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# ARC SECOND FRONT PAGE NEWS

A SEXUAL REVOLUTION?

## ARC Heads Seminar on Homosexuality at UCD

Veterans Day this year found three ARC Veterans in direct confrontation with a group of Episcopal students from various Northern California college campuses gathered on the UCD campus.

The day long exchange was part of a larger 3-day seminar on areas of contemporary social concern.

In the first part of the morning session, Rev. John Moore spoke to the group and then led a discussion and answer period. Later in the day, the students besieged ARC members with questions.

A letter subsequently received by ARC from the sponsoring group attests to the impact we had, and the favorable impression we made.

Those in the group were as willing to be open about themselves and their personal lives as they wanted; several had more to reveal of a personal nature than we of ARC did.

The discussion of that day would lead anyone to conclude that there is a real sexual revolution going on in America today. There is reason to be

## Changes in ARC News

A few minor changes in format are evident in this issue of your paper.

Cover page artwork for this holiday issue, drawn by Roy Brinson.

The Chatterbox column has been discontinued.

A larger, more colorful newspaper with more emphasis on broader subjects and humorous features will constitute a new style.

optimistic and to anticipate that the homosexual will be one of the beneficiaries of that revolution. It is the hope and aim of ARC that some homosexuals will also be part of that revolution.

ARC is preparing panels of homosexuals to appear before groups interested in exploring the subject of homosexuality. If you would like to participate, let us know. If you belong to or know of a group that might be receptive to or benefit from such a panel presentation and discussion, let us know that, also.

## Local Clergymen Respond to First ARC Education Meeting

As a part of the ARC Community Education Program, the first in a series of meetings with local clergymen was held Tuesday, November 8th, at the Oak Park Methodist Church. A grouping of Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, Unitarian, and United Church of Christ ministers heard informal speeches by Rev. Clay Colwell, chairman of the San Francisco CRH, and Rev. John Moore, Student Chaplain, UCD.

New Year's Eve is just around the corner, and ARC is putting the finishing touches on its Ball for the festive occasion. We invite you to help us complete what promises to be a spectacular extravaganza by buying your tickets now! If you attended last year's ball, you'll certainly be with us again! Entertainment is top-notch, and the drag contest winners will be awarded top cash prizes.

This is a dress-up occasion. Bring your own liquor. No minors. No tickets sold at the door.

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## ARC to Aid Emory Univ. Homosexual Research

Emory University of Atlanta, Ga., has asked the assistance of ARC for a major research undertaking. The purpose of the research is to study in detail a nationwide sample of homosexual subcultures. A minimum of fifty interviews will be conducted in each of the following cities: Chicago, San Francisco, and Atlanta, where a pilot study is already underway.

Funds have been allocated for the project which will deal mainly in the area of Social History, Homosexual Communication, Homosexual Argot, and Medical-Psychological History. Contacts will be in the homosexual community instead of professional level.

ARC is trying to locate persons willing to be interviewed for the research. All names will be held confidentially. We are already preparing other forms of assistance and information needed by the University.

If you feel you can help call us immediately.

Prior to the meeting, a pamphlet titled "Homosexuality - A Biblical Perspective" (Dr. Robt. Treese, Boston Univ. School of Theology) was mailed to those attending. Originally prepared for and presented at a CRH consultation last August, the pamphlet served as an overall theme.

Clay and John spoke frankly of their experiences in San Francisco, and outlined how they regarded the relationship of the church to homosexuality and to the homosexual.

There followed an opportunity for the other ministers present to question the two men and to react to what had been said by them.

Several of the ministers expressed interest in united action in this area, and all were inquisitive and eager to learn

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## ACLU - Busy Keeping Freedom for the Individual American

"Freedom is not a gift...it must be actively defended"-heard in variations in almost every commencement, Fourth of July, Memorial Day, etc. speech. The speakers usually think only in terms of fighting foreign enemies.

This writer once talked to a foreign visitor about freedom. He was from a country occasionally run by a dictatorship where people are mostly very rich, or very poor. He noted that the highest court in our land was then affirming a heavy jail sentence against a man who didn't print and distribute obscene material... only his ads gave that impression (Ginzberg). He was shocked to learn that in many states adultery is a crime, along with fornication. He wondered at the "freedom" in a state which would refuse a student admission to a university because he wore a beard (Virginia). "How do you call this the "Land of the Free" when you can be prohibited from so much that really concerns no one but yourself?" he said.

Ten times a year, the American Civil Liberties Union reports its recent activities in its publication, Civil Liberties. In another sense, Civil Liberties is a chronicle of America's growing understanding of freedom. It is a graphic portrayal of how and why freedom must be actively fought for by each generation... free, honest, patriotic people committed to this country can act in good faith and still endanger fundamental rights of others, and make the constitutional guarantees of liberty meaningless. That is, unless there are others around who are willing to commit time and money in a daily effort to make freedom a meaningful thing for all people in this nation. The October 1966 Civil Liberties reports both progress and defeats in eight major actions.

Federal Civil Service Commission: After five years of meetings and correspondence, the ACLU finally convinced the commission that it doesn't need to have applicants list all arrests on employment forms. In the future, only a listing of indictments and convictions of felonies will be required on employment forms. The commission said that other indictments and convictions, and any arrest records will still be considered, if these records come from the commission's investigations.

New York State: District Attorney Hogan agreed with the ACLU, and dismissed a disorderly conduct charge against G.L. Rockwell, the American Nazi Party Leader. The charge arose out of remarks Mr. Rockwell had made in the N.Y. State Supreme Court building rotunda. Mr. Hogan noted that the disturbance came from Mr. Rockwell's audience in their reaction to his ideas. "That the communication of those ideas may infuriate those at whom the speech is directed is not a sufficient condition for its suppression."

Federal Bail Reform: President Johnson recently signed the 1966 Bail Reform Act. This marks the first significant change in a bail system devised 177 years ago (in the Judiciary Act of 1789).

California: Proposition 16 overwhelmingly defeated. Perhaps we are seeing the end of an era when local politicians can exploit smut and sex to gain votes.

New Jersey: After a successful suit by the ACLU's N.J. affiliate, couples no longer need to provide written proof of religious affiliation to adopt children. Also, foundlings will no longer be assigned religions by the bureau. (The sooner the states get out of the religion business, the sooner they will give up attempts to force complete conformity to religious sexual codes).

Illinois Federal District Court: Issues permanent injunction against Rockwell and his party, prohibiting any parades or demonstrations near Jewish residential districts, or on Jewish Holy Days, in northern Illinois. Here's a classic... the court had to balance the Nazi's right to speak, against the right of free religious practice, which the demonstrations supposedly inhibited. The fact that the court held in this case that speeches and pickets alone can effectively prevent solid citizens from exercising their rights is ominous. It may possibly be used to restrict the homophile movement from presenting its case against discrimination to society. The possibility is remote, but present.

U.S. Supreme Court: The ACLU is confused by the Court's Ginzberg ruling. It found his publications to be NOT obscene. It found his ads to be NOT ob-

scene. It found that the combination was obscene, and sustained his conviction. Perhaps the trend is to reduce obscenity legislation to absurdity so it can be put in the museum of quaint folkways, where it belongs.

Federal District Court, Washington DC: K.K.K. leader, Robert Shelton convicted of contempt of Congress for refusal to give Klan membership and finance information to the HUAC. It may be true that the Klan is involved in conspiracies to commit violent acts, but that is a matter for proper law enforcement agencies. The HUAC is investigating "unamerican propaganda." To the extent that Klan members and contrivers are financing a propaganda drive, they deserve full protection of their free speech and association rights, no matter how offensive their ideas.

District of Columbia Courts: During the HUAC's August investigation of anti-viet Nam work organizations, Arthur Kinoy, an ACLU attorney was ejected from the hearing room while defending his client. He was trying to obtain a chance to cross-examine a witness who had maligned his client. He was subsequently convicted of disorderly conduct. The ACLU lost the first round of appeal in the Columbia General Sessions Court. The appeal was based on two main points: first Mr. Kinoy was performing his duty to defend his client, and second, the actions described in his trial testimony did not constitute disorderly conduct. More appeals are coming.

Today there are still individual officials who, by their acts, question the faith shown by the early citizens when they ratified our Constitution, and, in 1791, added to its ten important guarantees to protect individuals from bureaucrats and mob rule. It is sad that freedom can never be established once and for all... but on the other hand no way has been found, in any nation, to extinguish freedom completely.

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American Civil Liberties Union



# You've Many Benefits with ARC Membership

What can an association with ARC offer you that other associations can not? Why align yourself with a group whose members are reaching out to the larger community for acceptance and understanding? Why become involved?

The merest fact is, that we are already involved and bound together in the fraternity and ideals of ARC simply because "we are." The support that we lend to ARC can be neither more nor less damaging to reputations than the self-exposure we court by patronizing certain business establishments. Furthermore, the support we lend to ARC will be returned to us with fringe benefits.

Anyone who deviates in any way from the alleged norm can be pigeon-holed, categorized, and relegated to second-class citizenship. There are two common reactions to this inequity. Either one can wear a mask and go into hiding, or one can allow the grotesqueries of his one-man rebellion to color the image of all his brothers. The first reaction demands complete dishonesty with everyone, including one's self; while the second produces behavior which embarrasses and alienates the goodwill which we seek. Each of these reactions is understandable but the results rendered are negative ones. As an alternative, why not lend your support to a movement which is working collectively and positively toward goals of mutual benefit.

All of us have much more than our common deviation to offer. No human personality can be that one-sided. The total personality bears acquaintance

## PIZZA AND BEER, TOO

# Record Hop Nears

Like record hops? We've got one coming up on the night of the 15th... that's on a Friday. It'll be in Yolo County. The private record hop is just a build up to ARC's big New Years Ball

and must be the only foundation for building lasting friendship and an acceptable image. ARC offers you the opportunity to work, plan, and play under circumstances in which masks, apologies, and grotesqueries are not necessary. Your own little hiding place or one-man demonstration must not only be a futile one, but lonely, too.

The fate of ARC, with its contribution to the great human rights movement, must be of vital concern to you since you share in its success or its failure. The advancement toward acceptance and understanding by the large community is of immeasurable benefit to all of us, the free-loader and the active worker. A collaboration with this movement could well be the effective framework for your pursuit of elusive and personal goals... goals with creative experiences and satisfying relationships as fringe benefits.

# Apologies to Freida

Dear Miss Frump:

This letter is being printed at your request, and in an effort to correct your misinterpretation of what was intended as a campy article which appeared in the last issue of ARC News.

If you should feel any personal insult as a result of the article, and more specifically, the phrase in which you were mentioned, we extend a sincere apology.

It was anticipated that you, as a prominent social figure locally, would laugh it off instead of taking such a campy matter seriously.

Yours truly,  
ARC News Editor

# Brunch 'n Towel Day

An old-fashioned "towel party" will be thrown at the Yolo Sauna by ARC on Sunday, December 11th, at 4:00 in the afternoon. This is an exclusive ARC function and a special entry fee of \$2.00 will be charged. ARC stands to benefit financially from the event.

If you're interested in finding out what lays beneath it all contact us for an invitation.

Earlier in the day, ARC will be the host for a gay brunch at the home of our editor. Be there from 11 'til 2, and get your fill of food and drink. The brunch will cost \$1.25... and includes your choice of a bloody mary or a screwdriver. A charge of 35¢ for each drink thereafter will go into ARC's coffer.

The entire day promises to be an eventful, and fun-filled chain.

For more information, call the ARC number, 456-0651.



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# Obituary

The members of ARC, the Editor and staff of ARC News want at this time to offer their sincerest condolences to our wonderful friend and supporter, Joyce Tenner, who lost her mother early in November.

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NEW YEAR'S EVE



FROM A COLLECTION OF ESSAYS  
SUBMITTED TO ARC NEWS ANONIMOUSLY

## On the Conditions of Creativity

The thought of creativity emerges in man as a desire. It undoubtedly occurs in nearly all men regardless of talent, ambition, education or privilege. In some, the thought persists, permeates the life of the individual in multiple disguises. For some, the desire becomes a demand so encompassing it denies to that man the possibility of substitute satisfaction... a demand so urgent and undeniable that life itself must be sacrificed in preference to frustration of the goal. The creator in this sense is not a compulsive deviate for the sake of being different, but a man whose very existence can not gain fruition through any other course than that which demands his total involvement in his personal expansion to his ultimate capacity. This creative man, this man thinking, has made an irreversible decision: he has committed himself to a pursuit which must, if it is to be intimately meaningful, deny the world its privilege of foreknowledge and, in so doing, remake his world according to his new, enlightened consciousness of being.

Man thinking must live in perpetual deceit of the manufactured world of his environment. He must know at what odds to society he has positioned himself and practice the art of allaying its fears by causing the slightest of his most provocative eruptions. His first duty is to exist so that he may create, and, finding a means of existence, by whatever expedient ends, he may proceed to risk that essential privilege against his own self-destruction and exposure.

There arrives for creative man that early knowledge that he cannot follow the herd, cannot join in the chewing of centuries stale grass. For some it is enough to lunch on buttercups and dandelions of new strain, growing polkadots which draw admiring looks. But man thinking will have none of it. His food is in the sky, beyond the last star, beyond the most distant sight.

There remains, continues, insists in life mature, immature, semi-mature; a pre-adolescent mysticism demanding reward for emotional obedience to: emotional non-investigation of any thought sacred or profane; non-intimacy of oneself to himself, and consequently, his identity not without prejudice to any other; non-questioning of questions unanswered and unasked for lack of exis-

tence; so that he who will set himself apart from the scheme of those claiming accomplishment must commit himself to a world of unreality where realization, should it be obtained, must ever wait in the vacuous prison of communication.

The man thinking must separate from the glib, accomplished intellectual, the talented and sought after, the bearers of gifts of love and confinement; any who would be whatever device stifle the unbridled range of unabashed inquiry. Only when a man becomes less than a man will he rebuild his existence out of the rude composition of his most intimate examination of truth. Only when the physical emotional being has guided himself back to seed and reaccomplish his upbringing will he know the meaning of creation and the origin of could have been, so that his emotions will spill like blood upon thankless rock.

Creative man must grant to himself and be granted by society, the possibility of his early demise; success ever a fingerslength beyond realization. Perhaps that parting and incommunicable light will, signalling the infinite dream of time, resolve the crucial issue in mute token; helpless, lost, and finally, indifferent.

FROM THE PAGES OF LOOK MAGAZINE...  
A NEW LOOK AT HOMOSEXUAL REVOLUTION



"But I thought you were the female." LOOK 1966

### BIG TREAT

## Big Steak Dinner at Log Cabin

If you were one of the lucky people to be a part of the first BYOM feast at the Log Cabin, you'll be interested to hear that the idea of "bringing your own meat" has been expanded into a full fledged steak dinner.

The LC announces its next big porterhouse steak dinner to be held on Monday night December 12th. A platter of french fries, vegetable, rolls, salad, and of course a 1-lb steak on the barbecue is all yours for only \$2.25.

By the way, the bar is open every day at noon for those of you who like an early one. As usual, a Sunday dinner is served free every week at 8 pm.

## Editor to Florida

ARC News editor Barry LeSuer will vacation in New Orleans and Miami for three weeks in December and January. The January issue of ARC News may be three weeks late as a result. Special reports from these cities will be featured in that issue.

# In Defense of Black Power

FROM A COLLECTION OF ESSAYS

The term "Black Power", originated by Stokely Carmichael, and voiced as a predominating slogan of the Student Non-Violent Co-ordinating Committee is a term of crucial importance to the civil rights movement.

Mr. Carmichael has repeatedly refused to define this term. Now that slogan has been represented to the world as a violent, revolutionary, hate-fostering means of rallying physical forces to go its bidding, right or wrong. Black Power has had a definite effect upon black men so that many blacks shy away, protesting any involvement in controversy, while others have embraced the concept as their natural right of being.

The civil rights movement has, until now, been dominated by white money, white suggestion, white direction, and white control. The powerless white has found a parallel to his own emasculated life role in the very evident deprivation of the blacks. Powerful and powerless whites alike have contributed their exhilaration, in quest of control and power to the cause of the black.

But Black Power means the black man must accept unto himself the responsibility of power in his own struggle. He must make the personal decision that he will henceforth and forevermore be his own guiding source of control and that the civil rights movement belongs to him and involves him completely. When the black man takes upon himself this here-to-fore unknown responsibility of power, he will have corrected the futile, hopeless feeling of powerlessness he now endures and he will meet the power of the white man on equal terms.

Until the white man accepts the fact that the black man must have equal, independent power and becomes willing and able to match it in the normal course of affairs on equal terms with white power, the civil rights movement will not accomplish its goals and black man and white man will no more call each other brother in the year three thousand than in 1966.

White man is having an even more difficult time than black man in understanding his (white) position in the current negro revolution. For centuries, the white man has done to, given to, ministered and administered to the black man. It is so ingrained in white thought process, that to suddenly, candidly view the black man as his own capable minister and administrator is beyond actual grasp. The white man wishes to direct the black man's revolution, tell him how to revolt and within what boundaries to do so.

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The white man wants to be the Man in this affair as he is in all other black affairs where they could affect the white man. But revolution means to turn over completely. The black man must divest himself of his rights movement exclusively, come what may. Black man cannot afford to permit white "baby sitters" to wail and cry on their side of the wall.

And when black man has fully understood and embraced the meaning of "Black Power", powerful black man will join powerful white man in the pursuit of higher goals than equality: greatness through discovery of truth and intimate understanding. Then will dawn that new day when all men of earth shall join forces, and in the new spirit of total dedication, re-examine the sacred ancient tenants which have so long kept man apart from himself. Then will a new world order, a new world dignity, a new world freedom emerge from the genius of earth's greatest inhabitants, the Whole Man.

Shhh!

GLAMOROUS MAE will be here someday

-ADV.

# IS HOMOSEXUALITY AN ILLNESS?

In the last issue of ARC News an article dealing with the topic "Is Homosexuality an Illness?" appeared. A complete compilation of quotations expounding the subject was mailed earlier with the monthly Viewpoint newsletter of the Mattachine Society of Florida. The compilation was originally organized by MSF's former vice-president. We again use some of the quotations so that more people may be exposed to thinking along these lines.

Dr. Sigmund Freud - The founder of psychoanalysis: "Homosexuality is assuredly no advantage, but it is nothing to be ashamed of, no vice, no degradation, it cannot be classified as an illness; we consider it to be a variation of the sexual function produced by a certain arrest of sexual development. Many highly respectable individuals of ancient and modern times have been homosexuals. It is a great injustice to persecute homosexuality as a crime, and cruelty, too."

Dr. Harry Benjamin - World Famed Endocrinologist, N.Y.C.: "If adjustment is necessary, it should be made primarily with regard to the position the homosexual occupies in present day society and society should more often be the patient to be treated than the invert."

"...we have not only widespread rejection and discrimination against the Homophiles of our time, but even harsh punitive laws. I am optimistic enough to believe that these laws in a hundred years from now may be looked upon as we today look upon laws against witchcraft."

"As I see it, homosexuality can have a wide variety of reasons and motivations. Homosexuality is to be considered a symptom due to numerous underlying causes, and not a fixed entity like a disease. It can hardly be called unnatural, being often a product of nature."

"The individual homosexual who commits no fraud and no seduction, and who does not force his attentions on others, especially minors, should not be persecuted or rejected by society. He can be and generally is a useful member of this society, and frequently even an outstanding member."

Ruth Benedict - World Famed Anthropologist, Columbia University. From "Patterns of Culture": "Western Civilization tends to regard even a mild homosexual as an abnormal. The clinical picture of homosexuality stresses the neuroses and psychoses to which it gives rise, and emphasizes almost equally the inadequate functioning of the invert and his behavior. We have only to turn to other cultures

however, to realize that homosexuals have by no means been uniformly inadequate to the social situation. They have not always failed to function. In some societies they have been especially acclaimed.

"Plato's 'Republic' is, of course the most convincing statement of the honorable estate of homosexuality. It is presented as a major means to the good life, and Plato's high ethical evaluation of this response was upheld in the customary behavior of Greece at that period..."

"When the homosexual response is regarded as a perversion, however, the invert is immediately exposed to all the conflicts to which aberrants are always exposed. His guilt, his sense of inadequacy, his failures, are consequences of the disrepute which social tradition visits upon him, and few people can achieve a satisfactory life unsupported by the standards of their society. The adjustments that society demands of them would strain any man's vitality, and the consequences of this conflict we identify with their homosexuality."

Dr. Frank A. Beach - Yale University: "People who say that homosexual activities are biologically abnormal and unnatural are wrong."

"We find ourselves, then, agreeing with Gide in his contention that homosexual behavior should be classified as natural from the evolutionary and physiological point of view."

Dr. Donald James West - M.B., D.E.M. "Homosexual behavior seems to arise from some deep-rooted natural urge which finds different expression in different cultures."

"Homo-erotic propensities are a part of man's natural biological inheritance. In our culture, such tendencies are suppressed."

"To most people today, homosexual indulgence seems so obviously abnormal that it may come as a surprise to learn that many communities do not share their attitude."

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM

**Ritch Street Health Club**

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# Collection for Bobby

As reported in the last issue of ARC News, little Bobby is undergoing daily treatment at Kaiser Hospital.

An article in one of the local newspapers sparked the idea for a special fund for his medical expenses in the Topper Club. Customers have been donating their dime and a dollar towards a goal of \$100. A deadline of December tenth has been set by Roy Brinson, originator of the fund, which, by the way, is now being maintained at the Log Cabin as well.

As of now, the goal will probably be met in time.

THE LOG CABIN

# BOOK REVIEW

I suppose that if one is in the position where they will be continually hit in the face with a piece of salami, they will either begin to like it or become immune with numbness. In "Last Exit to Brooklyn", author Hubert Selby, Jr. uses a salami coated with feces and filled with brick, and swings away at the reader, his characters and the English language with equal demonic force letting the blows land where they may. Many of them miss, out the blows that land home are enough to send the reader scurrying for safety... if he can possibly put the book down long enough to think of such a thing. For Mr. Selby has reached into the sewers and grabbed a handful of some of the most revolting characters in the history of fiction to populate this novel. He has reached into the farthest corners of his overactive libido to gather up plots repulsive enough for these characters to play out, and the total effect is an absolutely stunning work that may be neither great fiction or even par-

## "Last Exit to Brooklyn"

BY HUBERT SELBY, JR.

ticularly good art, but is really magnificent scatology. There is no really novelistic plot to the book. In fact, it is really a series of sketches (six in number) with often recurring characters mingling together in a series of rumbles, cope parties, child molestings, various forms of sex, and a final almost symphonic episode in a low-class apartment project, an episode of chaotic verbal and physical violence. Some of the characters are hilarious, such as Georgette, the six-foot-two very hip queen and his/her gangster boyfriend Vinnie, who will only let him/her "do" him when he is high on dope. Some of the characters are tragic and rather nauseating, such as Harry, the wife-hating Union leader, who finds his final, horrible apotneosis in an act of molesting a ten year old boy, and some of them are simply tragic, as the character of Tralala, a teenage nymphomaniac who is finally come to death by a mob of at least a hundred men in the

back seat of an abandoned car. No one in the book is happy, or even particularly wealthy, for Selby is viewing the dregs of humanity, the condemned that inhabit the hell of their own making. Mr. Selby has a fine eye and ear for the rhythm of these people and their terrible, trapped existence, and while he seldom invokes pity from the reader for the plight of these people, he is able to provoke a kind of stunned understanding for the primeval hell that the human mind is capable of, and the often hilariously wrong things that people can undertake simply because they are trapped in their own existence. Mr. Selby's style: wild, brutal, blunt, and often chaotic, suits the tone of this unusual book well, and some of his best passages burn with an almost Joycean poetry. "Last Exit to Brooklyn" is a disturbing and often impossibly angry novel, a work very much worth reading. Not for the squeamish, though.

NEXT MONTH: BARABBAS

# MOVIE REVIEW

The other night for lack of anything else to do, I was pursuing one of my favorite boredom-relieving pastimes... namely that of Television Roulette. While switching from channel to channel, I happened on an old John Ford western starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara, a film called "Rio Grande". Watching this film with its wholesome humor and magnificent action, I began to wonder what lately has happened to this particularly American type of epic. These days, they (westerns) are either too self-consciously arty, such as Marlon Brando's new film, "The Appaloosa", or for lack of anything else to explore, simply take up the screen with spectacular and often overproduced visual effects, as in the case of "How the West Was Won." What, I began to wonder, being an old John Wayne fan, ever became of the good old shoot-'em-up outdoor epic with clearly defined good guys and really rat-finky bad ones? I found out last night at the Tower Theatre while viewing "The Professionals," a big, noisy exciting old-fashioned Western directed by Richard Brooks, and

## "The Professionals"

DIRECTED BY RICHARD BROOKS

starring Lee Marvin, Burt Lancaster, Robert Ryan, Jack Palance, Woody Strode, Ralph Bellamy and Claudia Cardinale. The total effect of this film left me feeling like the kid that got locked overnight in the candy store... or in my case, the liquor store. The film, frankly, has everything BUT John Wayne. For plot, it has the rich Texas tycoon (Bellamy) whose young and exceedingly voluptuous wife (Miss Cardinale) is kidnapped by a nasty old Mexican bandit (Palance). To effect her rescue, he hires an old grizzled gunslinger (Marvin), who gathers three of his old war buddies (Ryan, Strode and of course Lancaster), and the four of them head south across the border to effect her rescue, paving the way for some delicious scenery, and some tremendously exciting action, including a beautifully photographed night attack on a hacienda, using dynamite lashed to arrows flying thicker and truer than anything Sitting Bull used at Little Big Horn. The acting and directing throughout is really top-notch, and Lee Marvin with total expectancy, steals the show right out from everyone else. As the wife,

Claudia Cardinale has little to do out show that she doesn't wear a bra; sometimes that seems to be becoming her trademark, since she can't really act, that is enough. Lancaster's performance is quite reserved, although often hilarious, which again surprised me, since he usually prefers to chew up all the scenery in sight, while Palance gives the type of performance that made me wonder exactly why Hollywood preferred to waste him in everything after "Shane". Richard Brooks, the director, who did such a magnificent job with "Elmer Gantry" and such a questionable job with "Lora Jim", whows what he can do with a film that has little pretense at profundity. He dwells on action rather than character and near the end of the film, keeps the dialogue fresh and crackling. Credits should also go to a marvelous old turn of the century railway train that Brooks can't seem to keep his camera off of. He examines it like a child with an electric train, using it for some really stunning shots. Like everything else in this western, it just blends in beautifully.

# Ministers Join ARC Education Meeting

From Pg. 2 of an area to which few had been extensively exposed. The clergymen showed concern as well as curiosity and represent a source of great potential help to the homosexual community.

One of the first things the attending clergymen expressed was a desire for a direct confrontation with homosexuals. At the next meeting, we hope to have as many homosexuals as clergymen present. The meeting will be held on Monday evening, December 12th at the Oak Park Methodist Church at 7:30 pm. Please be there that night.

This is only one phase of our Community Education Program. A mailing will go out to local educators on the college level shortly.

Thereafter, a subsequent mailing will be directed to persons holding positions of authority in all levels of government. It all costs money. We could use some from you!

## ARC Meets

The next general business meeting of ARC will be held in the Oak Park Methodist Church on Tuesday December 18, 8:00

# Sound Off

One of the strangest bits of conversation that I have ever heard, came from the mouth of one homosexual talking to another. Number one said to number two, "I certainly don't feel brotherly to any homosexual. I don't feel that I have anything in common with homosexuals."

As sad as this statement is, it is the general feeling among homosexuals that they will not or should not feel any togetherness with a brother homosexual. And let's face it... we are brother homosexuals. We all have something in common. We all have a common bond, and if we all realized this, we would not have to fight for our place in society. It would be there for us. As a group, we could demand and receive every right that is ours and is now denied us by society and law.

Organizations and newspapers from as far back as I am able to recall, have been complaining that we are not received as citizens in society. How can we be received as responsible people in any community when we are unable to live together in a homosexual community. Men do not get along with men; women do not get along with women; and the men do not get along with the women, and vice versa.

Individually, there are many homosexuals that should be shown that they are doing a great deal of harm to our cause.

I believe that if a person knew he was making fools of all homosexuals, and was shown this, he would not do it. And if the gay world was united in itself, we could do this.

As long as we, the homosexuals, cannot receive each other as equals, as long as we continue to fight and bicker among ourselves, as long as we make outcasts of individuals, and as long as we continue to bring shame and invite abuse to our ranks, we can only expect the kind of welcome that police chief Rooney of Sacramento has to offer us.

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As homosexuals, we might dwell on this "new" breed and give some thought to the idea that our own expressions need a place and time, also. It is in the position of homophile organizations to establish a firm and unified approach to present to the general public.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I was somewhat disappointed in the ARC Halloween Ball. For one thing, the turnout was not quite what I had expected. Secondly, those who did attend dressed as though they were going to a regular bar instead of a ball. It is discouraging to me, after having to spend many hours and dollars creating a gown, to see people in tee-shirts and levi's. It ruins the entire atmosphere. Thirdly, the entertainment was a bit let down. Fourthly, The distance I traveled to the ball was quite a bit more than necessary.

I would also like to suggest something more rewarding as prizes than was offered at the ball. Give Sacramentens a real classic ball next Halloween.

-Robbed

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