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THE DARE OF THE FUTURE

An Appraisal of the Homophile Movement

"People are afraid of the future, of the unknown. If a man faces up to it and takes the dare of the future, he can have some control over his destiny."

All those involved in the homophile movement would agree with these words from Col. John Glenn who was the first American astronaut to orbit the earth. Yet in the three major homophile organizations - the Mattachine Society, ONE, Inc., and the Daughters of Bilitis - the interpretation of the "dare of the future" and the translation of the thought into action so that the homosexual "can have some control over his destiny" varies greatly.

SEARCH AND RESEARCH

ONE has not taken the dare; ONE flings the dare - to all who oppose them ideologically. They are the self-proclaimed "experts" on the subject. At their Mid-Winter Institute they flatly stated, "We recognize no other authority in the field of homosexuality." They deny validity to the research by anyone who has not taken their classes at ONE Institute. In the ten long years of ONE's existence, how many scientists (from researcher to lab technician) have approached this (or any other) homophile organization? With such a prickly-pear attitude as a reception, no wonder homophiles are considered as such mixed-up fruits (somewhat pickled at that!).

For years homophile organizations have worked arduously for recognition and cooperation from professional groups, and to defame the whole bunch simply because one grape came out with a distorted wrinkle is certainly self-annihilating.

W. Dorr Legg, in his talk, "ONE Institute, Its Challenge", (THE LADDER, March 1962) speaks of the "Heterosexual Assumption"...But we in DOB ask, "What of the 'Homosexual Assumption'?" For years homophiles have continued to chop at the many-headed hydra - SOCIETY - placing it totally outside themselves and, conversely, placing

themselves totally outside society. As long as the Great God THEY, is our bitter enemy to be challenged, thwarted, feared, because of what THEY think, of how THEY categorize them, homophiles rightfully earn the masochistic label of martyrdom.

How broad can one's (no pun) view be if it is clogged by the grit of such egotistic effrontery? If this is being "militant" and "daring" and (praise be) "non-conforming", it leaves the reader (or listener) wondering at the short-circuits in ONE's logic.

It is well-known in any professional field that complete unbiased self-evaluation is impossible. Who can be "expert" enough to be his own teacher, his own researcher, his own scientist, his own doctor, his own analyst (if this isn't a dirty word?) and his own evaluator, without the slightest bit of bias?

This seems to be ONE's conviction...that they can be... and damned well intend to be!

DOB's attitude on research has been primarily to interest professional, qualified groups to do such tasks, since there have been virtually no studies done on the Lesbian, other than a very few case studies. We did a survey of our own - not as "expert Lesbians" (how about that?) - but solely as an amateur's contribution, trying to evoke interest in further and deeper studies. This was our aim...and it was achieved, for we have had several such research proposals to consider.

Nor do we feel that every such proposal will be of value in this field. And since, like the Mattachine Society, we cooperate in obtaining the subjects for such research, we certainly do agree with Donald Webster Cory in his statement, "Truth is a value of its own, and not a tool to be distorted as a means to an end." (ONE Magazine, March, '62).

Every time homophiles are labeled "pathological", it triggers our defensive mechanisms into hysterical denials. The very medical definition of the word, in layman's language, means "deviate"...a term generously self-sprinkled through all homophile publications. Again, to quote

Cory, "Above all, we can be, in our own minds, human, dignified, and worthwhile beings." Is this not, basically, what each individual homosexual, and what each homophile organization is striving to attain?

ONE has done much in the area of research studies (paleolithic and otherwise) and this is not intended to spoof the actual progress they have achieved. ONE's studies do have value, but their value decreases as ONE denounces the validity of all other studies. These studies, when viewed as a contribution to the growing storehouse of knowledge on the homosexual, have merit. As the end-all, they collapse.

If delving into the historical aspects of homosexuality results in the "We-are-different-therefore-superior-and-paleolithic-history-proves-it" attitude, can we be expected to be taken seriously? If our friends at ONE are the "experts", how long has it been since they have talked to a homosexual about today's problems the individual is facing, rather than what some savemen did centuries ago? Defensive in-bred thought produces illogical automaton repeating static, cemented phrases long void of effective communication.

This is the danger we in DOB feel that ONE is courting. And in friendship, we would like to insert a word or two -- re-read the aims published on the inside cover of ONE Magazine...such words as "promote", "understanding", "integration" appear in the text. Why such beating of the breast (once so effeminate, now much Tarzan)? Sometimes the soft-spoken word reverberates and is heard, while loud cries of denunciation are ignored.

THE VOICE OF THE HOMOSEXUAL

Behind the scenes in each homophile organization, there are but a few who publish the magazines, the actual voices of the homophile. This, then, is a minority within a minority - how then, can this voice, the magazine, speak for all? It can attempt - that's all. Not one organization existing anywhere can be sole voice of any minority. The Mattachine Society, DOB, and ONE, each are contributing factors to the homophile movement, each handling different areas of interest, each doing a pretty

good job, and each striving to do that job more adequately than it did before.

Our main argument with ONE is, as it has always been, that the attitude which we, as organizations, project towards the world affects homophiles everywhere. Also, this attitude certainly affects the reaction of any group (from scientists to law enforcement) towards us, individually and as organizations.

CITIZENS' MOVEMENT

Curtis Dewees, of the Mattachine Society, Inc., of New York, in his speech at ONE Institute considers the "dare of the future" as the formation of a new citizens' organization similar to the Homosexual Law Reform Society in England. He considers that the homophile organizations as they exist today have had "little impact on the scientific community, and even less impact on society at large." He gives as reason for failure attempts at mass appeal to homosexuals themselves rather than appeal to the "pillars of the community."

Mr. Dewees would drop the homophile organizations and set some few key figures to work throughout the country to solicit professional help and to promote a citizens' reform movement. It is interesting indeed to hear this coming from one of the splinter groups resultant from the Mattachine split. It would seem that the same authoritarian and centralist position once disapproved is now espoused.

We doubt very much if at the present time DOB, Mattachine or ONE are about to disband; we doubt also if the three organizations are about to unite into a federation, as suggested by New York Mattachine. We do agree, however, that all three groups could do well to re-examine their policies to see wherein they hamper or enhance progress toward their purpose.

We also agree that there would indeed be merit to a citizens' law reform movement - but not reform of homosexual laws only. This country, as many other groups will testify, needs to take a long look at all the sex laws on the statute books. To generate interest in such a law reform movement, it would be necessary to take the

broad view of general sex law reform. Promoting the Model Penal Code, as drawn up by the American Law Institute, using too the new penal code of Illinois as an example, would attract many others affected by now existent outmoded sex laws.

Mr. Dewees asks for two kinds of publications - one for the in-group of homosexuals and one aimed directly at ministers, lawyers, doctors, etc.

ONE Magazine and THE LADDER both qualify as being directed to the homophile specifically. The Mattachine REVIEW, in the past, has been the best qualified homophile publication for the general public's consumption. Only recently has the REVIEW dipped into publishing fiction aimed specifically at the homophile, perhaps to pick up financial aid by making more of an appeal to this in-group. Yet, by so doing, the REVIEW is possibly detracting from the public image so carefully built up in the years past, and the best vehicle for reaching the general public runs the risk of becoming lost in the shuffle of this trend.

In answer to Mr. Dewees' request for a magazine for the professional groups, Mattachine Society, Inc., of New York once proposed a "Quarterly Abstract" on homosexuality, (THE LADDER, November '61). This quarterly's purpose was to abstract all articles appearing on the subject in journals in the fields of medicine, law, psychology, and psychiatry.

This idea apparently has been tabled - perhaps because its originators felt that the ONE Quarterly on Homophile Studies answered this need. It does not - it is basically all abstracts of ONE's studies - which, being ONE-sided, is not necessarily a good representation for the professional to peruse.

THE BIG THREE

Both ONE and Mattachine (San Francisco) have geared their efforts primarily toward education of the public and influencing of public attitudes. Mattachine has been working quite effectively in the field of public relations: the Mattachine REVIEW, as pointed out earlier,

has been the most "informational" for general reader consumption; a public speakers' bureau (long a dream of both Mattachine and DOB) has become a reality due to efforts of Hal Call and Don Lucas who have spoken at conventions of psychological groups, in panel discussions at state colleges and before Veterans Administration staff meetings; Mattachine has also appeared on many radio and TV programs and has done the most in breaking through the mass communications media.

ONE has maintained a vigilant, militant attitude - a thorn-in-the-side reminder to the public that homosexuals are here to stay. The public that is most reminded, however, is the public law enforcement agencies. While Mattachine has strived for cooperative action with law enforcement, ONE tends to provoke law enforcement officers to act against them. To tread lightly on touchy issues is not cowardice, as ONE seems to think; nor is it cowardice to use the art of persuasion rather than the art of self-defense.

A vigilant, militant attitude has its constructive side when used on specific issues, such as infringement of civil rights or over-zealous censorship. ONE is certainly to be commended for taking its battle with the postal authorities up to the U.S. Supreme Court to prove that the free press extends to homophile publications.

But while ONE and Mattachine have concerned themselves chiefly with public attitudes, this particular approach has been of secondary importance in DOB's concept. Members of DOB have always felt that we can't wait for society to change. Our needs are now, and it is possible for homosexuals to accept themselves and the society in which they live and so become productive citizens of the community. We in the Daughters of Bilitis take the "dare of the future" and propose to work out our own destiny. We need not wait for society to accept us; we can accept the challenge of society and help to bridge the gap of seeming separation by our own awareness of ourselves as human beings in a society of human beings. If the public has an image of the homosexual, it is because the homosexual has created this image

and continued to project this image. As our own attitudes change, so will society's attitudes change.

It is true that all three organizations have made mass appeal for support from the vast homosexual populace, but DOB is actually the only active membership organization of nation-wide scope (since Mattachine dissolved its area councils early in 1961). However, DOB has never been conceived as a mass membership organization, but rather as an ever-changing membership with an evolving leadership developing as new people come into the group and the older members move out into society. Without change, the organization would become static; there would be no growth - and our purpose would not be served.

To us, then, this is the "dare of the future" to all three organizations: To re-evaluate our goals and policies, to change our thinking where necessary, to accept ourselves as a part of society instead of apart from society.

And - can "The Big Three" DARE to work together?

Here and There

A NEW WAY TO CURE A SEX DEVIATE HAS APPEARED. THIS TREATMENT, AS DESCRIBED IN THE BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, MARCH ISSUE, WAS TRIED UPON A MALE, SINGLE, AGED 40 YEARS.

THE MAN WAS EXCLUSIVELY HOMOSEXUAL FROM AGE 18, WAS RATED 'SIX' ON THE KINSEY SCALE. HE WAS A UNIVERSITY GRADUATE, HAD BEEN COMMISSIONED IN THE ARMY WITH A GOOD SERVICE RECORD. AFTER THE SERVICE HE HAD TAKEN AN EXECUTIVE POSITION WITH AN OIL COMPANY BUT LOST IT DUE TO KNOWN HOMOSEXUALITY. HE WAS THEN SET UP IN A RETAIL BUSINESS, BUT DUE TO MISMANAGEMENT OF FINANCES WAS ON THE VERGE OF BANKRUPTCY. HE WAS ADMITTED TO A HOSPITAL AFTER AN ATTEMPTED SUICIDE WHERE HE DESCRIBED THE SUICIDAL BID AS AN INTELLECTUAL ONE. HE MAINTAINED THAT THIS WAS LOGICAL AS HIS HOMOSEXUAL ACTIVITIES HAD STARTED A TRAIN OF BEHAVIOUR WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS "PSYCHOPATHIC AND QUITE BEYOND CONTROL". HE FELT THAT THE CORNERSTONE OF HIS PROBLEM WAS HIS HOMOSEXUALITY

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NO DARK DISGUISE

A Story in two parts

By D. Mildred Brandt

PART I

Derry Crammer was the girl next door, the girl every mother wanted her son to marry. But in spite of her innocent brown eyes Derry had a way with men that at times was disturbingly cold and calculating.

Watching her roommate, Kay couldn't make herself believe that her behavior was deliberate, but she couldn't deny that regardless of how eager to please and impress Derry was the first time she met a man, she became increasingly more indifferent at each succeeding meeting.

A soft, exciting voice from the corner of the room broke into Kay's train of thought. "It's incredible how dense men can be when it comes to women, isn't it? Lucretia Borgia got away with murder, and she was far more obvious than our Derry."

Derry flashed the dark-haired girl a cheerful smile, "Your claws are showing, Sam."

The alert blue eyes watching from the corner widened innocently. "What on earth do you mean, lover."

Derry made a face at her and turned to the mirror. She smiled in approval at her reflection, and began brushing at an unruly blonde lock that had come out of place.

"Don't look so pleased with yourself, lover, It doesn't go well with your ethereal quality."

Ignoring Sam, Derry turned to Kay. "Say something nice and maybe Sam will crawl back into her hole."

"You can't get rid of me that easily. Who is it tonight? That cute redheaded actress I saw you with this afternoon, maybe?" Sam asked teasingly.

Derry clinched her teeth. "Why, why," she screamed silently, "why can't Sam leave me alone? Why can't she keep quiet?"

Dimly she became aware that Kay was speaking to her, and she realized that her hand with the hairbrush was raised as if she were going to throw it. Feeling a sudden flood of embarrassment that did not, however, extinguish her anger, she let her hand fall back to her side. Then deliberately, as if she feared that she still might throw it, she laid the brush down and turned away from it.

Relieved, but still anxious, Kay repeated the question she had asked Derry. "Are you going out with David tonight?"

"No," and without thinking she added, "His hands were clammy.

"He's in love with you," Kay said reproachfully.

"Is he? How dull."

Sam laughed in genuine pleasure and surprise. "Bravo!" she cried encouragingly.

Suddenly aware of what she had said, Derry turned stricken eyes to Kay, "Oh, Kay, I didn't mean that. I was angry. I didn't realize what I said. I think David is a wonderful guy, but I don't love him. And I didn't ask him to fall in love with me."

"But you would have been disappointed if he hadn't," Sam added dryly, laughing at her attempt to cover up.

Derry glared at her. She knew that she was lying. She had meant what she had said, but it made her uncomfortable that Sam knew it too.

Sam smiled unconcernedly. "Don't forget your key tonight, lover," she said pleasantly from deep in her chair. "Kay is going to Marco's with Eric, and I'm going to a late meeting at the shop. I wouldn't want you to get locked out." Having had her fun, she seemed willing to be friends.

Derry frowned bewilderedly. She had never met a person who

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REPORTED TO HAVE BECOME EXCLUSIVELY HETEROSEXUAL. ABOUT HALF OF THESE HAD BEGUN TREATMENT AS BISEXUALS. ABOUT 60% OF ALL THE HOMOSEXUAL PATIENTS, INCLUDING THE BISEXUALS, HAD ENTERED ANALYSIS WITH THE DESIRE TO BE CHANGED.

THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE STUDY GO FAR BEYOND WHAT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED ABOVE. INTERPRETATION OF THE MASS OF DATA PRESENTED STRONGLY CONFIRMS, IN THE COMMITTEE'S OPINION, THE PSYCHOANALYTIC ASSUMPTION THAT ADULT HOMOSEXUALITY IS PSYCHOPATHOLOGIC. THEY REMAIN COMMITTED TO THE PROPOSITION THAT IT IS THE RESULT OF "HIDDEN BUT INCAPACITATING FEARS OF THE OPPOSITE SEX." THEY SAY "ANY ADAPTATION WHICH IS BASICALLY AN ACCOMMODATION TO UNREALISTIC FEARS IS NECESSARILY PATHOLOGIC; IN THE ADULT HOMOSEXUAL CONTINUED FEAR OF HETEROSEXUALITY IS INAPPROPRIATE TO HIS CURRENT REALITY. WE DIFFER WITH OTHER INVESTIGATORS WHO HAVE TAKEN THE POSITION THAT HOMOSEXUALITY IS A KIND OF VARIANT OF 'NORMAL' SEXUAL BEHAVIOR."

THE COMMITTEE DIFFERS SPECIFICALLY WITH KINSEY, BOTH REGARDING THE NORMALITY OF HOMOSEXUALITY, AND REGARDING THE ROLE OF SOCIAL DISAPPROVAL IN LEADING TO HOMOSEXUAL PERSONALITY DISTURBANCES. IT DIFFERS WITH HOOKER, WHO FOUND THAT THE ADJUSTMENT OF MALE HOMOSEXUALS COULD NOT BE DISTINGUISHED FROM THAT OF MALE HETEROSEXUALS.

IT CONSIDERS THE THERAPEUTIC RESULTS REPORTED EARLIER TO BE ENCOURAGING, SINCE THE "CURE RATE" IS CONSIDERABLY HIGHER THAN RESULTS REPORTED BY OTHERS. "WE ARE FIRMLY CONVINCED THAT PSYCHOANALYSTS MAY WELL ORIENT THEMSELVES TO A HETEROSEXUAL OBJECTIVE IN TREATING HOMOSEXUAL PATIENTS RATHER THAN 'ADJUST' EVEN THE MORE RECALCITRANT PATIENT TO A HOMOSEXUAL DESTINY."

A BOOK OF THIS SCOPE AND PIONEERING NATURE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE A WIDE PROFESSIONAL AUDIENCE AND CARRY CONSIDERABLE IMPACT, FIRST ON PROFESSIONAL AND THEN INEVITABLY ON LAY OPINION. IN THE OPINION OF THIS REVIEWER, THE USEFULNESS OF THE WORK WOULD HAVE BEEN CONSIDERABLY ENHANCED, AND POSSIBLE HARM AND MISINTERPRETATION GREATLY REDUCED, IF IT HAD, AS A MINIMUM CONCESSION TO GENERAL UNDERSTANDING, EXPLICITLY DEFINED THE SENSE IN WHICH THE TERM "PSYCHOPATHOLOGY" WAS USED. WHILE THE WORD MAY BE SELF-EXPLANATORY TO PSYCHOANALYSTS, THERE SEEMS TO BE REAL CONFUSION BETWEEN THE USE OF THE TERM BY THE COMMITTEE, AND THE USE OF RELATED TERMS SUCH AS "DISEASE", "PERSONALITY DISORDER", ETC. BY OTHER

PROFESSIONAL INVESTIGATORS WHOSE FINDINGS ARE CHALLENGED IN THIS STUDY.

IT IS IMPLIED IN THE STUDY THAT PATHOLOGY EXISTS WHERE:

- A) THERE IS OR WAS A DISTURBED RELATIONSHIP WITH PARENTS, OR WHERE
- B) DEVIANT BEHAVIOR OR ATTITUDES IN CHILDHOOD EXISTED - SINCE THESE INDICATE DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDER, OR WHERE
- C) A PRESENT CONDITION IS INFERRED TO BE AN ADAPTATION TO FEARS WHICH ARE NOW IRRATIONAL.

IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE BARE DATA DO NOT MAKE IT SELF-EVIDENT THAT THE MALE HOMOSEXUALS STUDIED WERE ADAPTING TO FEARS OF HETEROSEXUAL RELATIONS, BUT THAT THIS IS AN INFERENCE MADE BY THE COMMITTEE FROM BACKGROUND FACTS WHICH MIGHT CONCEIVABLY HAVE SUPPORTED OTHER INTERPRETATIONS (FOR INSTANCE DISTASTE FOR HETEROSEXUAL RELATIONS INSTILLED BY THE MOTHER.) IT SHOULD ALSO BE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE DIAGNOSIS IS BASED ON FACTS WHICH WERE OFTEN TRUE FOR A BARE MAJORITY OF THE CASES (FOR INSTANCE THE MOTHERS OF JUST 58 OF THE 106 HOMOSEXUAL MALES WERE BELIEVED BY THEIR ANALYSTS TO HAVE INTERFERED WITH THEIR SONS' HETEROSEXUAL RELATIONS. ONLY 39 OF THE PATIENTS THEMSELVES BELIEVED SO.)

BOTH THE HOOKER STUDY, AND THE WOLFENDEN COMMITTEE, WHICH IS ALSO REFERRED TO IN THIS BOOK, IN THEIR CONSIDERATION OF WHETHER HOMOSEXUALITY SHOULD BE THOUGHT OF AS A "DISORDER", ARE CONCERNED AT LEAST IN PART WITH THE CURRENT PERSONALITY OR ADJUSTMENT STATUS OF HOMOSEXUALS. THERE IS NOWHERE IN THE BIEBER STUDY A DETAILED DISCUSSION OF THE ASPECT OF THE MATTER, AS EVALUATED INDEPENDENTLY OF THE "PSYCHIATRIC DIAGNOSIS" OF PATIENTS, WHERE 27% OF THE HOMOSEXUAL PATIENTS ARE LISTED AS SCHIZOPHRENIC (COMPARED TO 18% OF THE COMPARISON CASES), 29% AS PSYCHONEUROTIC, AND 42% AS HAVING A "CHARACTER DISORDER". BUT AS IS RECOGNIZED BY THE WRITERS, MANY PSYCHOANALYSTS ROUTINELY CLASSIFY HOMOSEXUALITY AS A CHARACTER DISORDER. THE FACT THAT THE SAME ANALYSTS ALSO BELIEVED 36% OF THE COMPARISON CASES TO POSSESS CHARACTER DISORDERS DOES NOT REMOVE THE DOUBT LEFT IN THIS READER'S MIND AS TO THE NATURE OF THE CHARACTER DISORDER INVOLVED. AT LEAST MORE INFORMATION WOULD HAVE BEEN INTERESTING AND RELEVANT.

PERHAPS THE PSYCHOANALYST CANNOT AND SHOULD NOT BE CONCERNED WITH LAY INTERPRETATIONS OR MISINTERPRETATIONS OF HIS FINDINGS. YET HERE, AS IN SO MANY OTHER AREAS, WHAT THE "EXPERT" DOES AND SAYS HAS TREMENDOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR OTHERS. THE FRAMEWORK OF PSYCHOANALYTIC ASSUMPTIONS, AS WELL AS THE STRUCTURE BUILT ON THEM, IS SO COMPLEX AND ELABORATE THAT IT BECOMES NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE UNINITIATED TO PASS JUDGEMENT. YET CONCLUSIONS ARE DRAWN, AND PHRASED IN ENGLISH WHICH WILL BE RELAYED TO THE ORDINARY CITIZEN, IN WHOSE EARS IT CANNOT BUT REINFORCE CRUDE PREJUDICES. IF THE LABEL "PSYCHOPATHOLOGY" IS TO BE APPLIED, SHOULD IT NOT BE MADE CLEAR THAT IT IS USED IN A SENSE WHICH IS NOT NECESSARILY INCOMPATIBLE WITH EFFECTIVE SOCIAL FUNCTIONING? OR, IF THIS IS NOT THE SENSE USED, AND IT WAS INTENDED TO IMPLY INEFFECTIVE SOCIAL FUNCTIONING, THEN CERTAINLY A DIFFERENT KIND OF STUDY WOULD BE CALLED FOR AS SUPPORTING EVIDENCE.

THE PROBLEM IS ONE OF COMMUNICATION - AND THE QUESTION IS, WHO SHOULD ACT AS INTERPRETER? THE REVIEWER IS NOT SURE, BUT IS SURE THAT AN INTERPRETER IS NEEDED.

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NO DARK DISGUISE

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affected her so violently as did this beautiful, caustic girl. And even though she frequently hated her, Derry wanted desperately to win her approval. But she didn't know how. Sam was so completely unpredictable that even Kay, the only person on whom she had never turned her mercilessly analytical eyes and barbed tongue, feared her a little.

The ringing of the doorbell brought Derry back to the present. With a start she realized that she had been staring at Sam.

Seeing a touch of mockery in those eyes that always seemed to be laughing at her, she flushed angrily and turned to Kay. "Good night, Kay. Have fun." Ignoring Sam deliberately, she opened the door and went out. As the door closed behind her, a heavy masculine voice floated back across the room.

Sam shook her head sadly. "Her taste in men gets worse every date."

Kay glared at her almost in anger. As much as she loved Sam, she loved Derry too, and it hurt her that Sam was constantly fighting with Derry. "Sam! Why can't you behave? You know how sensitive she is. And you went out of your way to pick a fight with her tonight. Why can't you just leave her alone?" She looked at Sam imploringly.

Sam jumped to her feet and walked around the room with quick, nervous steps. She stopped at the terrace with a frown. Whirling around, she smiled at Kay brilliantly. "You know I can't stand peace and quiet. And Derry is so sensitive about gender. I'm like a little kid who has just had a tooth pulled. I can't resist the temptation."

Because she wanted to believe Sam, Kay did. She watched her walk back to her chair and fling herself into it carelessly. She saw the tender smile directed at her and recognized the nervous restlessness that made Sam pick up a book only to leaf through it without seeing the pages.

Kay looked upon both of her roommates as children to be protected from the world and from themselves. And having nursed Sam through an attempted suicide, Kay knew how dark her restless moods could be. She bit her lip anxiously, searching for something to say that would catch Sam's interest. Helplessly, she plunged in. "Sam, can't you talk to Derry?"

Sam laid the book aside, but looked at the floor so that all Kay could see was the top of her dark head. "What about?" Then she looked up. "Oh, that. Kay, you worry too much. And you're much too young to be either Derry's mother or mine. You don't have to worry about Derry's love life, anyway. She can take care of herself. She isn't nearly so soft and naive as she looks.

"Besides, what can I do?" she asked quietly. "I can't help it if she hates men." She seemed amused at the thought.

Kay stared at her in surprise. "You don't really like Derry, do you?" she asked thoughtfully.

Sam's mouth twisted as if in pain. For an instant there was such naked emotion in her eyes that Kay looked away, ashamed to see it. But Sam quickly recovered. She laughed quickly. "Of course I don't like her. Why should I?"

Kay had been surprised at the thought that Sam might not like Derry, but she was shocked by her sudden loss of control. She had never seen Sam's composure fail her. Even when she had tried to kill herself, Sam had been calm and unemotional about it. A little uneasy, Kay asked cautiously, "Why don't you like her?"

But Sam was not to be taken by surprise a second time. Her eyes were dark and unreadable, but her lips were turned in a mocking smile. "Did you ever stop to figure out how much trouble it is to like most people? It usually isn't worth the trouble. Besides, I'm lazy." She closed her eyes. The smile on her lips became distant and dreamy.

She was quiet so long that Kay jumped when she spoke again. "Do you realize, angel, that it's easier to find a lover than it is to find a friend? Derry isn't worth all the trouble of a friend, but she would make a marvelous lover. Perhaps I should ask her."

"Sam!" Kay cried out, shocked not so much at what Sam had said as she was frightened at the possibility that she might do it. Derry hated homosexuals with a hatred that was unreasonable even to Kay, and Kay put all of them, with the exception of Sam, in the same class as murderers and traitors. Derry would fly into a rage every time Sam teased her, and Kay knew that the secure little world she had built around these two people who meant so much to her would be destroyed if Derry knew what Sam was. Sam knew it too. She had never gone that far before. But Kay knew she could do it just to see Derry's reaction. She stared at Sam fearfully.

"Did I shock you, angel?" Sam asked guilelessly, her eyes clear and innocent. There was only a trace of tightness around her mouth now to show her anger, but Kay knew that she had been given a warning. She had come dangerously close to penetrating Sam's carefully built wall of protection. She was not to do it again.

Sam continued to gaze pleasantly at Kay until with a start

glanced at her watch. She gave a low, distressed cry and jumped up. "Kay, darling, I've got to run. I'm late."

Sam seldom called any one "dear" or "darling", and Kay knew that she was forgiven. Because she wanted to believe that Sam would never do anything to hurt her, Kay smiled. "Wait, I'll go down with you."

Derry opened the door as quietly as she could. It was not too late, but if Sam or Kay were in bed she did not want to wake them. Halfway across the living room, however, she stopped, puzzled. Very faintly she could hear music, and there was a glow from the fireplace. She sighed, wondering who was home and up. She started to call out when her foot brushed against something on the rug that produced a slight tinkling sound. Behind her there was a whispered, "Noisy." But as she turned, all she saw in the dimness was a dark outline before the lips claimed hers.

She did not have time to struggle or become angry. It was only a brief kiss. But she felt it in every nerve of her body, and in every throb of her pulses that carried with it the sudden aching hunger. Then she was alone with the taste of those lips still on hers and the feel of the hands on her body where they had held her. She stared around her bewilderedly, but with an almost inaudible, "Good night," whoever had kissed her was gone. There was only two cups on the floor by her feet. In a daze she picked them up and took them to the kitchen, trying to remember if she had heard the door open and close.

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AND THAT ALL AVAILABLE TREATMENT FOR THIS CONDITION HAD FAILED TO HELP HIM.

THE TREATMENT TRIED ON HIM WAS (BRIEFLY) AS FOLLOWS: HE WAS PLACED IN A DARKENED ROOM, GIVEN NO FOOD OR DRINK EXCEPT PRE-

SCRIBED ALCOHOL. AT REGULAR 2-HOUR INTERVALS HE WAS GIVEN A DRUG FOLLOWED BY 2 OZ. OF BRANDY. WHEN NAUSEA WAS FELT, HE WAS SHOWN PICTURES OF NUDE AND SEMI-NUDE MEN. HE WAS ALSO ASKED TO SELECT ONE HE FOUND ATTRACTIVE AND RE-CREATE HIS HOMOSEXUAL EXPERIENCES. THEN A TAPE WAS PLAYED TWICE OVER EVERY TWO HOURS DURING THE PERIOD OF NAUSEA. THIS TAPE EXPLAINED HIS HOMOSEXUAL ATTRACTION ALONG THE LINES OF FATHER DEPRIVATION DURING A TIME WHEN AWARENESS OF HOMOSEXUAL ATTRACTIONS WAS NOT ABNORMAL. THE ADVERSE EFFECT OF THE PATTERN ON HIM AND ITS CONSEQUENT SOCIAL REPERCUSSIONS WAS DESCRIBED IN SLOW AND GRAPHIC TERMS ENDING WITH WORDS SUCH AS "SICKENING", "NAUSEATING", FOLLOWED BY THE NOISE OF ONE VOMITING. THIS TREATMENT WAS FOLLOWED FOR 30 HOURS.

AFTER A PERIOD OF 24 HOURS, TREATMENT WAS RESTARTED WITH ANOTHER TAPE, WHICH CONCENTRATED UPON THE EFFECT HIS PRACTICES HAD HAD ON HIM, AGAIN ENDING HISTORICALLY. THIS TIME THE TREATMENT CONTINUED FOR 32 HOURS.

THE FOLLOWING NIGHT THE PATIENT WAS AWAKENED EVERY TWO HOURS AND A TAPE WAS PLAYED WHICH EXPLAINED IN OPTIMISTIC TERMS WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED HAD HIS HOMOSEXUAL DRIVE BEEN REVERSED.

ON THE THIRD, FOURTH AND FIFTH DAYS AFTER THE DRUG TREATMENT WAS FINISHED A CARD WAS PLACED IN HIS ROOM, PASTED ON IT WERE PHOTOGRAPHS OF SEXUALLY ATTRACTIVE WOMEN. EACH MORNING HE WAS GIVEN AN INJECTION OF A DIFFERENT DRUG AND TOLD TO RETIRE TO HIS ROOM WHEN HE FELT ANY SEXUAL EXCITEMENT. HE WAS PROVIDED WITH A RECORD PLAYER AND RECORDS OF A FEMALE VOCALIST WHOSE PERFORMANCE IS GENERALLY RECOGNIZED AS "SEXY".

SINCE THE TREATMENT HIS WHOLE Demeanour HAS CHANGED. HIS RELATIVES DESCRIBE HIM AS COMPLETELY CHANGED AND HIS RELATIONS WITH THEM AS WHOLLY SATISFACTORY AND BETTER THAN AT ANY OTHER TIME IN HIS LIFE. HE HAS FELT NO ATTRACTION TO THE SAME SEX SINCE THE TREATMENT AND SEXUAL FANTASY IS ENTIRELY HETEROSEXUAL. HE HAS BECOME IN ALL RESPECTS A SEXUALLY NORMAL PERSON.

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IN THE FEBRUARY 17TH ISSUE OF BUSINESS WEEK IT WAS REPORTED THAT A COMMISSION TO STUDY DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN, PARTICULARLY

IN WAGES AND PROMOTION, HAS BEEN SET UP BY PRESIDENT KENNEDY, WITH MRS. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT AS THE CHAIRMAN. THE PRESIDENT TOLD THE COMMISSION TO MAKE A NATIONWIDE STUDY OF LAWS THAT AFFECT WOMEN'S STATUS ADVERSELY, AND TO PUBLICIZE ITS FINDINGS. KENNEDY SAID THAT 9 OUT OF 10 WOMEN HOLD JOBS AT SOME TIME IN THEIR LIVES AND "WE WANT TO BE SURE THEY ARE ABLE TO MOVE AHEAD AND PERFORM THEIR FUNCTIONS WITHOUT ANY DISCRIMINATION BY LAW OR BY IMPLICATION."

THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION IMMEDIATELY CALLED ON ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO REVIEW THEIR POLICIES ON HIRING WOMEN. THE COMMISSION SAID THAT FROM NOW ON AGENCIES SEEKING TOP MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL AND SPECIFYING MEN - AS HAPPENS 90% OF THE TIME - WOULD HAVE TO SHOW CAUSE FOR THE RESTRICTION.

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FROM THE NEW YORK NEWS CAME THE REPORT THAT ELIZABETH TAYLOR'S REAL LOVE IS HER MOVIE DIRECTOR, JOSEPH MANKIEWICZ, NOT ACTOR RICHARD BURTON.

THE REPORT THAT THE TAYLOR-FISHER-BURTON TRIANGLE IS REALLY A SQUARE, WITH BURTON ACTING AS A DECOY TO COVER UP MANKIEWICZ'S INVOLVEMENT WAS DENIED BY STUDIO SOURCES.

MANKIEWICZ, WISECRACKING, DECLARED: "THE REAL TRUTH IS THAT I AM IN LOVE WITH BURTON, AND MISS TAYLOR IS THE COVERUP FOR US."

MEANWHILE BACK AT THE RANCH (IN THE U.S.A.)...HUSBAND EDDIE FISHER WAS BEING QUESTIONED BY REPORTERS AS TO WHETHER OR NOT HE INTENDED TO MARRY NATALIE WOOD, WHO HAD RECENTLY SEPARATED FROM HER HUSBAND, BOB WAGNER.

FISHER RETORTED IMPATIENTLY, "OF COURSE NOT, I'M GOING TO MARRY BOB WAGNER."

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CLIPPINGS OF INTEREST TO READERS OF THE LADDER ARE EARNESTLY SOLICITED FOR INCLUSION IN THIS COLUMN. LET US KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON IN YOUR AREA SO THAT OUR READERS WILL BE APPRISED OF PERTINENT NEWS ON A NATION-WIDE BASIS.

DOB CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN ROLLING IN FOR THE SECOND NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE DAUGHTERS OF BILITIS SCHEDULED AT THE HOLLYWOOD INN IN HOLLYWOOD ON JUNE 23-24, 1962.

CAPACITY FOR THE LUNCHEON AND BANQUET IS LIMITED TO 150. TICKETS WILL GO ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS. SO SEND IN YOUR RESERVATION NOW - \$12.50 FULL COST FOR THE SATURDAY SESSIONS - TO DOB NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 1232 MARKET ST., SUITE 108, SAN FRANCISCO 2, CALIF. A \$5 DEPOSIT WILL HOLD YOUR RESERVATION.

THE CONVENTION THIS YEAR, THEME OF WHICH IS "POTENTIALS - THE LESBIAN IN SOCIETY", PROMISES TO BE EVEN MORE INTERESTING THAN OUR FIRST CONVENTION HELD IN SAN FRANCISCO IN 1960. DR. EVELYN HOOKER, WELL KNOWN UCLA PSYCHOLOGIST AND RESEARCHER, WILL MODERATE A PANEL DISCUSSION IN WHICH MEMBERS OF THE CLERGY FROM VARIOUS FAITHS WILL PARTICIPATE. REV. ROLLO M. BOAS OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WILL REPRESENT THE PROTESTANT POINT OF VIEW, AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE CATHOLIC AND JEWISH FAITHS WILL ALSO TAKE PART.

JESS STEARN, REPORTER AND AUTHOR OF THE SIXTH MAN, AND OTHERS FROM THE MASS COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA WILL DISCUSS THE INS AND OUTS OF PUBLICIZING THE HOMOSEXUAL THEME ON RADIO AND TV AND IN MOVIES AND BOOKS.

THANE WALKER, PSYCHOANALYST AND DEAN OF THE PROSPEROS ACADEMY IN HONOLULU, WILL BE THE BANQUET SPEAKER. HE WILL DEFINITELY ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE GIVEN BY DR. RALPH H. GUNDLACH IN AN ARTICLE ENTITLED "IN OPPOSITION TO DR. WALKER AND BERGLER ON HOMOSEXUALITY" (THE LADDER, JANUARY 1962). DR. WALKER SERIOUSLY OBJECTS TO BEING PLACED IN THE SAME CATEGORY AS THE LATE DR. BERGLER, AND HIS REBUTTAL SHOULD PROVE TO BE BOTH ENTERTAINING AND PROVOCATIVE.

ANOTHER HIGHLIGHT OF THE CONVENTION PROGRAM WILL BE A PRESENTATION OF THE RESULTS OF A RESEARCH PROJECT ON SOCIOLOGICAL PAIRINGS OF LESBIAN COUPLES BY MRS. SUZANNE PROSIN OF SAN FERNANDO STATE COLLEGE. THE BASIS FOR MRS. PROSIN'S STUDY IS THE QUESTION OF HOW THE LESBIAN MINORITY INTERACTS WITHIN ITSELF AND WITHIN SOCIETY AS A WHOLE.



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