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## GAY CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS



FRANKLIN E. KAMENY

### MATTACHINE SOCIETY

WASHINGTON—Dr. Franklin E. Kameny, president of the Mattachine Society of Washington and a candidate for the U. S. House of Representatives, has opened a campaign headquarters in the heart of downtown Washington.

The center, occupying the four floors of a former restaurant, is located at 1307 E Street N.W., and looks over a small park onto Pennsylvania Avenue, "Avenue of the Presidents."

Kameny, 45, is one of six candidates for the position of non-voting delegate from the District of Columbia to the U. S. House, and one of four non-major party hopefuls.

In a speech given at the headquarters opening, Kameny referred to both the practical and symbolic significance of the event, the practical being that "a serious campaign to win" necessitates facilities. He said that the symbolic aspect, "of at least equal importance," is that the office provides "the presence necessary for an effective campaign."

"We [homosexuals] are emerging openly and fully into the life of this city and of this country. The opening of this headquarters here on the President's Avenue symbolizes that emergence as concisely as anything can.

"We are not merely homosexuals," he said. "This is really irrelevant . . . Washington is our city. We live here and we work here; we love this city; we enjoy all of its advantages and benefits, and we suffer from all of its problems and defects—and know those problems and defects.

"We are determined to enter the mainstream of our city's life, as of our national life."

In the speech, Kameny took up an issue which, it is believed, is causing him to lose some support within the local gay community.

He said, "We hope that my candidacy will, in due course, relegate our private lives to matters solely of our own concern, that we too shall be able to serve society fully as citizens, not as homosexuals, and that our city will be the better for it. Without slighting the very real, festering abuses and grievances which we feel as homosexuals, and which will be brought out in later news conferences, this campaign has been directed to that broader goal. I am running as a qualified Washingtonian, who happens also, but incidentally, to be a homosexual."

The dissenters say they feel that, since Kameny realistically has no chance to win the election (he is one of two whites in the campaign—the other being Republican John Nevius—and the city's population is predominantly black—Kameny should use all of his campaign time to discuss homosexual issues.

In reply, Kameny's supporters claim that by presenting Kameny primarily as a responsible candidate, and secondly as a homosexual candidate, more and greater public relations value will be gained. To support this position they frequently refer to the controversy which initially accompanied the candidacy of the late John Kennedy, when his religion was regarded by a vocal group as a potential hazard to his service as president. As Kameny puts it, "his very candidacy itself relegated his religion to its proper role as his own private concern alone, and he served society as a citizen, not as a Catholic."

In a speech given at the Pentagon a few days later, Kameny presented what he called a "major campaign position paper" dealing with homosexuality.

The occasion was the latest in a long series of hearings dealing with Kameny's own attempts to obtain a security clearance to do defense-contracted work. He is by training and profession an astro-physicist.

The speech was given in the Pentagon Press Office, shortly before Kameny appeared at the Defense Department's Industrial Security Review Offices Appeal Board.

The government has not accused Kameny of being blackmailable—he is too well known as being a homosexual spokesman. Instead they accuse him of what Kameny calls the "Seven Deadly Sins."

"They say that merely because I am a homosexual, I am unreliable, untrustworthy, reckless, wanton (whatever that means), irresponsible, unstable, and have poor judgment. All that, simply because I prefer affectional and sexual relationships with men instead of women. In fact, they go to the ultimate absurdity of using my expressed hope of entering ultimately into a lasting, stable relationship with another man as evidence of instability."

Attacking the Defense Department's security clearance program, he said, "We do not have a security program at all. We have a social and sexual and intellectual conformity program, arising out of the hysteria of a quarter century ago which continues unabated—a program which is an affirmative menace to our national security because it squanders our money, destroys the lives and careers of our citizenry, and deludes the public into believing that our secrets are being protected when they are not.

"Do you know what you need to get a clearance routinely and quickly? Lead a dull, conventional domestic life, preferably in the suburbs; subscribe to the usual list of magazines, and no unusual or controversial ones; belong to a few non-controversial organizations; have no arrest record; be neither too affluent nor too deeply in debt—and you will get your clearance in about three months, even if you are meeting foreign agents every afternoon to give away government secrets.

"But, be a man and enjoy love and sex with another man instead of with a woman, and you'll never get your clearance. Nothing else about you will ever be considered."

### Two Proposals

In his speech, Kameny made two proposals for correcting the inadequacies he perceives in the security system.

First, "elimination of the existing *de facto* ban upon the issuance of clearances to homosexuals (the existence of which ban the department will deny with some of the most beautiful bureaucratic obfuscation I have ever heard)."

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## Antiquated Texas Laws

For over 100 years Texas has been using a penal code that was conceived and written for a rural society.

And it reflects the value judgments of a frontier culture where emphasis was placed on property rather than the protection of the individual citizen.

Present criminal law, for example, provides up to 10 years in prison for horse theft whereas murder without malice has a maximum penalty of only five years in prison.

In an attempt to rectify an antiquated penal code that became almost unrecognizable after the activity of 55 Legislatures, a state bar committee spent five years writing a revised code.

The revised penal code that has been introduced in the current session of the State Legislature is the combined effort of many different persons and organizations including judges, law professors, defense attorneys, state prosecutors and law enforcement agencies.

The goals set by the revision committee for the new code were:

- Consolidate, simplify and clarify the laws on crime.
- Identify all significant harmful criminal conduct.
- Rationally grade offenses according to the harm they cause or threaten.

No member of the revision committee has expressed complete satisfaction with their creation, but most agree with Harris County District Attorney Carol Vance: "It is not perfect, but it is a great advance for criminal law in Texas."

Now that the revised penal code has been introduced into the Legislature, special interest groups have appeared in Austin to find fault with it.

Dallas District Attorney Henry Wade, one of the most vocal critics of the revised code, has picked out several points in the code to argue against its adoption.

He contends that the revised code "handcuffs the police in their attempts to enforce the law." But in reality the new code gives police new and unusual powers that have defense attorneys around the state bemoaning the fate of their profession.

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RANDY AGNEW

## Randy Agnew, Spiro's son, answers charges of being homosexual

REPORTER: "The implications in Jack Anderson's column are that you are carrying on a homosexual liaison with Buddy Hash."

RANDY AGNEW: "That's not true at all."

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He says that "group or class disqualifications are fundamentally un-American."

Second, he called for a "top-to-bottom reassessment of our security system," to include the removal of "political hacks," including Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Security Policy Joseph J. Liebling. He described the security system as an "exercise in political corruption" arising out of the appropriations procedure.

"Those running these programs must make an annual journey to Capitol Hill to get their appropriations from committees chaired by men chosen by the 'senility system.' In order to make an impression upon these intellectual relics of a bygone era, and get their money, they must go through their annual fertility rite, by demonstrating their quota of homosexual sacrificial victims."

Turning his guns on the Civil Service Commission, Kameny said that its policy of excluding known homosexuals from any government job is "simple supine submission to bigotry. Many people object to homosexuals. One would not expect our government to submit to their bigotry, and in other contexts such as racial prejudice, it does not. But in the case of homosexuality, our Civil Service Commission further penalizes those who are already the victims of prejudice."

"This makes a popularity contest out of federal employment. The rights, privileges, and prerogatives of citizenship apply equally to all citizens and cannot be allowed to become contingent upon popularity or conformity. American citizens have a right to be unpopular, unconventional, and nonconformist..."

Kameny says that he has talked with the general counsel of the Civil Service Commission, who told him that the government is "informally toying" with the idea of permitting homosexuals to occupy lower grade positions.

"Big deal!" says Kameny. "The proposal is insulting and totally unacceptable. Now that Blacks are no longer willing to be kept in a menial and second-class role, the

commission is trying to find someone else to victimize. We homosexuals are not candidates for second-class status.

"Government screening processes are ineffective. Ten per cent of our civil service employees are homosexual. I am currently assisting in a number of cases involving postal employees. Whatever problems we may be having with the postal system, they do not arise because 10 per cent of our postmen and mail clerks are homosexual."

Turning lastly to military policies concerning homosexuals, Kameny said that "military investigative methods are particularly offensive and are pursued with a peculiar philosophy when homosexuality is involved." He called military investigators "human vermin" and said that in the past years, they "are reliably reported to have devoted some 90 per cent of their total investigative effort to ferreting out homosexuals."

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Wade has even joined forces with gun fanciers who are opposing the code because it tightens regulations on carrying firearms.

Texas ranchers have gotten in the act by opposing the code because there are no specific statutes dealing with cattle rustlers and they do not want stolen cattle classified as just any theft.

One of the new powers the revised code gives police officers is the authority to use deadly force to arrest or prevent the escape of a "highly dangerous suspect."

**PRESENT LAW** does not justify killing a suspect solely to make an arrest.

The justification for killing a suspect depends on the officer's belief in the legality of the arrest, and before using deadly force he must identify himself unless his identity is already known or cannot reasonably be made known.

Now that the U. S. Supreme Court has begun attacking state vagrancy laws police officers have used to stop and question certain persons, the revised code has introduced a new "stop and frisk" statute that goes beyond existing laws.

The stop and frisk statute says that:

- A police officer may stop a person if the officer has reasonable cause to suspect that the person has committed or is about to commit an offense.

- An officer may stop any person he finds near the scene of an offense the officer has reasonable cause to suspect has just been committed.

- An officer may stop any person in connection with an offense that the officer has probable cause to believe has been committed.

The committee admits this gives police an unusual power and states that an officer "can execute a stop when he does not have probable cause at the time to make an arrest."

**ACCORDING** to the statute the stop cannot last over 30 minutes and the person cannot be moved from the place of original stop. And the officer must also tell the person that it is not an arrest but rather a temporary detention for investigation.

During abuse is one area where the revised code has made significant changes but has not aroused any opposition.

The drug offenses in the revised code deal solely with mind and mood-altering drugs such as narcotics, hallucinogens, stimulants, depressants and marijuana.

**PENAL** treatment of non-mind or mood-altering prescription drugs has been transferred out of the penal code and placed in the food and drug regulatory laws.

The new statute does not distinguish between narcotics and so-called dangerous drugs but places all drugs into three categories—dangerous drugs, abusable drugs and restricted drugs.

Classification is based on an assessment of the potential for harm and abuse presented by a given drug.

**THE REVISED** drug statute does not contain all the penal provisions dealing with mind and mood-altering drugs, but only the basic provisions dealing with illicit drug traffic.

Obtaining drugs by misrepresentation or deception is not an offense under the revised code. All the penal provision in the present code for obtaining drugs by misrepresentation or deception has been transferred to the regulatory statutes.

Possession of marijuana would still be a felony with

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a sentence of six years for first offense possession and 12 years for the second conviction.

However, after conviction and before sentencing, if the defendant can prove that the marijuana was for his own use, the judge would be required to reduce the penalty to that of a misdemeanor.

Marijuana, along with some mild narcotics and opiates, will be classified as an abusable drug.

**Next: The duplication for sentencing in the present penal code are eliminated in the revised penal code.**

**AGNEW - con'd from page 1**

The above dialogue, which took place at Towson, Maryland, between Village Voice reporter Arthur Bell and the 24-year-old son of Vice-president Spiro Agnew, is one of a series of mis-adventures which have assailed Randy since he supposedly walked out on his wife and daughter to set up housekeeping with a friend he has known for a year and a half, a hairdresser named Buddy Hash.

It all began when political columnist Jack Anderson, who inherited his hard-hitting, expose style from the late Drew Pearson and whose column he was also deeded, wrote an account of the situation, obviously intending it to embarrass Spiro Agnew. Obviously it has—but not to the degree that Anderson probably expected. Randy Agnew, it appears, has been the victim of his own impulsiveness and inexperience in political sledge hammering.

Anderson reported that, after leaving his family deeply in debt, Randy Agnew obtained a job as a weight-lifting instructor and moved into a two-story fashionable Bolton Hill section of Baltimore with Buddy Hash who operates a beauty salon with his mother in East Baltimore. Hash has a police record; the first on a charge of operating a disorderly house and the other, for possession of marijuana.

Hash explained to another reporter that the charge of running a disorderly house stemmed from an altercation between a roommate (not Randy) and a boy. "It was ridiculous," he said, "and, of course, the charge was dismissed."

According to the same reporter the marijuana charge grew out of the indiscretion of still another roommate. "I had nothing to do with pot and the authorities dropped those charges."

So far all the snide innuendo about Randy's masculinity has been confined to America's weekly newspapers and scandal papers abroad. The daily press of which Spiro Agnew has been so critical, has followed the respected practice of American journalism by refraining from gossip or speculation on matters involving private morals. To illustrate, Bobby Kennedy, Jr. became a headline only after he had been charged with posses-

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sion of marijuana in a Massachusetts court.

It is probably true that the Anderson story originated with an anonymous telephone call. At any rate, Buddy Hash is the oldest son of Mrs. Lee Hash. They are partners in the beauty shop, along with Mr. Hash who does the maintenance and repair work. They also have a married daughter and another son. Both younger children are hairdressers.

Since the Anderson story their lives have become public property, talked about and pointed out, as it always is in situations like this. The underground press has been having a field day, suggesting that Randy join Gay Lib and run for President of the United States.

Village Voice reporter Arthur Bell found Buddy Hash under the influence of a public relations man whom he had evidently hired to squash the rumors. How many mistakes Buddy had made before only he probably knows, but dignifying snide gossip by denying it is the first step toward incrimination.

But when interviewed by Bell both Buddy and Randy fell into the "It's not true that I beat my wife trap." Questioned ever so gently by the skilled reporter they both answered the \$64 question about their respective homosexuality, giving Rich the obvious openings. He described Buddy as "very, very nervous" when he answered, "I'm not a homosexual. The story is very false."

And after obtaining a comment from the Vice-President's son what else (?) could a smart newspaperman working for wild, wooley, full blown liberal and Bohemian paper like the Village Voice add but the following:

*On the bus back to Baltimore, I wondered what I'd expected Randy to say. I suppose if homosexuality were accepted by our society—if Andy could say "yes" or "no" without anyone much caring—there would have been no reason for Anderson to have written his column or for me to poke around, for that matter. But so long as our national leaders viciously attack non-middle American life-styles, rumors will go hand in hand with repression. After all, who characterized his opponents as "efete?"*

So what might have been an innocent case of a friend helping a pal—Buddy taking Randy in to help out while he got his feet has become a full blown scandal.

The young men might have avoided its dimensions and let it die away—as rumors always do. But they made the mistake of acknowledging that it existed—and for that their reputations are on the line.

So two young men have been laid open to scorn—in the old, old game of political muckracking.

## In England

### Lesbians Marry



FEMALE 'BRIDE' and 'GROOM'

#### LESBIANS' "LEGAL" MARRIAGE IN ENGLAND

Two young English women recently announced that they succeeded in having a "legal" marriage ceremony, performed at a Registry Office. The women are Terry Floyd, 24, who pronounced himself/herself "the bridegroom" and Carole Mary Lord, the "bride." They promptly set up housekeeping, posed charmingly for photographers and announced that they were very happy.

Legal processes quickly went to work to determine the validity of the union, and opinion seems to be that the whole thing was a publicity stunt to draw attention to the growing militancy of male and female homosexuals throughout the world.

The idea of males marrying males and females making legal and religious vows to other females may seem absurd to the vast majority of people, but the implications that such unions may eventually be possible are taken seriously by a great many legal authorities and churchmen.

Consider this run down of some events that have taken place within the last few years.

- Denmark, the most permissive of Scandinavia's free love countries, long has taken a tolerant view of homosexuals and its laws recognize that people who of the same sex who live together over a long period of time have certain community rights deserving of protection under the law. Hence, in the event of the death of one partner who bequeaths his estate to the other, there is seldom an effort to break the will by blood relatives. The law protects the surviving partner.

- In Holland last year the disclosure that a Roman Catholic priest had presided at the "marriage" of two young males precipitated a storm of controversy. When the dust was swept away, it was revealed that the boys' union had merely been "blessed" by the prelate during Mass and that the young men had exchanged vows privately. They repaired to the "gay night club" of which they are co-owners and did a landslide business as a result of the controversy.

The Holland incident produced reports of similar and more discreet ceremonies that had been performed over a period of time by responsible religious men in Germany, Sweden, France and England.

In the United States, along with Women's Lib and other minority groups seeking recognition of their status and an end to discrimination in employment, there is also "Gay Lib," a group that has sprung up clear across the country, embracing both male and female homosexuals. In big cities, like San Francisco, New York and Chicago, as well as in the nation's capital, they have demonstrated boldly on the streets and held rallies in public parks.

Said Paul Breton, president of the Homophile Social League formed last year in New York, "It is time for society to judge people by their individual competence as human beings and not by their activities in bed."

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When Candidate Arthur Goldberg was questioned at a street rally he became instantly uncomfortable and said there were more important matters on his mind. He thought better of the question later and issued a statement: "I believe that all issues concerning consenting relations between adults in private are mishandled when they are dealt with adversely in the legal area. Questions of fair employment and other related matters should not be answered negatively for a man or woman just because his or her private life involves homosexuality. Present laws and attitudes are wrong. The law must change and social attitudes will change."

**On the other hand Nelson Rockefeller, who won the election, avoided an avalanche of telegrams sent to him by individual homosexuals and Gay Lib groups.**

John Lindsay was the first major American politician to recognize the political power—and the complaints—of the homo groups when, shortly after his first election as Mayor of New York, he met in Greenwich Village with leaders of the homophile movement.

They told him in detail of police harassment of bars catering to deviates and of the technique of police entrapment to perpetuate the office of the Vice Squad. Lindsay ordered the police department to "lay off" and as a result the situation has been vastly improved, if not perfect from the homophile point of view. Leaders of the homophiles, however, are the first to agree that brazen homosexuals who use the new freedom to flaunt their sexual propensity on the streets and to solicit innocent pedestrians outside their Village haunts are not doing their cause much good.

**Said one leader, "Where we are making the greatest gains is in the religious area of society. In some cities we have made strides; in others not. For example one leading church in New York permits us to hold dances once a week; another allows us to utilize its facilities for discussion groups. Our objective ultimately is to have homosexuals accepted on a fully active basis."**

In Los Angeles, a segregated church for homosexuals, seems to be the answer. The California city long has been death on homos and homo activity although its neighbor, Beverly Hills, probably houses more overt homosexuals than any community its size in the world.

Formed by Reverend Troy D. Perry, who was thrown out of the Church of God of Prophecy, a Pentecostalist group, the church has mushroomed from nine members to more than 400. An attendance on Sundays exceeds the number of members—a reversal of the usual pattern in established churches.

**A young swinger observed, "I came here for laughs. I wanted to see what the cruising was like. Instead I've found some good friends. When you are limited in your**

**friendships to other homos picked up at gay bars you're dealing exclusively with sex. In this group we meet all sorts of people—men who've never been inside a gay bar. But they've got plenty to offer intellectually. For me it's been a revelation."**

The homosexual church is obviously the outgrowth of an increased questioning attitude toward deviate sexual behavior. For generations it was condemned as a matter of course.

Reflecting new attitudes is a group of religious men involved in the Council on Religion and the Homosexual, Inc., based in San Francisco.

In one of their publications titled, "Churchmen Speak out on Homosexual Law Reform" one can find an interesting cross section of current opinion by the religious.

**The following is from the Most Reverend and Right Honorable Arthur M. Ramsay, the Archbishop of Canterbury.**

*There is a sacred realm of privacy for every man and woman where he makes his choice and decisions, fashions his character and directs his desires, a realm of his own essential rights and liberties... into which the law, generally speaking, must not intrude... Even the wise and well-intentioned makers of law must shrink from invading with the weapons of criminal law this region of private rights and wrongs, moralities and immoralities, since it is so easy to interfere unwisely and to rob men of their proper freedoms of choice.*

Discrimination in employment is the factor most aggravating the homosexual and, of course, it begins with the disinclination of National, State and City governments to hire anyone with overt homosexual tendencies.

Among those not so conspicuous homosexuals in government jobs, snooping is common practice, regardless of the sensitivity of their positions. The State Department is notorious for this, and there are wholesale "cleanups" on a periodic basis.

**New York City is the first to take the official stand that a man or woman's private life is his own.**

**This, homophiles consider, is a progressive step, even though they are aware that in jobs, without competitive Civil Service examinations, there may still be a reluctance to hire known homos.**

Sometime this year the Supreme Court may act in a Texas homosexual case which has already been decided in favor of the homophiles in Federal Court. If the lower court's verdict is upheld all morals laws on the books in all 50 states would automatically be eliminated—thus paving the way for a new look at our Puritanical mores.

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of candidates in last November's election to speak out for homosexual rights. It took some maneuvering, diplomacy and forcing the politicians to the wall but they came through exceedingly well.

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**Taurus:** This month you may find that person that you want to get into. If the feeling is mutual you have a good chance of having a fun month. Remember you can't always do what you want. Give a little.

**Gemini:** That old friend of yours may become more interesting. You two may find that you missed a lot when you first met. Changes are just a part of life. Get into a friend and you'll enjoy it in the end.

**Cancer:** If you have got a lover you will find a strong drive to do things. Make sure it is mutually pleasing. You need to stay with it if you want something bad enough you can get it.

**Leo:** You may find that a co-worker is interested in the same things you are—balling. Changes are the one sure thing if you find business affairs too much. Remain calm, find a friend and get in bed. Business comes after pleasure this month.

**Virgo:** Your talents are varied and you can be very resourceful. If things are not doing as you want them to, you might find that it's because your thing is not in the right place. Move.

**Libra:** Don't hold back your worth a lot more than you have been getting lately. If others understand what you want, you may be able to get it in the end or wherever.

**Scorpio:** You may find a great deal of success by changing your approach and being flexible when it's necessary. Associating with co-workers can be lots of fun especially if they are cute.

**Sagittarius:** You may find yourself attracted to young people. If what you are doing is not satisfying try something else. A LEO wants to ball with you but usually that's all a Leo wants. Be careful.

**Capricorn:** New developments will help you find that person you are hot for in bed. Don't hesitate to jump in and do it. You might need to improve your environment—this can be done by adding the right person with the right tools.

**Aquarius:** Your ties and affection with people may lead you down a better path. Be decisive and show people what you can do. You all could enjoy it!!

**Pisces:** You may find yourself mixing business and personal pleasures. Remember you can't do business in bed. You need to improve your financial outlook. Be careful that you don't put too much emphasis on social activities.

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#### Latest Witch-Hunt

He mentioned the latest of the military "witch-hunts," which began only five days before his speech. Male members of the Fort Myer, Va., Criminal Investigations Division (CID) went through the Women's Army Corps (IWAC) headquarters on the Army post and con-

fiscated letters, items of clothing, and other personal belongings, without warrants, without permission, and often not in the presence of the women involved. This action was preliminary to using the stolen materials in an interrogation which, it is estimated, may involve up to 100 persons, including civilians.

Kameny, his campaign workers, and military personnel who have gone through earlier investigations and remained in the service, are counseling the women involved. The basic message is: "SAY NOTHING; SIGN NOTHING; GET COUNSEL; FIGHT BACK." Kameny says that when service personnel follow this advice, "we almost always win our cases."

The women involved in the investigation are considering a variety of measures to stop the "harrassment and persecution," including a counter suit against the investigators and their superiors for petty larceny and the bringing of injunctions against the Army.

Kameny proposed four changes in military policy towards homosexuals: "(1) Repeal of existing military policies excluding homosexuals from service."

Kameny has phrased this as "we don't dodge the draft, the draft dodges us."

(2) Repeal of Article 125 (Sodomy) of the Uniform Code of Military Justice;

(3) Equal freedom for homosexual and heterosexual servicemen in the conduct of their personal and sexual lives, without adverse action;

(4) Upgrading to fully honorable of all less-than-fully-honorable discharges issued in the past three decades because of homosexuality, with retroactive benefits."

#### Declaration of War

Winding up, Kameny said that "this speech may be taken as a declaration of war by us against our government—a war which will be waged until our government comes to its senses on this question of homosexuality.

"We are organizing stepped-up resistance by the homosexual minority the country over, against the instrumentation of these policies—resistance both by individuals and by groups—resistance by former legal process and resistance by demonstration and other methods. We will encourage test cases and create them by sending people to apply for jobs, clearances, for entrance into military service, declaring their homosexuality, being refused, and then going to court.

"There are more of us than there are Justice Department lawyers to handle our cases; we will stop them and the courts with the tide of our litigation.

"I predict that the heretofore unbroken silence on these matters on Capitol Hill will soon be broken by growing numbers of voices of members of Congress in our favor."

Following the speech, Kameny, his staff, and a sizeable group of radio, television, and newspaper reporters moved to the offices of the Secretary of the Army, Stanley Resor, where Kameny planned to demand that the investigations at Fort Myer be halted immediately. The secretary was out of the office and at the Capitol.

Resor's military assistant, Lt. Col. Charles Bagnal, told Kameny that if he left his name, address, and telephone number, he would be gotten in touch with. Kameny said later that he would give Resor's office two days to reply and then would, as a local political candidate, insist on an interview.

In other developments in the campaign, Kameny made a "personal appearance walk" in exclusive Georgetown that was witnessed by at least one senator, has received continuing good coverage in the newspapers and on radio and TV, and makes at least five appearances a week at local civic association meetings and other public gatherings.

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## Rev. David Wilkerson, Teen Challenge Founder: A BIBLE - BANGING BOOB

Wilkerson's 25 flawless ways for spotting a homosexual are good indicators of his mental level. Space prohibits mentioning all 25 characteristics, but it isn't necessary anyway. Wilkerson says that almost all homosexuals exhibit all of these 25 traits. Here are just a few:

1. Broad, swaying hips
2. Delicate physique
3. Hustling around, striking unusual poses
4. A tripping gait
5. Getting excited over bright colors

Remember now that homosexuals are supposed to show, according to Mr. Wilkerson, not just one, but nearly all of his listed traits. Stop and think for a moment. Can you imagine what it would be like to see such a creature coming down the street with broad swaying hips, fluttering eyelids, a delicate physique, tripping gait, swaggering shoulders, striking unusual poses? Wow! What a gas! His hips would be swaying while his shoulders swaged, and he'd trip along fluttering his eyelids! Better than a circus!

But it doesn't really surprise us that Mr. David Wilkerson is a sexual barbarian. The holy book he reads, the

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Bible, is anti-sexual from start to finish. Its first curse is a sexual one, leveled at poor Eve for the "crime" of curiosity (can you hear us Eve? We'd have tasted the apple too!). Dig:

*I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception. In sorrow thou shalt bring forth children. And thy desire shall be to thy husband. And he shall rule over thee.*

Adam and Eve were ashamed of their nakedness, and they hid themselves. Modern theologians (who are always trying to pour old wine into new bottles) try to avoid the element of sex, stressing instead that our "original parents" merely disobeyed. No matter what the theologians say, however, the common religious freak has always understood Eve's punishment as a sexual one. What the Adam and Eve story means to the man of the street is this: Woman represents a temptation, and for accepting her suggestions, man has become a "sinner," a person deserving of punishment and needing repentance. Not too many people know that clergymen by the thousands fought the introduction of drugs which eased the pain of childbearing for women. "It was part of Eve's curse," they claimed, "to bear children in pain." Mustn't mess up Jehovah's cruel curses!

If you think the *Old Testament* is bad, and that it treats sex in a harsh, gloomy fashion, try this sample from the jerked-off Epistles of St. Paul (a madman if there ever was one) in the *New Testament*:

*I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, it is good for them if they abide even as I. But if they cannot contain (that is, if they get too horny), let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.*

We mustn't blame David Wilkerson and his cohorts too much for attitudes they've picked up from their holy book. They are merely believers, not seekers. They are dogmatists, not free thinkers. The "cure" for homosexuality recommended by Wilkerson is a chilling example of ignorant zeal on the rampage.

*You must learn to look into a mirror and honestly say, 'My body, my flesh, is worthless, wormeaten, and full of decay and death,' Cultivate a shame for your nakedness. You must learn to hate, despise, crucify and mortify your flesh.*

Don't be surprised by such attitudes. They are the natural production of a creedal mind. Not very long ago we got pissed c'f after months of bell-ringing at all hours of the morning by the thoughtless church next door. We telephoned and suggested in a kindly way that it wasn't altogether "Christian" to ring bells so long early in the morning, disturbing the sleep of people who work hard during the week. "Do you believe in God?" asked the clergyman. "We're talking about consideration for others and about bells, not God," we replied. But he continued bull-headedly: "Do you believe in God? Because if you don't, you have no right to be in this world." That was where the matter stood so far as he was concerned. His attitude, shared by many thousands of clergymen, helped us to decide where we stand.



### Houston GLF

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## Gays march for sex law reform

Albany, New York - Shouted chants of "Justice! Justice!" echoed off the walls of the state capital here March 14 as more than 1,500 gay men and women surged into a throng around the steps for the rally culminating the State March of the Gay Unveiling.

Kate Millett, author of *Sexual Politics* and feminist leader, told the rally, "To hear that chant for justice going up against all these crazy buildings - I used to hear it as a little voice deep in my guts for years and years - and it feels so good to say it out loud!" The crowd responded, "Justice! Justice!" with clenched fists stabbing the air each time the shout went up.

A spirit of militant unity among all sectors of the gay community dominated the entire weekend. Friday evening, March 12, Gay People at Columbia University hosted a Festival of Gay Unity in preparation for the march on Sunday.

About 300 people attended the Friday rally to hear speeches from different gay groups in New York City, see films of the July 4th 1966, homosexual picketing in Philadelphia sponsored by the Mattachine Society and Daughters of Bilitis, and of the June, 1970 Christopher Street march of between 5,000 and 10,000 in New York City.

Master of ceremonies Marty Robinson, Gay Activist Alliance (GAA), urged everyone to participate in the march and in the gay liberation contingent of the April 24 antiwar march, calling attention to the Student Mobilization Committee Gay Task Force table in the rear of the hall. Other speakers included GAA president Jim Owles, Rev. Troy Perry of the Metropolitan Community Church in Los Angeles, Morty Manford of Gay People, Math Rockhill of GAA, Pete Fisher, Bob Land of the New York City Gay Liberation Front (GLF), Frank Clark of Frank Kameny's campaign staff (Kameny is the gay liberation candidate for nonvoting congressional delegate in D. C.), and Breck Ardery of GAA.

The main group organizing transportation from New York City for the march was GAA, which chartered four buses in addition to organizing car pools. But the demonstration, initiated by the Gay Liberation Front of the Tri-Cities in Albany, had the support of virtually every gay liberation group in the state.

The Tri-Cities GLF hosted a dance on Saturday night before the march which was attended by 500 people. The dance was interrupted for a brief meeting to discuss the city's refusal to issue a permit to

march in the street. There was no time for a court challenge of the old ordinance under which the permit was denied (no parades on Sunday), but agreement was reached that the marchers would abide by the city's request to stay on the sidewalk unless the crowd was sufficiently large to take the street without a permit and without provoking a violent attack by the cops.

Hundreds of Albany residents lined the half-mile march route to watch the marchers move down the sidewalks arm-in-arm, well organized by their marshals, disciplined and angry, chanting: "Two! Four! Six! Eight! Gay is just as good as straight!" There was some, but not much, open hostility - glares and a few epithets. "Three! Five! Seven! Nine! Lesbians are mighty fine!" Most onlookers seemed to express a mixture of awe and embarrassment, laughing and grinning nervously.

Many people expressed their sympathy with the marchers, flashing V signs and clenched fists as they passed. Such signs of solidarity came primarily from the young, but not exclusively - one very old man stood in a worn, brown overcoat and battered hat near the rally site, raising and lowering his clenched fist to each passing contingent, repeating, "I'm with you. Too old to march but I'm for you!"

The demonstrators were spirited and colorful, transvestites in brilliant costume making up a welcome part of the march together with every other sector of the gay community. About one-third were women, and there was a significant number of Blacks and Puerto Ricans.

Troy Perry addressed himself to this unity. "Some people say this movement is ruining the homosexual's image. Well, I'm here to tell you we don't have an image. The straights don't see 'good' homosexuals and 'bad' homosexuals. To them, we're all queers," Perry told the rally. But we are learning that we don't have to live to please straights. Perry continued, "because gay is proud and there's nothing we can't do when we're united!"

Ernie Reaugh of the Tri-Cities GLF, who chaired the rally, read the demands: 1) Repeal of the laws against sodomy, 2) enactment of a fair housing law for gays, 3) enactment of a fair employment law for gays, 4) repeal of the solicitation laws, 5) repeal of the loitering laws, and 6) repeal of the impersonation laws.

"We're not asking," Owles told the rally, "We're here demanding our rights!" The demonstration was about more than the New York laws, he continued, "and no one should think this will be the last time we march. We will do it again and again and again. And each time there will be more of us, and we're going to do whatever is necessary against this rotten society - until we get our rights!"

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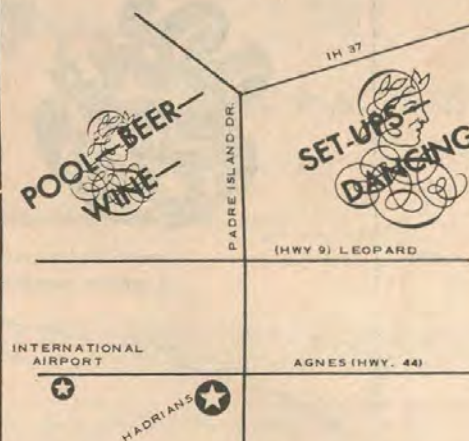
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## Legislation repeal sought in Minnesota

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In its place, leaders of FREE: Gay Liberation of Minnesota propose adoption of the American Law Institute's Model Penal Code, which permits any sexual activity between consenting adults.

The Minnesota Legislature adopted a uniform criminal code in 1963, but removed sex; law changes from it after protests were raised at the last minute.

In 1967, fellatio and anal intercourse were removed from the felony class and made gross misdemeanors, with maximum penalties of \$1000 fines and a year in prison.

That bill passed despite the objections of then-State Sen. Donald O. Wright, 78, Minneapolis, who said, "I don't think that's something that even a husband and wife should do."

Wright was defeated for re-election last November by a young lawyer in a district which includes the Loring Park and Lowry Hill neighborhoods, which have heavy gay populations.

Supporters of sodomy repeal hope a 1971 bill can be introduced quietly and shepherded through both houses with minimum debate, under the prestige of the Law Institute's label.

With 202 legislators in both houses, an observer conjectured that as many as eight solons could be expected by law of averages, to be exclusively gay, and another 12 gay but not without some heterosexual interest.

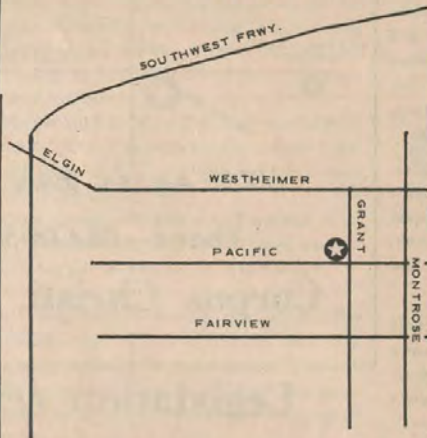
The last publicly identified gay legislator in Minnesota was State Sen. Richard Ferrario of Duluth, a junior high school teacher who resigned in 1964 after pleading guilty to performing sodomy on a 16-year-old Superior, Wis., boy.

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First, you must learn how to use concentration. Concentration means to focus or direct all attention upon a single objective, which in turn requires effort of an intensitive sort. Even when things are drawn together in a common centre, that same intensitive action is present, and more so than when directed outward. Therefore, such concentration effort will defeat the operation of the inner psychic mind, which must be effortless.

The secret of inward concentration is to withdraw your inner senses from your outer, gradually and easily, so they seem to dwell in a world of their own. Some people term this, "making your mind a blank," but this does not fully apply, for it requires effort - - and sometimes quite a lot - - merely to dismiss stray thoughts from the mind. However, the blanking process can be helpful, for it is much like going around a house turning out lights one by one, instead of pulling one master switch.

The process must be completed, however, before you turn on the "Inner Light" otherwise you may mistake the last few glimmers from your outer senses as the inward glow that you are seeking. Such an error may cause you to backtrack to the physical concepts or surroundings from which you started, which means that you will have to start the withdrawal again. Usually, however, you will recognise this during the progress of your withdrawal and can halt your outward trend. Each new adventure inward will bring you closer to your ultimate goal.

That goal is the elimination of all conscious thought, which represents concentration of the physical senses. With that accomplished, you will be concentrating with your inner, psychic senses alone.

Any concept that you form will come from the inner mind and can be interpreted accordingly.

How can you tell when you have acquired this psychic mood? That will vary with different persons. often to such a wide degree that it would require a chapter to list individual reports. Some may see what seems to be a mental blackboard or screen, upon which images may appear; but this is often deceptive or inadequate, as it may merely represent a transition from one latent memory to another. A stronger sensation is that of a great void; once it seems to engulf you, your inner senses are ready to take full control. Or your thoughts may just seem idle, then suddenly picking up as if taking the road to another realm.

**TO DEVELOPE YOUR CLAIRVOYANT FACULTIES.** To turn fleeting thoughts into psychic impressions, useful to you, is much like balancing a coin on its edge: if set just right, it remains upright; if not, it falls. You must have the knack, the ability to do it. Hence, many people seldom have clairvoyant flashes, or if they do, they fail to recognise them for what they are. Since the purpose is to gain and maintain a receptive mood, it is therefore best to proceed carefully and slowly, like making a delicate balance.

Your first procedure, the gradual withdrawal of your inner senses, has already been mentioned. That might be similar to setting the coin on edge. Now, you let your inner senses form impressions; this would be like removing your hand from the coin and letting it stand balanced. These can be composite impressions: latent memories, figments of your imagination, flights of fancy, hidden secrets, far-off places - - all are helpful and allowable, provided they form a progressive chain of events, leading from the known into the unknown and bringing back stronger or well-fixed images from the unknown.

When using the "blackboard" method to induce a receptive mood toward inner visualisation, you must stimulate your memory and imagination to open a truly clairvoyant vista. Any shapes or splotches appearing on that mental blackboard may help you, much like driving a car round an unfamiliar neighborhood seeking a way out.

Once clear of that mental maze, your inner senses can take over, gathering impressions from far off. You may still have to shake off wayward thoughts or images cropping up from time to time from your outer senses. Sometimes, however, you may guide your inner senses into familiar channels so that they become synchronised. Here, your clairvoyant faculty may meet some long-standing problem by producing an answer that would not have occurred to you before.

Once you develop your inward visualisation, experience will tell you which paths to reject and which to cultivate. Each new excursion of the inner mind brings more certainty regarding the next, particularly when gathered impressions prove true. With the "deep void" method, your inner visualisation becomes stronger. It is like spreading a curtain to view scenes that take on a three-dimensional effect. You may start with outer pictures formed from memory or imagination, forcing them forward and outward; then, as they are exhausted, your inner senses draw in new images to supplant them.

This process may be compared to priming a pump in order to start a steady flow. The deep void becomes a vacuum, bringing you an influx of new and significant ideas. Sometimes these may seem to form in the back of your head, rather than being projected forward, indicating that a transition from outer to inner mind is under way. Once inner impressions take over, give them full sway, since to superimpose anything on them would overbalance them. Try to avoid forcing other images on your inner impressions. Wait for the inner impression to develop something entirely on its own.

**RELAXATION IS VITAL.** Since calm reception is vital to clairvoyance, it automatically requires relaxation, otherwise you will find that inner impressions simply won't develop for you. Any straining may lead to exhaustion, which in turn produces relaxation, but of a recuperative sort, so that any impressions may prove feeble or otherwise unsatisfactory. To counteract this, it is best to relax at the very start of your endeavour. That will enable you to gather confidence in the impressions you receive.



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But there are times when the inner impression is auditory, stimulating the outer sense of hearing rather than sight. In such cases, it is technically termed clairaudience. Indeed, some persons who have reached a high state of psychic development have claimed that they frequently hear voices, often of a guiding nature, without the accompaniment of an inner vision.

Similarly, the senses of taste, touch or smell may be almost exclusively involved as inward impressions, though no special terms are ordinarily used to distinguish them. Collectively, they are all clairvoyance, and so your inner impressions may consist of any or all of them. Their significance depends on whether they develop into positive concepts of actual persons, places, things or events which can be identified and corroborated.

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For those of you wishing to stabilise your aura prior to any work in metaphysical areas, making the Qabalistic Cross symbol should always be part of your work, beginning and finish. Here is the formula:

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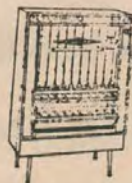
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## EDITORIAL

The Texas Legislature is currently studying a proposed new Penal Code for the State, and the public are called upon to express their opinions on the first significant change in Texas penal law in 115 years. The NUNTIUS hopes the public will take advantage of the opportunity and do so, especially with reference to the proposed Code's section dealing with consensual sexual relations between adults.

Overall, we think the proposed new Penal Code is a giant step ahead in comparison with the present system. But The NUNTIUS is alarmed at the preposterously thoughtless attitude taken by the subcommittee involved in drafting the new Code towards sexual relations of a homosexual nature between consenting adults.

The new Code, would in effect, take the State and its officers out of the business of monitoring the sexual preferences and activities of adults in private -- but only if they conform to the biases of the heterosexual majority! Homosexual behaviour is to be considered illegal and punishable by law. This is blatant discrimination against a substantial minority of Texans, and a defiance of reason in what frequently is hailed as a more enlightened era. And it is cruelly stupid.

We submit that the sexual activities of consenting adults of any sexual orientation is not the proper concern of the State. And we submit that honest elected officials in the Texas Legislature know this to be true. The prejudices of the Legislators concerning sexual preferences should not, in the light of recent social development, be enshrined into a nonenforceable law, making criminals all over again of thousands of taxpaying, voting citizens, solely because of their natural sexual needs.

The NUNTIUS hopes further that all those people in our society who have so often in the past, and frequently with such vigour, sought to change unjust laws and conditions will now address themselves to this most personal, most vital matter. Write to your Legislators, demanding that they erase from the proposed Penal Code the unjust sections which make criminals of anyone engaging in homosexual activities with a consenting adult. And you might begin with the Hon. James E. Nugent, Chairman of the Subcommittee of the House Jurisprudence Committee that is studying the proposed code. Then write to Senator James S. Bates, Chairman of the Senate Jurisprudence Committee. Both these gentlemen are currently surprised at the lack of any real interest in the new proposed Code. Surprise them! and quickly!

beauty, sophisticated charm and social awareness, and with an instinct for the devious. Bravo, dear.

THAT DEAR OLD BOY from El Campo, the French Riviera and the McGregor area with occasional stops in Acapulco has opened a restaurant in the Tattooed Lady Club, and that's a good thing, see? He's a marvellous chef, really, and his food has always been superb. Unfortunately, the dear young things working in the Tattooed Lady as waiters are NOT exactly dedicated to serving the public, and the food is sometimes late in arriving from the kitchen to the table. Comes from hiring ladies, we suppose . . . .

WHILE AT THE Tattooed Lady recently, luv, we were entertained by one of the more incredible sights of the season, that of the Dowager Duchess being carried out, feet first, through the door to her car. Yes, luv, tootsies first! Seems the dear thing had a FEW too many that memorable evening and weren't we all glad some friends were available to be of assistance? Of course we were!

AND WHAT, PRAY, has happened to that dear, dear Terry who did such a remarkable job of managing both the Tattooed Lady and The Romulus Clubs until recently? -- could it be a promotion to general manager -- if not -- what is Jim Wilksberger doing in authority at the Romulus?

THAT DEAR OLD LUV, Lynn of Masonstrasse, was recently at the Sunday afternoon drink-in at The Round Table, and looked wonderfully well, really he did. It was so amusing hearing his comments about a former tenant of his, known for his spurious social status and less than solid financial position. This former tenant had the ODDEST ideas about rent payments, borrowing money and the like, luv, and it was NO surprise when he departed the premises, actually. Lynn is a dear, really, and we always wondered just why he put up with this situation for so long. So fascinating.

IT WAS JUST ABOUT the most serious shock of their lives when some of the local A-Groupies discovered one of their alumna was back, after a lengthy stay as the guest of Mrs. Nixon (and prior to that, of Mrs. Johnson) at several of the country's finishing schools. Yes, Luv, Polly WAS really back, and you know all her old friends were just agog about it. Why, we heard several telephones were temporarily disconnected for the occasion! Polly's in the travel agency business or something, and Why Not? One must remember how much Polly travelled before her close association with Federal and State officialdom. Just ask any of the Mason St. Matrons, luv: THEY know! And tell . . . .

WHEN MILLIE HURLEY decided that Collier's extracurricular activities were just a bit TOO much, she took it all to Court, luv, and didn't it surprise us all! Imagine, dears, how disappointing it all is, really, and how much it is going to cost! We remember those dear old days when Collier hired that PR agency here to Do The Right Things and how he and Millie Made It Big in local Society. Ah, well, these straight unions are just so unstable, actually, and it is such a pity, no?

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THAT DEAR TV STAR, Joanne King, Houston's answer to Roz Russell in "Mrs. Polifax, Spy," has been recently publicised as an important figure in the recent attempt to get Texas soldiers released by the North Vietnamese. The dear girl, such a dear, helped arrange the groundwork for Mayor Louie Welch and others to take petitions to Paris. It seems much of the secret undercover work was done in her Rivercrest palace, described by that expert on architecture Maxine Messenger as a "swankienda" and which is an adequate recreation of the Moscow Subway, an old English pub and Versailles. Well, luv, it didn't come as any great surprise to us, for we've always known dear Joanne to be a woman of incredible

AND ISN'T IT JUST A thrill to see all those attractive young men who come and go with such frequency at the toney flat of Baroness de Portacano out in Post Oak environs? Certainly it is, if you're alive and can appreciate the sight of a beautiful young man! Not to mention those really exquisite young women. It's all so confusing, really it is, but such fun! But such a PRIVATE little group, actually. Eat your heart out, Maxine . . .

THE RED LION'S owners, George and Marjorie Crowder, so well-known in Houston and elsewhere, celebrated their whatever anniversary not too long back. Isn't THAT something? Naturally, they wanted to be with each other for the occasion, according to another column, but Fate had it otherwise. La. It's so exciting when you realise they must be Houston's most prominent ex-bartender and waitress! Remember Mad Tony's . . . ? Of course you do!

BE STILL MY HEART! Randy Agnew says he's NOT that way and that's the end of it. And that cartoon about him and J. Edgar Hoover in the National Lampoon was in Bad Taste and we all know it. Besides, J. Edgar is MUCH too old for frolicking al fresco, actually, and just because he's still a bachelor means NOTHING, luv. After all, Oscar Wilde was married . . .

RANDY AGNEW IS SO DAMN BEAUTIFUL! And we don't care what they THEY say!

WASN'T IT JUST grand, that party out Memorial way with Rock Hudson and all? Such an intimate, interesting gathering and not ONE newshen in sight! Except us, that is. But we won't tell you a thing more! Couldn't!

THAT DEAR THING, socially prominent in Corpus Christi, New Orleans and Houston, and such an important contributor to the advance of plastic surgery, was seen the other afternoon scooting off into the afternoon with a charming young thing from the Round Table, whilst the gallery watched with mixed emotions. And we're glad, too, because everyone has a right to happiness, see? But is polyandry fashionable now? We ask you!

ONE OF THE HIGH moments at any party these days - - or nights - - is sight of that dear old sweetums, Harris Masterson, all tricked out in his simply fabulous costumes or whatever they are. So colourful, so avant grade and so expensive! It just livens the place the moment Harris walks in, really it does, and we're just thrilled to know at least ONE man is brave enough to wear all those darling things right out in public. It's about time, luv, and you know it!

THAT DEAR BOY from Argentina, Fernando Segura, along with Joanne Winston, who are billed as "socialites" by another column, often, gave one of the MOST fascinating parties at his lovely townhouse (where some really CLEVER parties have been given, luv, and not ALL of them shared with YOU) with quite a mixed bag of people: just all sorts, see, of EVERY persuasion and that's FUN when you're really with-it. One of the big experiences of the evening was when the dear old telly star (ex), Chris Chandler did a belly dance to the music of the gypsy musicians, and just EVERYONE, including John Callas said he was a wonderful belly dancer. For one career into another, luv: so frequently the case with the Beautiful P's.

IT'S JUST A SHAME THE WAY things are going up Austin way just now, what with all that tacky business about stock manipulations and the somewhat less than permanent moral mood sweeping the Legislature, ducks. Why, it is just a PANIC to hear some of the best-suspected closet-queens up there espousing all manner of mediaeval nonsense about the newly proposed Texas penal code reforms: and we DO mean those sections dealing with sexual acts between consenting adults, luv. Well, we understand that they DO have PROBLEMS, really we do, especially with all the Bible-bangers banging away at them, poor dears; but we DO hope they'll at least quietly Come To Their Senses and help toss out the nasties presently enshrined in our venerable penal code concerning adult sexual behavior - - of ALL

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sorts, luv. It would be such a shame, actually, for this opportunity to pass to make so MUCH of the Legislators' activities legal, now wouldn't it? Of course.

SO TRAGIC, LUV, about all those local persons who have been arrested and charged with The Crime That Dares Not Speak Its Name. And in all those public places, too! It's SO embarrassing, actually, to get caught in one of those public comfort stations by someone with a badge! And just THINK of all the publicity about it eventually! Really, luv, it's all one can do to keep her guest-list up-to-date as it is, without some people doing the most TACKY things. And believe me, sweets, it WILL be in just ALL the papers eventually. Every lurid detail . . . Ugly, ugly!

SOME OF THE NOTABLES in town recently for one of the most interesting, if pretentious, conferences

held at the U of Houston were seen having a splendid time at both some clever private parties and at some of our more interesting watering holes. One in particular, that fascinating historian who was so chummy with JFK & Co. during the days of Camelot, and who hasn't gone a step past those halcyon days and won't, was just too, too taken with it all, actually, although his opinion of dear, dear Houston is just about the same as it was before he came. To Town, that is, you nasty thing!

WHERE IS MELVIN? Just everyone wanted to know when dear Candy popped into the Palace the other evening for a nippee-poo with a darling young protoge or son or something. She's such a beautiful thing, really, and so was he! Every frump in Texas feels threatened by her, and we're glad!

AND SPEAKING OF the Palace, puss, it's just all the thing nowadays wondering just who is this Mr. Bleike who has bought our favourite poshery! Of even more interest to many, many people is just what all this means with reference to some of the most unusual cheques ever presented for collection by the former owner, and currently held by some of the most impressive people hereabouts. We're sure it will all work out for the best, of course. Don't you just know it . . . And those rumours about The Palace Club going straight in the near future: aren't they INTERESTING! We knew you'd just LOVE to hear to hear it, luv.

AREN'T THOSE JUST the cutest houses all done up so cleverly over on Vassar? Of course they are, and so are the owners, luv. And we just knew you'd want to know, and now you do. Live with it.

AND THAT ODD element on Westheimer who have introduced nudie shows have finally been matched, in a way, by the new Mary's Lounge, luv, and it's about time, too. And won't it be just ducky, really, when one of those mental masterbators wander down from the girlie joints and fall into Mary's - - or the darling Entree, for that matter! - - and get a sight of the strip shows going on for the OTHER side of life! Well you must admit you know it will be a bummer for some! And you'll love it, every moment of it. With luck, they'll bring their wify-poo!

BUT ENOUGH OF THIS for now, pets. Keep it up! It's all going to be discussed by the most interesting people all over town when you do. And we're going to be terribly anxious to help in any way we can . . .

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## An OPEN LETTER to the Homosexual community of the Houston area:

On Sunday, March 21st, the Metropolitan Community Church of Houston held its first worship service. On that same Sunday the Roman Catholic Church celebrated Laetare ("Rejoice") Sunday. Also, this year, in all Roman Catholic places of worship, the Gospel reading of that same Sunday was the Parable of "The Prodigal Son."

Now, it is owing to this parable of "The Prodigal Son" that the original meaning of "prodigal" has been lost. Who of us does not think today of the hero of that story as wayward and wandering, the black sheep of his family? Precisely because he suggests this to us, may we see a certain significance in the coincidental first Sunday service of MCC-Houston and the reading of the parable of "The Prodigal Son."

But "prodigal" means "wasteful." A spirit of humility motivated the "prodigal's" return to his father's house. That same spirit might well have sparked his acknowledgement that he was "a free loader." Only a single statement in his story vindicates the title of that story: "... The younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery."

Some of you may say that the father comes closest to being guilty of the vice of prodigality. After all, he not only "divided the property between them," i.e. the two sons. He also disposed of "the best robe," a ring, and a pair of sandals; and had the fatted calf prepared for a "feast of celebration."

As for the older son, his complaint to his father seems legitimate: "... You never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends." Yet, for the life of me, I fail to find even an excuse for his celebrating anything. Surely he is the type of so-called Christian the little girl had in mind when she prayed God to make all the bad people, good; and the good people, nice.

And yet maybe the older brother is the reason for the younger brother being called "prodigal." After all, the younger son was capable of both ascending the heights of holiness and descending to the depths of degradation. The older was capable of neither: he was in a rut; he simply stayed put.

But in view of MCC-Houston's first Sunday worship service, I think we all owe the older son a debt of gratitude. I say this because of his father's words

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Furthermore, there was something significant in the manner in which the parable of "The Prodigal Son" was read to Roman Catholic congregations this year. It is now prefaced by the first three verses of its chapter in the Gospel of St. Luke. "The tax-collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what He had to say, and the Pharisees and scribes complained, 'This man,' they said, 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.'" And here I would remind you of three of Jesus' statements concerning His coming among us. The first two are from the Gospel of St. Matthew: "... I did not come to call the virtuous, but sinners" and "... The Son of man came not to be served but to serve..." And the third, from the Gospel of St. Luke, is both a question and an answer: "Do you think I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division..."

In conclusion, I should like to say I know you will join with me in wishing well to the Reverend Thomas Markham in his pioneer efforts to establish the MCC in Houston.

Yours for an increase of co-operation,  
A Gay Roman Catholic Priest

## HELL IS HEAVEN COMPARED TO THIS REVEREND'S GOD!

YOU JUST KEEP ME HANGIN' ON

A few months ago we noticed a peculiar ad in the *Village Voice* inviting the public to hear a speech on "God and the Homosexual." The speech was to be a "personal testimony."

The speaker was a non-descript man in his mid-thirties who had heard the word of Jehovah and renounced all earthly sins. The biggest sin, it seemed, was his being a homosexual. Now, he said, thanks to the grace of the Lord, he was reformed. He had married and was now traveling from spot to spot dragging his poor wife into one meeting after another while he told about his wicked past "with the boys."

His audience was stacked with some pretty sharp gay thinkers, and the evening was not an easy one for the poor fellow. Even his fellow Christians began to abandon him in droves, and only a few die-hard religious fanatics stuck to his Biblical literalism and tried desperately to defend him against a rising chorus of ridicule and laughter. We felt rather sorry for the guy, actually, although he was asking for whatever it was he got by putting him-

self in such a weird position. Truthfully, he was a bore, because he had defined all the limits of the discussion at the beginning of his talk, basing everything on Biblical literalism. One cannot have a discussion with a man who clings to a closed interpretation of a so-called holy book.

The speaker revealed a great deal about himself, unfortunately, in only a few minutes. His life as a homosexual had been tawdry indeed. "I used to go home with guys and steal their money," he confessed. "I used to hustle (work as a male prostitute), and when I took a male lover I discovered to my dismay that he'd been unfaithful to me." So now the poor jerk was engaged in a dreary round of Bible-thumping jamborees, muttering Biblical curses against homosexuals in a wrathful tone, and giving whole audiences a dreadful picture of the homosexual community. Why was he engaged in this thankless task? He thought that he'd been called by God. He was a convert to Teen Challenge, he told us. The founder of Teen Challenge, David Wilkerson, a self-appointed messiah to homosexuals, had touched his miserable life with the message of God.

Teen Challenge started in a small office on Staten Island (which is no surprise) and is now a nationwide

movement. David Wilkerson, a loud and ignorant Bible thumper of the worst sort, is its fanatical "Executive Director." Capitalizing on several social issues about which there is a great deal of controversy, Wilkerson earned himself a certain amount of notoriety. He still enjoys large crowds in the intellectual Sahara below the Mason-Dixon Line. We once saw ads for his evangelical meetings in the *Orlando Sentinel*, a cracker-barrel paper run by a prudish rednecked barbarian, if ever we saw one. In other parts of Florida, such as Miami, Wilkerson had even bamboozled the Sheriff's office into distributing his silly little hate pamphlet, "Help for Homosexuals."

Wilkerson's anti-homosexuality causes genuine embarrassment to truly seasoned enemies of the homosexual. It is easy for them to see his lack of sophistication. He is like a bull in a china shop, and his writings show him to be thrashing about waving ignorant, unconnected statements. These would be amusing were it not for the fact that lots of people actually believe what this evangelist says. Oh well. That's the world for you.

The causes of homosexuality he dreams up are hilarious examples of his freaky approach: Homosexuality is caused, he says, by rejection of God, rejection of His

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revealed truth, and "worship of the flesh." The latter cause, he assures us, makes homosexuals "feed their minds on filthy literature, dirty pictures and lewd novels." Wilkerson says that homosexuals are given over to demons of lust.

Hold on, Mr. Wilkerson! What about all the gay clergymen you are always worrying about? They evidently don't reject God or his revealed word, do they? You seem to be quite annoyed by clergymen you suspect are homosexuals.

Wilkerson has invented a foolproof way of telling which ministers are, and which are not, homosexually inclined. It's a paranoid's dream. Straight ministers, he says, will never stay in the same hotel room with each other when they travel on missions. They will always insist on separate rooms. They'll be glad to spend the extra bills no matter how expensive. But woe betide the evangelists who dare to take a room together. Wilkerson points the finger of scorn at these lustful degenerates and says they should be exposed and expelled from the ministry. Have you ever found any and exposed them, Wilkerson?

## NEW ORLEANS

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The Gay Liberation Front of New Orleans is in spirit aligned with Women's Liberation, the American Civil Liberties Union, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and others which are against all forms of oppression whether it be political, social, economic, racist, sexist, or chauvinistic—and for the right of all people to live their lives in their own fashion as long as they respect the rights of others to do likewise.

We are a peaceful and peaceable organization of gays and homosexuals, males and females, dedicated to the peaceful and lawful and strictly legal processes of abolition of outmoded, harmful, and unconstitutional laws and ordinances so that we gays and homosexuals may exercise our constitutional rights and the right to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

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Our attorney is accepting statements taken by the GLF to use in filing class actions. Please contact Gay Liberation Front, P. O. Box 19001, Mid City Station, New Orleans, Louisiana 70119, and we will send to you the form to fill out. Rest assured NO individual action will be instituted. CLASS ACTION ONLY and in Federal Court. Join hearts and hands with us now, and let us all march triumphantly across the pages of history.

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M.C.C. was founded by Rev. Troy Perry, a minister who found that being gay didn't separate him from God. The separation was from the individual church a group of hetrosexual people who didn't understand and didn't want to understand what made a person homosexual, this was the separation not from God. Rev. Perry and all the others who have become involved with M.C.C. are finding that God didn't cast us out but that the so-called christian people in the various denominations were the ones who said we couldn't be christians and be gay.

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Can a homosexual be a christian? Sure he can! It's a simple matter of love.

By Rev. Tom Markham  
 Pastor M. C. C. Houston

**GAY ACTIVISTS ALLIANCE SUPPORTS NYC FAIR EMPLOYMENT BILL:** Members of GAA demonstrated March 1 in front of several branch offices of the Household Finance Corporation (HFC) in support of a bill before the New York City Council banning unemployment discrimination on the basis of sexual preference. GAA president Jim Owles said HFC not only won't employ gay people, but refuses to loan gays money. The picketing followed similar demonstrations in recent weeks for job equality at the Board of Education offices and against snooping practices by Fidelifacts, Inc., a private agency that investigates prospective employees' sexual preferences.

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#### ACLU OFFICIAL HAILS GAYS

NEW YORK CITY—The new executive director of the American Civil Rights Union (ACLU) has hailed the "rising expectations among historically repressed groups," including gay people.

The new director, 33-year-old Aryeh Neier, warned in a statement for 1971, however, that "an anti-libertarian mood [is] in the nation . . . both reflected and stimulated by actions of the federal government.

"The present mood of repression runs headlong into a revolution of rising expectations among historically repressed groups.

"Soldiers, prisoners, welfare recipients, women, farm laborers, homosexuals, racial minorities, schoolchildren, have just begun to assert their rights . . .

"In the past these individuals were largely content with their roles. But lately they have heard they have rights, and having heard, they want to exercise those rights," Neier said.

Local ACLU affiliates have already taken a number of gay-rights cases to the courts.

They include: seeking security clearance for a private firm that holds federal contracts; the civilian job of an administrator in the Department of the Army; a driver's license for a Connecticut auto mechanic, denied because he is gay; and the job of a Minneapolis librarian, denied after he filed for a marriage license with his lover.

"Discrimination against homosexuals fosters extortion, harassment and injustice," the ACLU argued in the federal cases. "Punitive action against homosexuals punishes conduct that responds to one of the most compelling of all human urges.

"The drive to satisfy sexual impulses cannot be dammed up," the ACLU added, citing "the few public employees who have the misfortune to be found out."

The ACLU has steadily argued for the broadest possible interpretation of the Bill of Rights, on behalf of draft resisters, long-haired job-seekers, and political extremists of the far left and the far right.

### The Scales Of Justice



#### PRACTISING HETEROSEXUAL ARRESTED AND CHARGED AS SOUTHWEST RAPIST!

Harold Wilson Jarrell, 39, of 130 South Avenue in Pasadena, Texas, has been arrested after a wild chase through SW Houston by Houston Police officers. Police caught Jarrell after he wrecked his car in the 5100 block of Richmond. He was charged with robbery by firearms in the robbery of a 66-year-old woman in the parking lot of a grocery store on Richmond Avenue, with the robbery of a drive-in photo processing booth at 3800 N. Braeswood on March 16th and with the attempted robbery of a 22-year-old woman in her car in the 5200 block of Dashwood March 21. A 17-year-old woman has identified Jarrell as the man who attempted to rape her in a parking lot near her home on March 16. She escaped his heterosexual attentions when she convinced him she had VD.

Jarrell, the father of 5 with another due in June, has since then been identified in 9 of 19 SW Houston rape cases. He is presently in jail on 7 rape charges, 3 sodomy charges and 14 other charges ranging from rape to robbery to misdemeanor theft. Jarrell was quoted by Police Detective Jack Hamel as saying he is "guilty and wants the death penalty." Jarrell expressed concern that his family might be embarrassed about the publicity connected with his arrest.

#### HETEROSEXUAL COUPLE JAILED IN SEX CASE

A Freeport, Texas couple were jailed on March 16, facing charges of sexual offences with 5 girls ranging from 6 to

**STRAIGHT-GAY DIALOGUE FOR L.A. WOMEN:** An all-day program cosponsored by the Los Angeles Women's Center and Los Angeles Gay Women's Liberation last month drew over 100 women to discuss "Sexual Politics: A Dialogue between Gay and Straight Women." The women discussed lesbian-baiting of the feminist movement and the sexual sickness of what is considered "normal" by this society. A new group, the Lesbian Feminists, was formed at the conference. It projects a Southern California Lesbian Conference in April. For more information, contact the Lesbian Feminists, c/o Women's Center, 1027 South Crenshaw, L.A., California 90019, or call (213) 937-3964.

#### GOP DROPS CASE AGAINST ALLIANCE

NEW YORK CITY—Criminal trespass charges against five members of the Gay Activists Alliance have been withdrawn by the Republican State Committee.

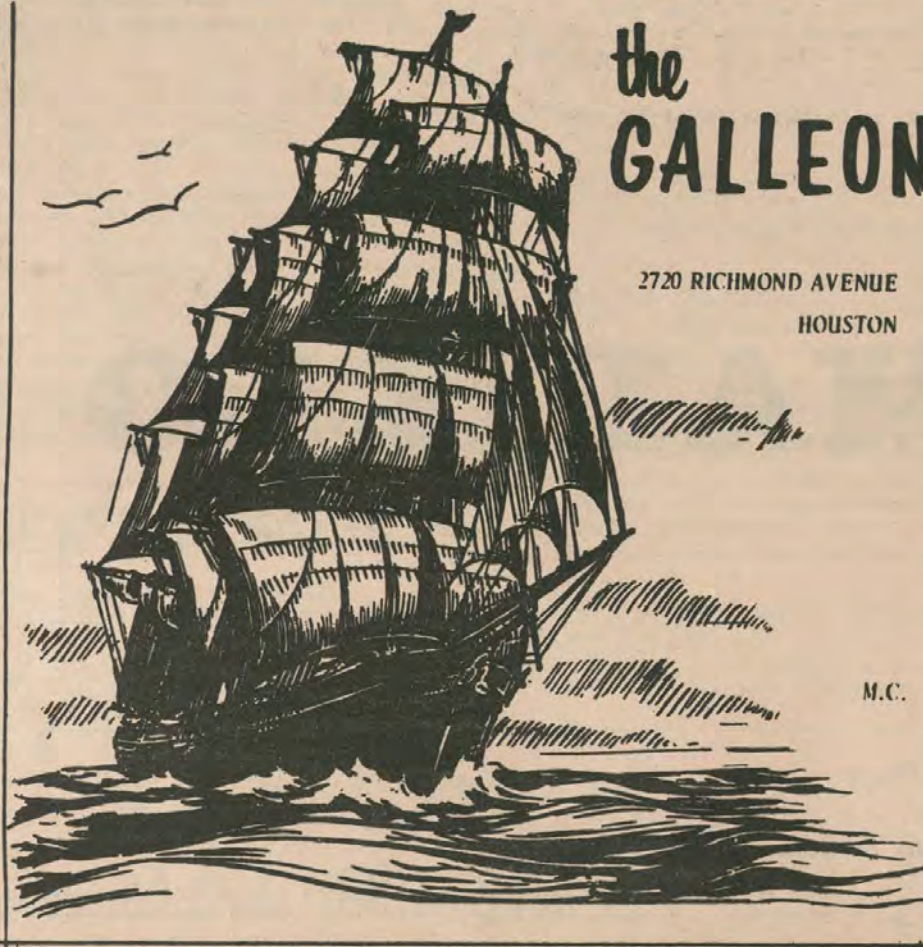
The charges grew out of a sit-in by Jim Owles, Marty Robinson, Tom Doerr, Arthur Evans, and Phil Raia at party headquarters last June 24 when GOP officials refused to meet with them to discuss the issue of homosexual civil rights. The five claimed that party officials had reneged on an appointment.

The charges were withdrawn when the case finally came to court February 22.

#### EQUAL RIGHTS WITH THE MALE

TORONTO, Ont. (AP)—The law should be changed to make wives equally liable with husbands for the payment of alimony, a Canadian authority on family law said.

Prof. Julien D. Payne of the University of Western Ontario said the law, which always has regarded men as primarily responsible for paying support, should be brought in line with "legal and economic emancipation of married women."



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15 years in age.

The investigating officer, Police Detective Sgt. Charles Wagner, said Wallace Deats, 42, and his wife Julie Ann Deats, 35, were being held in lieu of \$11,000 bond each on charges of contributing to the delinquency of minors. Deats has since been charged with 3 counts of indecent exposure, one count of fondling, one count of statutory rape and sodomy, and one count of contributing to the delinquency of minors. His bond has been now raised to \$22,000. Mrs. Deats was charged with 3 counts of indecent exposure, 1 count of fondling and 1 count of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Her bond has now been increased to \$12,000.

Sgt. Wagner said the investigations began after sheriff's deputies found 3 of the girls on the beach late at night. They said they had fled from the Deats home. He said the investigation had also turned up 144 photos of acts involved in the charges against the heterosexual couple.

#### JURY CONVICTS IN HETEROSEXUAL RAPE CASE

Chickyee Rsoi, a 24-year-old U of H student from Hong Kong, was found guilty of rape here and sentenced to 20 years in prison. The trial and sentencing of Chickyee has produced headlines in Hong Kong and a contingent of Hong Kong newspapermen covered the trial.

The verdict came after an all-male jury (!) in the court of Judge had deliberated for several hours. The alleged heterosexual student had been charged with raping a 22-year-old U of H co-ed on January 2.

The jury had earlier heard testimony from the victim that she was raped 4 times in an hour (!) after Chickyee Tsoi gained entry to her apartment posing as a maintenance man. During the trial's final arguments, a 23-year-old mother of 2, Mrs. Rosaland Ellis, testified that Tsoi had attacked her and had beaten her with a pistol 3 days after the January 2 rape. Tsoi also faces a charge of assault with intent to murder Mrs. Ellis.

#### US JUDGE REFUSES INJUNCTION TO STOP RAIDS ON NOTORIOUS HETEROSEXUAL CLUB

U.S. District Judge Ben C. Connally has refused to enjoin county and state officers from raiding the Outer Limits Lounge, 10102 N. Shepherd, a club which features nude female dancers and is a known gathering place for practicing heterosexuals.

LESTER Musterman, the lounge operator, sought a

temporary order pending a hearing on the constitutionality of the state statutes on indecent exposure and lewd dancing. The Judge also denied Musterman's request for a three-judge panel to weigh the issue and refused to interfere in a Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission hearing in connection with the lounge's beer and wine license.

#### NOTORIOUS HETEROSEXUAL ENTERTAINER QUILTS

Frank Sinatra has announced he is retiring from show business.

#### ALLEGED HETEROSEXUAL GUILTY IN SLAYING

A former operator has been found guilty of murder without malice in the pistol slaying of a customer during an argument over 24-cents worth of pickled pigs feet.

Burdett Stills, 40, a former manager of Retta's Lounge, 1108 National, a known heterosexual hang-out, was convicted by a jury in District Judge Wallace C. Moore's court for the August 17, 1968 murder of Euguen Kinney, Jr., 20, of 3115 Center Street, at the lounge.

Stills, now a crane operator, said he shot Kinney in self-defence during the argument caused by Kinney's refusal to accept the pigs feet he had ordered.

#### HETEROSEXUAL OFFICIAL CHARGED WITH FORGERY

Patrick E. Kronin, director of finance of Deer Park since 1967, has been charged with forgery involving an undetermined amount of city funds, and is now being sought by police.

City Administrator Clovis D. Mann confirmed that he had ordered an audit of the city's books after discovery of an unauthorized cheque, drawn on the city's account and amounting to "about \$300." Kronin has been charged with forgery in Judge V. L. (Bud) West's Justice Court at La Porte.

The unauthorized cheque was discovered after Kronin failed to return from a personal leave of absence from his \$12,400-a-year job. The matter was reported to police after Mrs. Kronin became concerned because concerned about her heterosexual husband's continued absence.

#### HETEROSEXUAL VIOLENCE COMES TO POSSUM TROT

A week-end dice game which erupted into a shooting match claimed a second victim with the death of Otis Randall at Panola General Hospital in Carthage, Texas. Laurie B. Moore, an alleged heterosexual, was dead at the scene. Louis Grant, another alleged heterosexual, was in serious condition at a hospital in Shreveport, La. James Ayers, said by many to be a practicing heterosexual, was treated and released from the hospital. Roy McCowan, an admitted heterosexual, was shot, but not seriously. He has been charged with murder and is being held without bond.

#### HOW MARIJUANA USED MAKES A DIFFERENCE

The first substantive information on marijuana and its effect on users is contained in a report to Congress by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH).

Based on a long-term study, the report states that the drug is generally used in a rather weak form in the U.S. Though as yet little is known about the chemistry of its active ingredient, Delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (D-9-THC), the study shows the effect varies, depending on whether it is absorbed through the lungs or through the intestinal tract.

Common effects include alteration of time and space perception, a sense of euphoria, relaxation and well-being, a lowering of inhibition, dulling of attention, fragmentation of thought, impaired memory, altered sense of identity, exaggerated laughter, and increased suggestibility. Less common effects are dizziness, light-headedness, nausea, and hunger.

Most users smoke only to a point of pleasurable "high," according to the report. Few are adversely affected. Social users show very few physiological changes except for a heightened pulse rate, reddening of the eyes and dryness of the mouth, however, the effects are less predictable.

Acute psychotic episodes are precipitated by extremely high dosages, but may also occur with mild usage. Preliminary results of the study on drivers' use of marijuana show decreased performance similar to that caused by alcohol usage.

There is no evidence so far to suggest that marijuana causes birth defects, and death due to taking the drug is extremely rare.

#### DRUG FILMS DISTORTED

The National Coordinating Council on Drug Abuse Education says that many documentary films designed to scare youngsters away from the use of drugs overly distort facts so that the viewers won't believe them.

**MARIJUANA USE DECLINES**—The National Institute of Mental Health points out that the use of marijuana fell off markedly in California in 1970. Since the drug first gained popularity there, he feels that perhaps there will be a similar decline in its use elsewhere in the next few years.

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# Senate Votes Protection For Marijuana Research

AUSTIN—The Senate approved and sent to the House a bill permitting immunity from prosecution for scientists doing research on the effects of marijuana.

The Senate also approved Tuesday a bill that would tighten up laws relating to the possession of paraphernalia that could be used to inject drugs.

The marijuana research bill, by Sen. Oscar Mauzy of Dallas, would permit the State Department of Health to license researchers who might want to explore the physiological effects of marijuana and exempt them from prosecution for either possession or sale of the weed.

Mauzy said the purpose of his bill is to allow qualified scientists to do research on humans without the fear that they might be prosecuted for possession or sale of marijuana. The term "sale" is now defined as the passing of marijuana from one person to another without the necessity of any money being exchanged.

However, Sen. Henry C. Grover of Houston objected to certain provisions of the bill during brief debate.

Grover complained that Mauzy was including too many types of scientists in his bill, when the intended purpose was medical research.

Any physician, physicist, pharmacist, biologist, chemist, psychologist or sociologist could apply to the health department for the permit to do research. He would have to comply with any rules set by the department.

"As long as the permittee and any other person act within the authority and in compliance with these terms and conditions of a permit issued under this act, the permittee or other person is immune from prosecution for a violation of the Uniform Narcotic Drug Act," the bill states.

Violation of the drug act is a felony.

However, the bill provides that a violation either by exceeding the scope of the permit or by experimenting without a permit would be a misdemeanor.

Mauzy also won passage of a bill making it a violation of the law for a person to carry on his person paraphernalia that could be used for injection of dangerous drugs.

However, he said in response to a question that any person such as a diabetic would be exempt because he would have a legitimate use for such items.

# HOMOSEXUAL CHURCH BUSINESS BOOMING

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Los Angeles—The nation's first church for homosexuals is doing a booming business.

It has moved out of temporary quarters in a movie theatre into its own building and may have to move again because of the crowds of worshippers.

The theatre had 385 seats. The new church has 600. And 1000 persons showed up at the dedication last week. The collection plate was passed—once—and the contributions totaled \$12,000.

"That's not unusual," says the pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church, Troy Perry, 30, an ordained Pentecostal preacher from Tallahassee, Florida, and an outspoken homosexual.

"Our congregation is very serious about the church," Perry estimates the membership is 70% male homosexuals, 15% female homosexuals, or lesbians, and 15% heterosexuals, some of them relatives of church members or people "who just like our kind of service."

Perry said he was ejected from his own church after it was discovered that he was a homosexual. Most of his present parishioners also were ejected from their previous churches. He decided to found a separate church two years ago and met with three others in a private home.

"I ran into some of them today and asked them what they thought about the new church building, and they said, 'I can't get a seat,'" Perry laughed.

He explained the popularity of his church this way:

"You reach a certain age when you 'come out,' as we homosexuals say, you come to terms with your homosexuality and you go to your priest, your minister, your rabbi. You say, 'I think there's something different about me.' And you tell him about it.

"So many ministers get awfully upset. They make it sound like you can't be a Christian or a good Hebrew and be a homosexual. You're ostracized and cast out of the church. You drift away from the church and you feel that God doesn't love you.

"But people find out later in life the church left them. They didn't really want to leave the church."

## THE CORNUCOPIA COUNTRY FURNITURE

Country furniture of the less formal style and feeling is currently undergoing an upsurge in popularity. The simplicity of design blends with the modern decorating trends and colors fitting into any room setting.

The term "country furniture" is used to describe those pieces fashioned by the rural cabinet maker in imitation of the formal designs used and made by the prominent manufacturers of the period in the metropolitan areas. These articles were usually made of local woods such as pine, maple, oak and birch which were readily available in the rural community. The lines of the pieces were simple in design and tended to be less formal in feeling as contrasted with those made directly from the cabinet-makers directory from which the original styles were obtained.

Today most of the country furniture comes from the New England states, New York, Pennsylvania and the Massachusetts and Maryland areas, although in each city there can be found a number of pieces from the surrounding counties which can be classed under the term. These pieces were usually made by those people who settled the land in the early part of the 19th century from necessity for use in the home.

Local pieces of this type have long been relegated to the attic because they weren't of the more classical style and because they were local and not from some other part of the country. There seems to be a certain aura for collectors for any furniture made in another part of the United States or the world. If a person will take the time, the furniture made in the same state or area is as well-made and handsome as that found elsewhere.

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Dating country furniture is difficult because design ideas and methods of construction remained for many years in rural areas, while the style and construction methods changed in the city.

The southwestern furniture is rare and the number of collectors few. Here in Houston there is a shop that specializes in this particular type of furniture from the German communities in the surrounding counties.

Painted furniture also comes under the realm of country furniture. These pieces are highly decorative and make a particularly interesting accent piece in any room of the house.

Whatever period you have in mind study it. Country furniture is beautiful and you might be surprised as to what you may find.

## JURY ACQUITS LOCAL GAY OF RAPE CHARGE

Robert Milton Byrd, 25, whom the local press has repeatedly referred to as an "admitted homosexual," was acquitted here of a preposterous charge of rape filed against him by a notorious heterosexual woman. It was claimed by Mr. Byrd during his trial that this immoral woman was being vindictive and had filed the outrageous charge against him as a result of her failure to break up the relationship between himself and his male lover. Mr. Byrd admitted having been intimate with the trollop about eight times, but denied the heinous accusation of having intercourse with her on November 23, as she pretended.

The jury in Judge Lee Duggan Jr.'s court found for the defendant after the testimony about the precious intimacy between Mr. Byrd and the woman of loose morals was accepted into record.

Mr. Byrd has been returned to County Jail to await trial on a sodomy charge in connection with the same incident. Which is about par for the course in such tasteless matters.

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## MINNESOTA LOVERS TAKE MARRIAGE FIGHT TO STATE'S TOP COURT

From The Advocate

ST. PAUL, Minn.—An appeal to the Minnesota Supreme Court has been filed by two Minneapolis men—lovers for four years—who have been denied the legal marriage license they applied for.

The two are Jack Baker, 29, a University of Minnesota law student, and James (Mike) McConnell, 28, a librarian.

They were refused the license they applied for last May by the county clerk of court in Minneapolis, and two district court judges rebuffed their suits demanding it—Judge Stanley D. Kane in November and in a second suit contending that straight-only marriage laws amount to unconstitutional discrimination, Judge Tom Bergin in January.

While Minnesota's marriage laws don't specify that legal weddings must be between men and women, the two judges ruled that, taken as a whole, this is what is implied.

And State Rep. Thomas Ticen, a Democrat-Farmer-Laborite from suburban Bloomington, has introduced a bill in the current legislative session to make that man-and-woman only implication specific.

Baker responded by using a legislative hearing and a TV debate with Ticen as a platform to proclaim the gay-rights cause.

No date has been set for arguments before the State Supreme Court, but Baker said he has prepared a 100-page brief which discusses both the sociological aspects of homosexuality and the contention that forbidding legal gay marriages is blatant, unconstitutional prejudice.

Ticen introduced his anti-gay-marriage bill shortly after the Minnesota Legislature convened early in January.

"I am not attempting to interfere with your personal rights," he told Baker on a TV debate broadcast in the Twin Cities Jan. 30. "I just don't think the state should be put into the position of blessing your relationship, that's all. It's foreign to the whole idea of marriage."

"It would open Pandora's box," Ticen said on that Saturday noon talk show—moderated by Henry Wolf.

Baker, a law student, spent much of his time citing the legal benefits that legal marriages bring—lowered income taxes, inheritance rights, the right to sue for wrongful death and alienation of affections.

But Baker also pointed out:

"As long as the state blesses the marriages of impotent men or infertile women—for companionship—as long as it permits couples in their 70's to marry, long past the age where they can produce children, seeking to wed only for companionship—then why should not the state offer these same legal benefits to couples of the same sex, who also marry for companionship?"

Two weeks later, at a hearing on Ticen's bill before a state House of Representatives committee Feb. 11, Baker testified that banning gay marriages may boost the divorce rate by leaving heterosexual marriages the only legal avenue for companionship, even for gay people.

Minnesota already grants 22,000 divorces a year, Baker contended, because society tries to force all individuals to conform to fixed standards that may not fit everybody.

Shortly after Baker appeared, the committee adjourned without acting on the bill.

## Minnesota U. Senate Backs Gay Liberation

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.— The University of Minnesota Senate, the most powerful voice for students and the university's 4000 professors, voted March 11 to urge the Board of Regents to reverse its decision not to hire a gay librarian.

The Board of Regents denied James Michael McConnell, 28 a cataloguing librarian's job last July, six weeks after he applied for a marriage license with his lover of four years, Jack Baker.

McConnell, backed by the Minnesota branch of the American Civil Liberties Union, won an injunction from U. S. District Judge Philip Neville, but the university is appealing that decision to the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis, Missouri.

The 260-member university senate accepted a recommendation from its library committee to urge the regents to hire McConnell and to drop their appeal.

The issue, said philosophy professor D. Burnham Terrell, is one of academic freedom.

The regents did not deny the job, Terrell said, because McConnell is gay, but rather because he publicly expressed his beliefs and made no secret of them.

"We are concerned with the very fundamental question of the right to express and advocate freely," Terrell said.

The university senate consists of about 70 students, nearly 50 administrators, and over 100 professors. Of nearly 100 members present at the March 11 meeting, only about 15 "no's" were heard in the voice vote.

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## Supreme Court ruling in obscenity law case should help, DA says

### SUPREME COURT RULING IN OBSCENITY LAW CASE SHOULD HELP, DA SAYS

District Atty Carol S. Vance said Wednesday he hopes the new Supreme Court ruling directing federal district courts to stay out of state prosecutions will help his office enforce state laws without encountering prohibiting federal injunctions.

The Supreme Court ruling Tuesday overturned that of a Dallas three-judge federal panel which held that Texas obscenity laws were unconstitutional.

A Dallas publisher of an underground newspaper was fined in 1968 with two misdemeanor obscenity charges. While the case was pending, the publisher started a suit in federal district court, saying state obscenity laws were unconstitutional.

A federal panel ruled that Texas obscenity laws were unconstitutional. The state argued that the ruling hampered it from enforcing obscenity laws in other cases.

In Tuesday's ruling the Supreme Court said that federal district courts should abstain from getting involved in state prosecutions unless the defendants are threatened with "irreparable injury."

The ruling now allows Dallas officials to prosecute the obscenity case. It may have a bearing on local obscenity cases at clubs and movie houses, some of which have obtained federal injunctions barring police raids.

Vance said Wednesday that his office has not received the ruling yet, but would study it thoroughly to see how it affected local cases.

"If the decision hangs on irreparable harm, I could not see how any irreparable harm would come to these persons unless something was confiscated," Vance said.

In cases where Houston police have raided movie houses in the past few months, Vance said they have followed a procedure that does not involve confiscation of films or projectors.

"I'm hopeful that we will be allowed to enforce the various laws that have been set by the Texas Legislature without fear of federal injunctions and restraining orders that prohibit us from enforcing the laws of the state," he said.

Neil McKay, first assistant district attorney, sees the 8 to 1 Supreme Court decision as a new trend.

"I think it is probably a trend in the right direction," he said. "I think federal courts should be cautious in interfering in the state's jurisdiction."

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