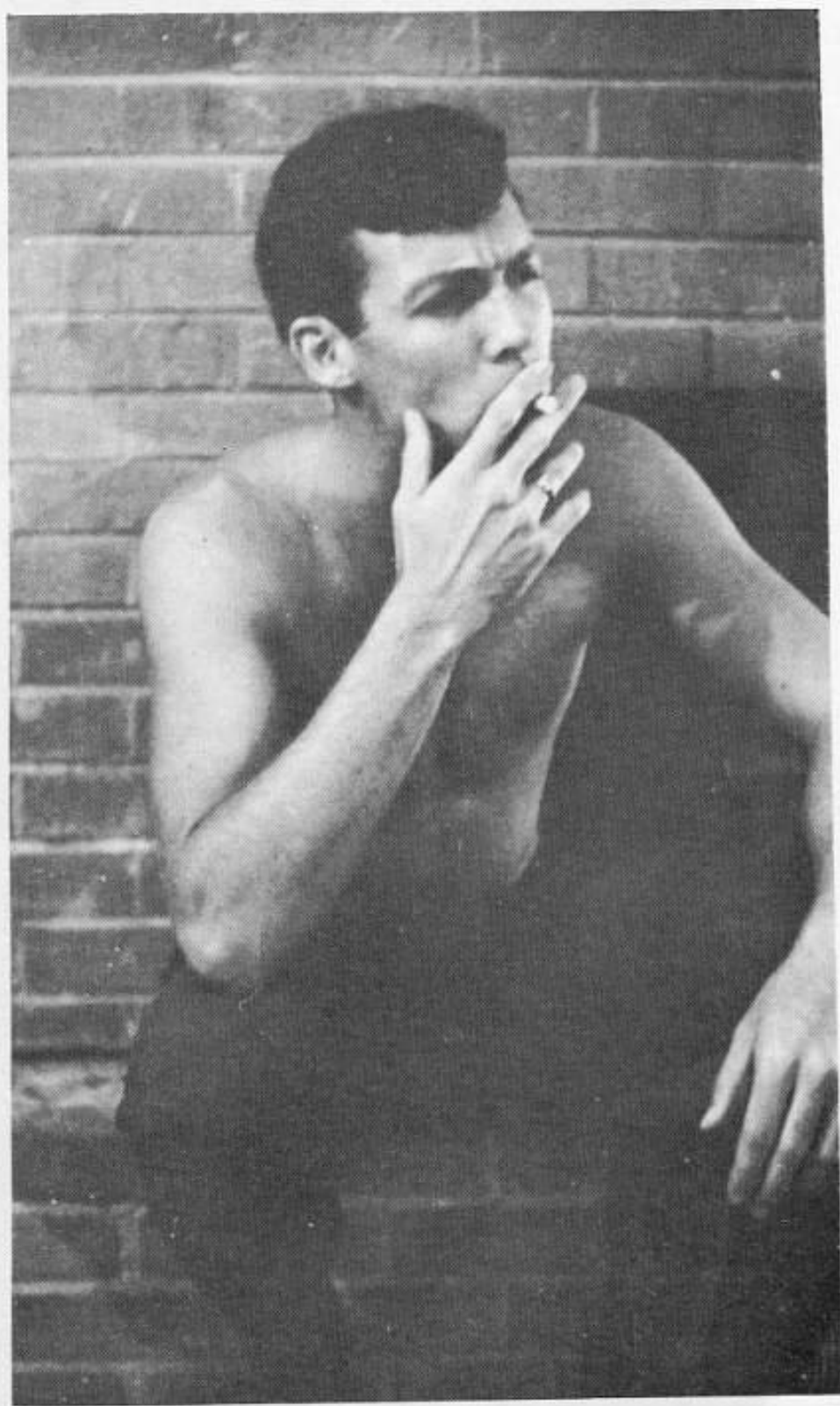
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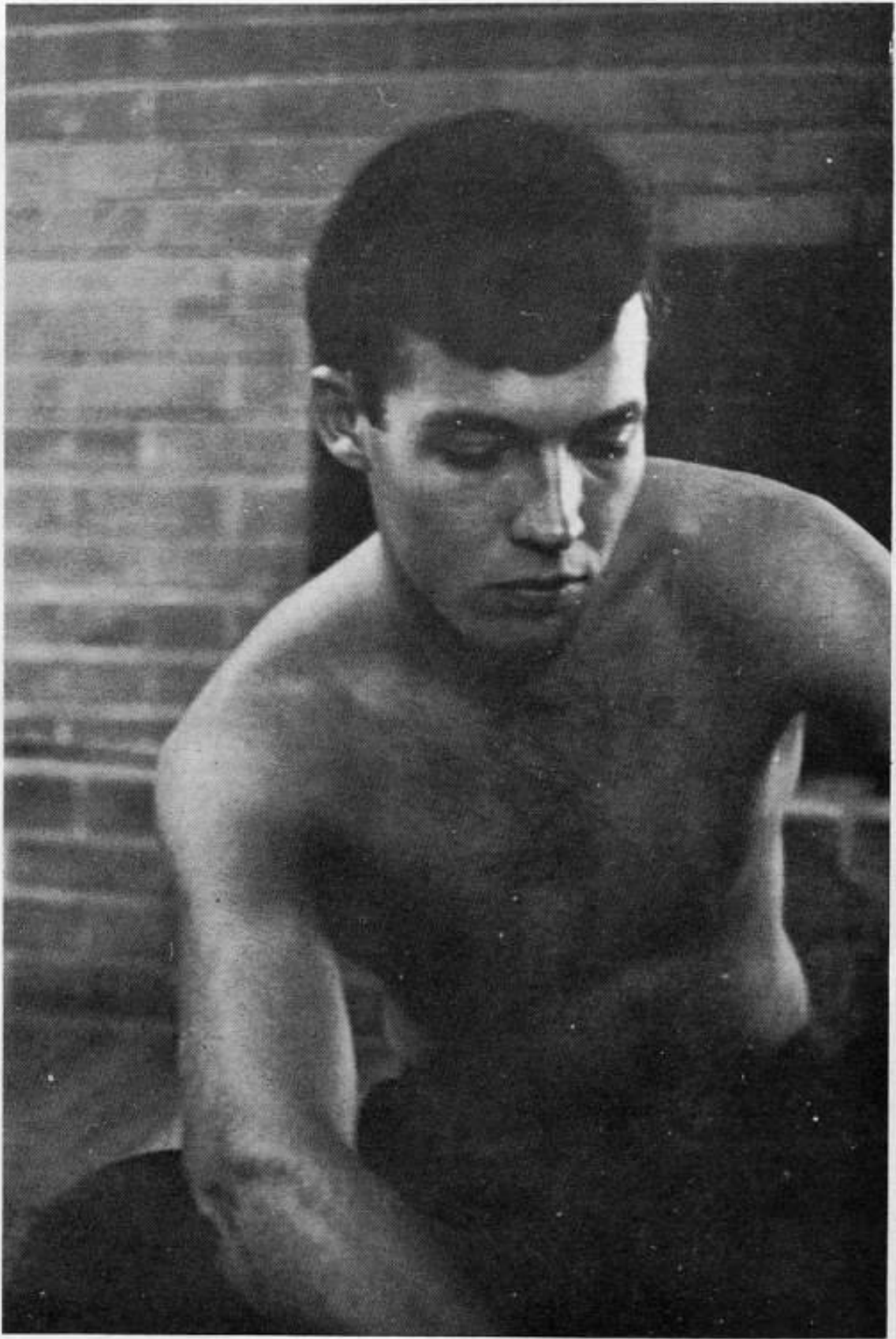
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group, described as "Quakerish" and "pacifist," also were said to look "hard-up," but they contend that society prosecutes prostitutes for promiscuity. Undaunted by a summons for blocking the sidewalk with their card table, the group is contemplating turning their efforts towards the "super-secret" collection of sex books hidden in the vaults of the public library. They plan no further prostitute pickets for the time being as they "don't want to get in a rut."

SAN QUENTON, CALIF.: Ray Snyder, a convicted burglar serving a 15 year sentence, petitioned to be released from prison because, as an admitted homosexual, he said he has been forced to live life there as "a male call girl." During his period of incarceration, he charged, he has been forced to live in cells "with perverted prisoners who are allowed to harass, molest and assault me by means of knife-death threats." Snyder also said that it is "prison policy to encourage homosexuality" by creating an atmosphere conducive to it.

"It's foolish to say homosexuality doesn't exist at San Quentin" Warden Lawrence E. Wilson answered, but Snyder's petition for a writ of habeas corpus was refused by a California Superior Court Judge.

WASHINGTON, D. C.: Legislation has been introduced into the House of Representatives to forbid postal inspectors from using "observation galleries" to peep into men's washrooms. One way glass and observation slits were credited by the Postal Officials for helping to detect postal thefts.

One of the congressmen who introduced the legislation said the "loop hole" in the Post Office's plan is that they did not also secretly peep into women's washrooms, but he hastened to add that he was not in favor of putting the devices in women's washrooms either. The practice of secretly watching postal employees goes so far back that no one can really recall why the system was originally installed, said the congressman.

SAN DIEGO, CALIF: Officials of the San Diego Zoo reported the death of a female dragon from the Komodo Islands off the coast of Indonesia. The ferocious lizard-dragon was about 5 feet in length. It was one of the few in captivity. The zoo also has a male Komodo dragon which they were hoping would mate with the female, but the female's death precluded any such possibility. An autopsy of the dead female indicates, however, that the reason they had not mated previously was that the female was a male. There is still the one dragon left that is supposed to be a male, but zoo officials refused comment.

MIAMI, FLORIDA: A county-wide anti-homosexual central coordinating system was set up in Dade County when police chiefs

met with State Attorney Richard Gerstein in July. A central office was set up for investigations and arrests of homosexuals and there was 'general agreement to enforce the solicitation laws strictly. The Coral Gables Police force reports that they effected the plan discussed and had made "I don't know how many arrests." In Hialeah, Police Chief David Maynard said: "Homosexual crimes are not a problem in Hialeah," where there have been no recent arrests.

Informed sources report that bars frequented by homosexuals were deserted after the announcement, but apparently efforts from organized liberals have resulted in an unofficial policy change. There have been no wholesale raids and, according to the same source, tensions are now eased.

Dade State Rep. Richard Pettigrew has suggested that the Johns Committee (Oct. Drum) refrain from issuing further statements on homosexuality without conferring with experts in the field and the Greater Miami Psychiatric Society passed a resolution urging the committee to refrain from staging any type of public forum on the topic.

It has been reported, but not confirmed, that several prominent members of the Johns Committee resigned during September.

ABROAD



London Daily Express

Lord Boothby and Ronald Kray: 'A charming, normal picture'

LONDON, ENGLAND: The photograph of Lord Boothby and Ronald Kray, which the Daily and Sunday Mirror said showed a "well-known member of the House of Lords seated on a sofa with a gangster", (Oct., Drum) was released. The Mirror had alledged homosexuality in the Peer and Lord Boothby became the first man in memory who ever named himself as the subject of a damaging printed report and then collected damages.

THE HAGUE: The ninth International Congress ended six days of sessions with a plea for fewer penalties on sex behavior.

The congress, attended by more than 500 jurists from 54 countries, adopted a resolution declaring that adultery, fornication and homosexual behavior should not be prohibited by law. It further recommended that the distribution of birth control information and contraceptive devices should be regarded as criminal only if in violation of pornography or obscenity laws. The congress called for possibilities for obtaining legal abortions in countries that prohibit them.

LONDON, ENGLAND: John Profumo, 49 year old ex-minister of war in the British Cabinet is reported working at Toynbee Hall, a soup-and-citizenship settlement.

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN: A Swedish psychiatrist said, in his new book, "The Sexual Minorities", that he considered sex a medicine for mental illness and personal trouble and that it should be available freely and devoid of taboos like a drug.

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the myth of their own "sickness." For what used to be called a crime in parts of the popular mind has now become a "sickness," which is a simply milder version of the same attitude.

There is a practice today of quoting and misquoting statements about homosexuals. Recent typical newspaper columns read:

". . . the medical profession maintains that homosexuality is an 'illness' and that homosexuals are 'emotionally disturbed' victims of 'arrested development.'"

and from a medical column. . .

"The homosexual is a pathetic figure, subject to continual harassment including blackmail, and fearful of ever finding happiness in his life. It is a shame that most people regard him with contempt rather than sympathy."

These statements paraphrase a few concepts that encourage a new popular image of homosexuals as "sick". Other statements which hold homosexuals to be rather average persons (Kinsey, Hooker, van den Haag, etc.) are not usually quoted.

When we speak of homosexuals we refer to millions of Americans, and there is little medical information which has ever truly examined them. We must remember, psychiatric opinions are in actuality based on the examination of relatively few persons who are usually psychiatric patients and who are, by definition, disturbed, whether they be heterosexual or homosexual. No one may reasonably generalize about millions of persons from such experiences, limited to patients in therapy. Only a study with sufficient sampling drawn from various categories of persons will yield plausible medical information. To date, the studies by The Institute for Sex Research (Kinsey Reports) make the only statements regarding human sexuality based on the examination of thousands of persons from genuinely diversified areas of society. According to these studies, homosexuality is considered as "preference" — not an "illness."

Only by the practice of our relegating traditionally sanctioned heterosexual experiences to the province of an absolute category, as though it included all human sexual preferences, is it possible to call other forms of sexual activity abnormal. It is upon this single judgement that the argument against all so-called "deviant" sexuality rests. Medical opinion cannot, in fact, support the description of abnormality for homosexuality without this judgment which is itself not a medical or scientifically based judgment but rather a traditional one which reflects an arbitrary viewpoint. To see the matter in other terms, one's attitude toward many things including "deviant" sex is based merely upon how seriously one regards traditional social

attitudes.

In the case of the homosexual, his "sickness" seems to have come after the fact of the prejudice. We may therefore expect the degree of his "sickness" to subside in the future — not due so much to any shift of scientific position but rather to the decline of prejudice.

In history, and even today, the range of statements made about homosexuals runs the gamut of human imaginings. They have been credited with everything from superior intelligence and artistic capacity to demonism. The Emperor Justinian, who was troubled by earthquakes, deduced that homosexuals were the cause and punished them by death.

The 18th century book, *Plain Reasons for the Growth of Sodomy in England*, credited homosexuality to a variety of causes including the drinking of tea and the pernicious influence of Italian Opera.

Homosexual practice in some societies is encouraged. In others, it is treated indifferently. Today, in only a minority of countries, such as ours, are any homosexual acts illegal. Justinian's earthquakes, though they don't tremble with the ferocity of old, still quiver with enough action to make some judges stern and reproachful as they sentence the occasional homosexual defendent.

Homosexuals have been causally linked with such auspicious events as the decline of Western Civilization and such refinements of aesthetic capability as the art of Leonardo da Vinci and Michaelangelo (both reputedly homosexual).

Were Justinian's earthquakes real? They have, indeed, survived a long time, though lately they have metamorphosed into a gentler turmoil. Or was the trembling to which he listened, and which some men hear today, superstition, a fear turned panic which seeks any irrelevant bystander for persecution?

Today we listen to underground rumblings with a seismograph. And we listen to the words of scientists for ever more accurate descriptions of what man is and does. With the meaning of homosexuality, as with many things, we have no full agreement. About thirty medical opinions can be found to answer the question: homosexuals, who are they? But from this welter of theories, basic patterns have become clear.

There are several premises to which most psychiatrists subscribe. These premises are widely important, are influencing public and legal feeling today, and may be expected to do so even more in the future. They are:

1. Homosexuality, like heterosexuality, is a learned preference. Infants can be sexually interested in anyone. They are, in Freud's description, "polymorphous perverse." Only later conditioning channels sex interest to particular objects. Psychiatrists disagree as to the nature, course and

values of the sexual learning process but they agree that infants are indiscriminately sexual and adult sexual orientation is at least somewhat conditioned.

The potential for homosexual behavior like that for heterosexual behavior is therefore universal. Every human being carries the seeds of both orientations; in an adult life, both of them remain, developed, dormant, or repressed in varying degrees.

2. The broad majority of homosexuals are roughly as susceptible to a change of sexual object as the broad majority of heterosexuals. Generally, the sexual conditioning process is so well defined by the time one becomes adult, one's preferences might as well be congenital.
3. The vast majority of psychiatrists are opposed to current legal and social discrimination against homosexuals. Even psychiatrists who credit homosexuals with mal-functioning, consider prevailing anti-homosexual laws and attitudes to be antiquated and unjust.

Is that all there is, you may ask, to being homosexual? After the centuries and lurid descriptions, is homosexuality merely one form of sex, one form of love, or both? Where has the "homosexual problem" gone? Can it be disposed of that neatly?

The "problem" has not gone anywhere. Its terms, however, like the proverbial shoe, have shifted feet. The "homosexual problem," we suggest, does not consist of the fact that there are homosexuals, but rather of the fact that there are those opposed to them.

It is their opposition and not homosexuals who have caused and are perpetuating the "problem". The story of opposition attacks, and of their motives is indeed vast and is filled with greater social consequences than any questions you may ask about homosexuals themselves.

II

". . . there is no scientific reason for considering particular types of sexual activity as intrinsically, in their biologic origins, normal or abnormal. . . The reaction of our social organization to these various types of behavior are the things that need study and classification."

Sexual Behavior in the Human Male
Kinsey, Pomeroy, Martin.

The primary offense of the homosexual in our society is that his behavior appears to be non-conformist. As for the wealth of scurrilous epithets used to describe homosexuals, they may be regarded as the protests of persons who are irritated by the homosexual's presence as an embarrassment to traditional sexual mores — notions which scientific inquiry is proving somewhat inaccurate.

If, indeed, heterosexuality and sexuality in general were understood, it is rather unlikely that there would

be any homosexual problem. For it is upon the erroneous notions, long held in Western Society, as to the nature of sexuality that a serious source for prejudice against homosexuality as well as other forms of sex has been based. And it is the ultimate reinvestigation of those areas which the homosexual question poses that has caused much of the confusion and concern which is brought to the homosexual topic.

In a comprehensive inquiry into homosexual behavior we must come, in time, to the incongruities and inaccuracies of our sexual mores at large. And, in an effort to prohibit the exposure of those inaccuracies, much clamor has been heard against a new and liberal review of the entire homosexual problem.

If we wish indeed an ideal solution of that problem, we must understand and correct the major sexual problems of our society. For in larger terms, the question is not whether or not we should continue to punish legally the minute minority of homosexuals who cross our attention but should we continue to punish our society en masse with fallacious and injurious notions of what all sex is about. There is and has been for a lengthy time great resistance to honesty about sex. And in that resistance homosexuals along with other apparently non-conformist persons have served as spectacular red herrings to obscure the primary issues.

When we understand that the homosexual problem proceeds from our general sexual problems, we may see why some heterosexuals are disturbed by behavior which fails to affect them directly and which is known to them only in principle. We may further see why our laws are concerned with affronts to "public morality" and why even in the Model Penal Code, a supposedly sophisticated basis for law reform, homosexuals can be arrested in much the same manner as they are today — for affronts to public morality.

It would be naive to say that no affront exists for we know that there are those who are affronted, but the affront lies actually in the reaction based largely on inaccurate information about sex in general and homosexuality in particular.

SEX IN HISTORY

In judging the quantity of truth in our sexual concepts we may view them both historically and cross-culturally. By noting their evolution we may partially judge their appropriateness or the lack of it in contemporary society.

Our notions of sex are religious in origin and, like the religions which bear them, are never so definitive as they appear. The antisexual characteristics of our religions are not at all a characteristic of religion universally; often religions have seen pleasure of sex as a fundamental if not the fundamental human experience.

The religious reaction against sex is historically a late event coming into prominence with the prohibitions

initiated by the Jews several centuries B.C. After their return from the Babylonian exile, the Jews wished to differentiate themselves from their neighbors, whom they called pagan in an effort to prove themselves a chosen people. They reacted to their misfortunes by instituting a widely ascetic philosophy which included the renunciation of pleasure generally and sexual pleasure specifically. They established sexual prohibitions ranging from an admonition against enjoyment of heterosexual intercourse to the death penalty for masturbation. Confusing nature and their neighbors they sought to limit both but could limit only themselves.

Ancient repressions have descended to contemporary society in which the majority of natural sexual activity is described as "dirty" (of the earth) which, in truth, describes a deviation from the cultural rather than from any biologic standpoint. Because our religions are antisexual they produced the rationale that procreation is the exclusive end of sex and thus dismissed not only homosexuality but almost all sex. Even the majority of heterosexual intercourse has, of course, nothing to do with procreation. We do not simply move in our private beds with thoughts of the human race.

Antisexualism is, in fact, part of the larger posture man takes against nature, against not only elements of his environment but against elements of himself. Like the frightened spinster with doors and windows locked, man dismissed experiences and pleasures responding to fear which can be well founded, groundless or inflated. He restricts the variety of life. He ignores the continuity of nature and rationalizes a series of mechanical dualities: men and animals, earthiness and purity, normal and abnormal. Thus, sexuality, all of which is natural is divided into categories of natural and unnatural. The unnatural part is akin to the man beyond the spinster's locked door who both frightens and fascinates her.

When we compare man's sexual behavior with that of some other anthropoids we may estimate that the rate of all sexual activity in our society is roughly half of what it would be without current repressions. The attitudes which strike at homosexuality are part of an attack on sexuality at large which, unwittingly, attacks the attacker.

(See December DRUM)

INFLATION

"... The bandits, both in their early 20's burst into the bottling plant, and then escaped north on 33rd St. with a total of \$6 in pennies." Phila. INQUIRER, 9/18

-- Let's see, at \$2.98 a pound that's...

Misunderstanding, from 10

We drinkin da beers an dis one ain't sayin a fuggin word, an I asts him wha he does, he tells me he's a fay bricklayer. Can you beat that? So, I tells him I's a kangaroo, an he tells me dat he really a bricklayer an I tells him dat I believes him an den he shuts up again. Dum fay college bastid bricklayer.

I tells you, if I didn't dig da scene, I'd go straight, but we's dare an I figures he might know sumtin bout sumtin. So I asts him what he studyin an he says bricklayin an, I tells you, wit dat crack, I almost had it wit dis nummer.

So I says to him dat I's a working boy an my price is \$15.00 an he puts up or shuts up. He says he used to \$10.00 an I tells him dats wha I works for an if da trick don pay dat, I don work. Den I tells him my place's roun da corner if he wanna go an we leaves.

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In order to inform this Stud (in no uncertain terms) that I was experienced in the world (as described earlier) I told him that I was a bricklayer, which story he believed almost immediately. (This in confirmation of my earlier mentioning about the level of intellect for these people who loiter in bars of assignation.) (Not that I feel superior).

As a matter of fact, he says, that he is also a bricklayer which, in my book is a coincidence (or maybe just part of the line of untruths these people all tell) and we got onto the subject of how much we each made. He told me \$15.00 and in order to further set him at ease and make him feel he was my superior (ha ha) I told him that I only was used to \$10.00.

And I want you to know dear reader that in spite of all that happened, I am still grateful for the Dale Carnegie method because it certainly made me the master of all that was to follow (not to mention the spirit of fellowship created with ignorant, untutored Stud who I had chosen for advancing my college education (extra-curricular). But then again, as they say in the ads, I digress.

This person, dear reader (and since I am not a paid professional writer I must choose my words carefully) (especially since I do not believe in obscenity) (under any circumstances) this Stud was a person of uncontrollable passion (blush). Which I guess you can say of all of these persons (queer) and after just the shortest conversation, he virtually insisted that I go to his home for immoral purposes. Which for the sake of my well rounded extracurricular college education and so I would in the future be able to warn others of the clear and present danger lurking, I did. (Blush).

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Chris O Mighty! Does dis fay college give me da what for.

Two hours and he still ready to go some more an I haffa tell him no more I had it. Not ony dis trick not know nutin, but he push me roun like he Rocky Marciano or sometin. Chris, I tells him, you had yours tree times, hole off. Whatcha want for \$15.00? An den he comes on wit dis routine about just doin dis for da experience of it an da reason he picked me back at da Eagle - get dat - he picked me, is because I look like I gotta problem. I says you damn right I gotta problem an you can do dat problem a whole lot a good by payin up da \$15.00. But he's still gone on about da kinds of tings dat only a fay college can tink of sayin and I tells him to put his damed clothes on an cough up. Den he look a me like he jus gets da picture an says dat he ain't gonna pay, an, since I was da one who enjoyed it, I should pay him. An dat I ain't no better dan a bitch whore. By dis time he got his clothes on an is at da door an says somethin bout da Bible an sinnen an de walks out.

Now, I been beat for money before, but, you know, dis time I ain't even mad - I feel sorta sorry for da fay bastid.

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Dear reader, if you are loyal Americans (and not Communists) I hereby warn you about the filth and perversion that exists around us. No (as you by now know), I will not tell you what happened in this room because it is something that no animal would lay claim to. You don't grow up in the United States of America without learning about life, but that which I learned last night, dear reader - never learn (and guard your children).

If I was a paid professional writer who believed in obscenity (and pornography and lewd descriptions) I could shock you with the story of what happened (which I won't) but, rest assured, dear reader, that when he finished his evil business (which was pleasureable to him) I used the advantages given to me by Society and my college education to tell him about Morality and God. So, besides broadening my college background (extra-curricular), this Stud person (queer) will think twice about assaulting clean living Americans again.



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B. DeL. - Los Angeles, Calif.

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C. R. - Chicago, Ill.

Congratulations and lots of luck with the new DRUM. I am quite pleased with your quote from Walden; it sums up very well what organizations such as yours are striving for. What a pity this is not practiced, not only in our cause, but so many misinformed and misguided people could profit from it.

In my opinion, you have the starting of a very fine publication if you follow your present format with a few exceptions. The merit of beef or cheese cake in this type of magazine is questionable. Eliminate bores like Kameny and give us more news and helpful views slanted toward self-help like Dr. Ellis.
- C.R.D- Phila., Penna.

Enclosed please find my check for membership. I want to be the first on my block.
T.D.R., Portland, Ore.

Fortunately, another magazine in the field contained some of the same news you carried. My hat is off to you for your brevity, humor and lack of direct editorializing. I was simply delighted and want to add my best wishes to the many that must be coming into your office.
-M.J.S., Knoxville, Tenn.

When I saw your first issue on the stand, I bought it eagerly. After reading it from cover to cover, I wonder why I was so eager. And for that matter, why were you so eager to publish a second ONE?
M.B.M., Gehring, Nebr.

Editor's Note- At publication time our mail was running five to one in favor of DRUM. Newsstand sales are at the level expected and subscriptions have indicated wide public acceptance. Our advertising program is beginning in several national publications and, with your continued support, we expect DRUM to have the highest circulation in the field. When time permits, each well wisher will receive a personal note from the staff, but we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for being an appreciative audience.

May I ask how any human can live a good and decent life, and, how can I find companionship for a permanent friendship, with there are can so many things I am told NOT to do, that is it seems there are really no things, I am able to do, and if I get sick, I have to due for lack of medical attention, and, if I need a lawyer, I cannot have one

do to no lawyer I have contacted wanting a client he feels is not born to his standards. -F. P., New York, N. Y.

It is difficult to tell in a city as large as Chicago what effect, if any, a particular change in statutory language has on the practices of individual police officers. Certainly, if anyone were arrested on charges of "homosexuality" or "sodomy" such charges would never get beyond initial examination by a judge provided the conduct in question came within the statutory requirements. I am certain that whether or not the change in law has affected individual police practices, it has at least provided additional defense under which those homosexuals who are picked on by police can escape fines and prison terms.

I believe that the problem raised goes far deeper than that of police persecutuon of homosexuals. While I know of no ordinance which contains the language "loitering to solicit," Chicago ordinances do contain vague provisions which encourage arrests of persons on less than probable cause. Such provisions are used against all kinds of social undesireables and are not limited to homosexuals. In this respect, Chicago is like all municipalities of any size in the United States which find that the most efficient way to deal with such undesireables is to run them through the criminal courts.

In general, the ACLU has opposed the use of such vague ordinances ("vagrancy, "loitering," and "disorderly conduct") to arrest and punish at the discretion of the police. As you can imagine the problem is a serious and widespread one and is not one that can be solved with any one statute or any one court decision.

We are, of course, always available to consider any alledged pattern of arrests on less than probable cause and if such information is brought to our attention, we will attempt to investigate to the best of our ability. -Seymour H. Bucholz, Staff Counsel, ACLU, Illinois Division.

Editor's Note- Illinois is heralded for its adoption of the Model Penal Code which no longer classes homosexual acts as crimes. DRUM will present a complete report on the actual effects of such legislative changes on in Illinois, the status of reform bills around the country, and a definitive description of what the proposed changes will actually mean to the average homosexual. Mr. Bucholz' comments place the Illinois situation in necessary perspective and it is suspected that our research might indicate some serious flaws in the direction that the ACLU Counsel has indicated.

I feel that the homophile organizations should actively seek to control homosexuals who make pests of themselves by soliciting straight people. These few individuals (and the effeminate, bleached, sashaying belles) do more to counteract the good done by the Janus Society than is popularly admitted. If we left everyone else alone, maybe they would start leaving us alone. - B. J., Vermillion, S. D.

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