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Why is a Lesbian?

by Dr. Ralph H. Gundlach, New York City

One of the primary aims of DOB is to promote and engage in research about homosexual behavior and the nature of homosexuals.

Well, one of my aims is to conduct experimental studies in human behavior. What happened, then, when I met some of the research-active members of DOB was that we worked out a program of research together!

Our question is, why are some adult persons a-sexual, some heterosexual, some homosexual, some bi-sexual, and some other-sexual? Essentially, WHY is a Lesbian?

You might say "It is just a matter of choice" but that is like saying "It is because it is, because it is, because ..." Maybe that is the way it is, but the question Why is it, How did it get that way, remains. What determined the basis for choosing?

Whatever answer you give to "Why is a Lesbian", you can probably find some who agree and others who disagree violently. But if you stop to examine the arguments, they often have little of substance and much feeling and fiction that simply support your own beliefs. Everyone justifies his position in life. Just note that in the South today the governors justify themselves to their friends; the sit-inners and marchers justify themselves to their associates and backers; the inert faculty members at various Southern colleges justify their non-participation. We all make up plausible-sounding cases for ourselves! You and I too.

How can we get beyond just re-stating our own beliefs with vigor and emotion? How can we get beyond prejudice, superstition, gossip, convention, and doctrine, to some sub-strata of fact?

With controlled observations it is possible to set up a situation that can be paralleled by someone else who has a different opinion and who can verify or modify the results of the previous experimentation. Another thing about experimental studies: one never comes to the last one! Each investigation raises a dozen new and different questions.

For the past century there has been great controversy about instinct vs. learning. But now experimental findings undermine the very question by revealing that environmental factors actually change the growth of structures that produce the (formerly called) "instinctive" behavior. In a colony of ants, for instance, the nurse-maids, by controlling diet, temperature and humidity in the different galleries of the nurseries, turn out half a dozen or so physically distinct types of worker from what appear to be identical fertilized eggs. Perhaps you have read the accounts of Harlow's studies on surrogate mothers for monkeys, where the baby monkeys are fed by a bottle-mother, cuddled by terry cloth, etc. These monkeys, as adults, now seem to be incapable of mating, or of rearing children. What happened to their "instincts"?

What about the present study with DOB members and friends?

There is not much substantial evidence to start from. Little has been published, aside from case histories, about the modes of life and the childhood and adolescence of persons who become Lesbians. Our first task, then, is exploratory on a wide basis. We are not interested in a census, in a count of how many do what. We are trying to discover from a number of unique persons, some things that are common to most or to some small groups and clusters, about their family relations in childhood; their feelings and remembrances about brothers and sisters, and school mates; their relations to teachers and other adults; their induction into maturity at puberty, and their struggles for adult status during adolescence; and finally, their feelings and experiences of a sexual nature, and their adult patterns of living. This is a tremendous order! We have been working out a set of questions, for two years. We are now ready to proceed to the collection of the data! That is where you come in.

A serious, fundamental problem in the research will be: how significant and representative a sampling of Lesbians fill out this set of questions? The study cannot mean much if only about 10% of DOB members fill it out, and they are all much the same type of woman, and hence not representative of DOB membership. Nor can we say what is the nature of those Lesbians who might never join DOB.

We expect to get a fine response from DOB members and their friends, who know that the greater the number who participate effectively, the more significant will be the results.

Another serious, fundamental problem has to do with the establishment of a comparison group. We must find a body of heterosexual females, similar enough to the DOB members and friends in age, education, cultural background, etc., and induce THEM also to fill out the questionnaire! The important significant data will come from the contrasts between all or some sub-groups of Lesbians and non-Lesbians, on single questions, or on intricate combinations of items. The analysis of the data will take a considerable time: but you may rest assured that as findings emerge, we will supply them to THE LADDER.

So. Here we are. The research group in the San Francisco area have done their part in getting the questionnaire in shape, and in making arrangements to handle the clerical job of soliciting the volunteers to fill out the questionnaires, and distributing the questionnaires to you.

My colleague, Dr. Riess, and I are ready to search out the comparison sample of women, and to get the data processed and work up the results. But we all must rely upon the rank and file of DOB membership to accept their commitment to conduct research, to fill out our questionnaires and to urge others also to participate. It really is up to you!

MAIL IN THE COUPON ON THE BACK COVER!

The New York Chapter announces the opening of its office at 30 Charlton Street, Apartment B N 1, in New York City.

HOMOSEXUALITY AS

AN ANSWER TO THE

POPULATION INCREASE

by REV. ROBERT W. WOOD

A LECTURE DELIVERED BEFORE THE JANUS SOCIETY OF PHILADELPHIA
AND GUESTS, MAY 24, 1963, ESSEX HOTEL, PHILADELPHIA

THE MOST ACUTE PROBLEM FACING MANKIND ON THIS PLANET TONIGHT IS HOW TO USE ATOMIC POWER. THE SECOND MOST PRESSING PROBLEM CHALLENGING MANKIND TONIGHT IS THAT OF HUMAN REPRODUCTION, NOW BEING REFERRED TO BY SOME DEMOGRAPHERS AS A POPULATION EXPLOSION. AT THE MOMENT NO MADMAN HAS IGNITED THE FUSE OF THE ATOMIC BOMB. BUT THE FUSE OF THE POPULATION BOMB HAS BEEN BURNING FOR SOME TIME. WHILE IT IS POSSIBLE THAT AN EXPLOSION OF THE FIRST BOMB WILL CANCEL OUT ANY CONCERN FOR THE SECOND, WE MUST PURSUE OUR THINKING ON THE GROUNDS OF DEALING WITH THE ONE THAT IS ALREADY LIT AND BURNING. INDEED, HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK HAS SAID, "THE POPULATION QUESTION IS THE BASIC PROBLEM OF THE WORLD TODAY." (1) UNITED NATIONS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATOR H. L. KEENLYSIDE HAS DECLARED, "THIS (MEANING THE POPULATION INCREASE) MAY

(1) "THE POPULATION BOMB", A PAMPHLET BY THE HUGH MOORE FUND, NEW YORK, 1960

WELL BECOME, IF INDEED IT HAS NOT ALREADY, THE GREATEST PROBLEM WITH WHICH HUMANITY WILL BE FACED." (2) PERHAPS THOSE WHO CARRY SIGNS READING BAN THE BOMB SHOULD BE FOLLOWED BY OTHER SIGN BEARERS WARNING MASS SUFFOCATION BY OVER POPULATION.

LET US LOOK FIRST AT SOME STATISTICS OF THE POPULATION INCREASE AND AT THE PROBLEMS RESULTING THEREFROM. THEN IN THE SECOND PORTION OF THIS ADDRESS WE WILL EXAMINE THE ROLE OF HOMOSEXUALITY AS IT MAY RELATE TO THE SITUATION. FOR SOME PRESENT, THESE FIGURES ON POPULATION MAY BE A REPETITION, BUT IT IS NECESSARY THAT WE ALL HAVE SOMETHING OF A FOUNDATION OF THE PROBLEM IN ORDER TO APPRECIATE THE NEED FOR EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS. BESIDES, STATISTICS ON HUMAN GROWTH HAVE A WAY OF GROWING AND ARE CHANGING UPWARD SO RAPIDLY THAT WHAT WE HEARD LAST YEAR OR EVEN LAST MONTH MAY ALREADY BE OUT-OF-DATE. IN ADDITION, THERE IS THE EVER PRESENT DANGER THAT WE WILL GROW COMPLACENT TO SUCH A MONSTER ON OUR BACK IF OUR EYES ARE NOT REPEATEDLY FOCUSED ON HIM.

FIRST, LET US LOOK JUST AT THE GOOD OLD U.S.A., REMEMBERING HOW FAVORED IT IS IN NATURAL RESOURCES, LITERACY, AVAILABILITY OF BIRTH CONTROL INFORMATION, AND CAPITAL COMPARED WITH MOST OF THE WORLD. IF THERE ARE PROBLEMS HERE ENGENDERED BY POPULATION PRESSURE, YOU MAY BE SURE SIMILAR PROBLEMS ARE COMPOUNDED IN LESS FAVORED AREAS.

IN 1950 IT WAS PREDICTED THAT THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES WOULD REACH 175 MILLION IN 14 YEARS, OR BY 1964. BUT THIS HAPPENED IN EXACTLY HALF THAT TIME, IN SEVEN YEARS, BY OCTOBER 1957. ANOTHER TEN MILLION NET INCREASE HAS OCCURRED BETWEEN OCTOBER 1957 AND NOVEMBER 1961, OR 49 MONTHS. THERE IS A NET INCREASE OF ONE PERSON EVERY $10\frac{1}{2}$ SECONDS, THAT IS OVER AND ABOVE A NUMBER EQUAL TO THOSE WHO DIE IN THE SAME PERIOD.(3) THE ANNUAL INCREASE IN THIS COUNTRY IS EQUAL TO ANOTHER CHICAGO EVERY YEAR.(4) OR, ANOTHER WAY OF MEASURING THIS ANNUAL AMERICAN INCREASE IS THAT EACH YEAR IN OUR COUNTRY ONE MILLION ACRES OF CROP LAND MUST BE TURNED INTO HOME LOTS; ONE MILLION ACRES YEARLY TAKEN FROM FARMLANDS, HUNTING AND FISHING AREAS, WATERSHEDS, INDUSTRIAL SITES, TRANSPORTATION

(2) SAME AS FOOTNOTE #1.

(3) NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE, 11/25/61

(4) "THE WORLD'S EXPLODING POPULATION", A BOOKLET BY E. D. MCMASTER, STAR PRINT CO., MAINE, 1960

ARTERIES, WOODLANDS AND PARKS. OR YET ANOTHER WAY OF MEASURING THIS ANNUAL POPULATION INCREASE IN THIS COUNTRY IS TO NOTE THAT EACH YEAR THERE IS AN INCREASE OF ONE MILLION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR.(5) AND LATEST REPORTS SHOW APPROXIMATELY 25% OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATED BOYS ARE UNEMPLOYED, DRIFTING INTO AIMLESSNESS AND PERHAPS DELINQUENCY. NEXT YEAR OVER 100,000 MORE WILL BE ADDED TO THIS UNEMPLOYMENT PICTURE AND THE FOLLOWING YEAR ANOTHER 100,000 PLUS AND THE FOLLOWING YEAR... OR ANOTHER WAY OF MEASURING IS TO NOTE THAT IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES ALONE THERE MUST BE ADDED BETWEEN 75 AND 80 EIGHTEEN-ROOM SCHOOLS EVERY YEAR JUST TO BREAK EVEN WITHOUT ANY CONCERN FOR IMPROVEMENT.

THE POPULATION IN THIS COUNTRY TODAY IS ABOUT 190,000,000 AND WILL REACH THE 200,000,000 LEVEL IN 1966.(6) BY THE YEAR 2000 OUR POPULATION WILL BE 400,000,000, MEANING A DOUBLING IN LESS THAN 40 YEARS, AND SOME EXPERTS ARE NOW SUGGESTING IT MIGHT EVEN BE THREE TIMES BY THE TURN OF THE CENTURY. IT HAS TAKEN 275 YEARS TO REACH THE PRESENT LEVEL OF ECONOMIC-SOCIAL-POLITICAL WELL-BEING. UNDER PRESENT POPULATION TRENDS ALL THIS MUST BE DONE AGAIN AND THIS TIME WITHIN 40 YEARS IF WE ARE JUST TO KEEP UP. THIS MEANS TWICE AS MANY SCHOOLS, TWICE AS MANY JOBS, TWICE AS MANY DWELLING UNITS, TWICE AS MUCH RECREATION SPACE, TWICE AS MUCH PURE DRINKING WATER, TWICE AS MUCH UNPOLLUTED AIR, TWICE AS MUCH CAPITAL, TWICE THE BACKLOG OF COURT CASES, TWICE AS MANY MILES OF TRANSPORTATION ROUTES, TWICE AS MANY TELEPHONES, TWICE AS MANY PENAL INSTITUTIONS, TWICE THE GARBAGE DISPOSAL CAPACITY, TWICE AS MUCH REFORESTATION, TWICE AS MUCH OF EVERYTHING ALL WITHIN FOUR DECADES JUST TO MAINTAIN OUR PRESENT STATUS WITH NO REGARD FOR ANY IMPROVEMENTS OF LIVING CONDITIONS OR GENERAL WELFARE.

THESE ARE WONDERFUL FIGURES IF YOU HAPPEN TO BE IN THE DIAPER LAUNDRY BUSINESS OR SELLING BABY FOOD. BUT IT BORDERS ON THE CATASTROPHIC FOR ANY CONCERNED PERSON. YOU THINK IT'S CROWDED NOW! AT PRESENT RATES, IN 100 YEARS THE CURRENT POPULATIONS OF EUROPE, LATIN AMERICA, AND AFRICA WILL BE CROWDED INTO THE SAME 50 UNITED STATES.(7) IN 200 YEARS THE POPULATION OF THE USA WILL BE 16 TIMES THE PRESENT LEVEL (8) FOR THE SAME NUMBER OF SQUARE

(5) NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE, 5/12/63

(6) IBID., 11/25/61

(7) IBID., 5/12/63

(8) "SOCIAL ACTION", DECEMBER 1958. PUBLISHED BY THE COUNCIL FOR CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

MILES. IF THESE FIGURES BEGIN TO SEEM INCREDIBLE, REMEMBER THAT THE HUMAN POPULATION IS INCREASING NOT BY ADDITION BUT BY MULTIPLICATION. AND REMEMBER - WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING ONLY AT THE MOST FAVORED COUNTRY IN THE WORLD.

NOW, WHAT ABOUT SOME OTHER PARTS OF THIS SAME LIMITED PLANET? WHEN A COUNTRY'S BIRTHRATE IS 2.5% OF ITS POPULATION THIS MEANS IT WILL DOUBLE ITS TOTAL POPULATION IN ONE GENERATION. DEMOGRAPHERS SAY ANY FIGURE OVER 2% IS CATASTROPHIC. LET US CALL THE ROLL OF SOME COUNTRIES TONIGHT: CHILE IS INCREASING AT 2.3% ANNUALLY; MAINLAND CHINA AT 2.3%; HAITI AT 2.3%; INDIA AT 2.1%; PAKISTAN AT 2.4%; THE MIDDLE EAST AT BETWEEN 2.5 AND 3%; BRAZIL AT 2.2%; AND INDONESIA AT 2.7%. (9) IS THERE ANY WONDER THAT PRESIDENT SUKARNO NEEDS DUTCH NEW GUINEA FOR HIS INDONESIANS! IN 1900 EGYPT HAD A 10,000,000 POPULATION, NOW IT HAS OVER 25,000,000 ON THE SAME LAND. THE ASWAN DAM PROJECT WAS INTENDED TO TURN ARID LAND INTO FERTILE REGIONS TO FEED MORE PEOPLE, BUT BY THE TIME THE DAM PROJECT IS OPERATIVE THE POPULATION INCREASE WILL HAVE NULLIFIED ITS BENEFITS. IS THERE ANY WONDER MR. NASSER WANTS RELATIVELY UNDER-POPULATED SYRIA AS PART OF HIS COUNTRY? REMEMBER - THOUGH HUMANS INCREASE, THE LAND DOES NOT.

IN REFERRING TO HIS OWN COUNTRY'S RAPID INCREASE OF OVER 2,000,000 A YEAR, PRESIDENT MOHAMMED AYUB KHAN OF PAKISTAN SAID TO FORMER PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, "EITHER WE LEARN HOW TO CHECK OUR BIRTH RATE OR WE WILL ALL BECOME CANNIBALS." MAINLAND CHINA IS ESTIMATED TO BE INCREASING AT A NET FIGURE OF 40,000,000 A YEAR. THIS MEANS THAT MARCHING FOUR ABREAST IN MILITARY CADENCE THE POPULATION OF THAT COUNTRY WOULD NEVER PASS A GIVEN MARK. THIS MEANS THAT IF EVERY SHIP AFLOAT IN THE WORLD TODAY WERE TO CARRY CHINESE OUT OF THEIR COUNTRY AS FAST AS POSSIBLE, THEY WOULD NEVER CATCH UP TO THE INCREASE. BESIDES, THERE IS THE LITTLE MATTER OF WHERE YOU WOULD TAKE THEM. NO WONDER CHINA IS NOT AFRAID OF ATOM BOMBS!

IN THE MIDDLE EAST THE POPULATION WILL INCREASE BY ABOUT 50 MILLION IN 12 YEARS. WHILE THERE MIGHT BE SUFFICIENT LAND FOR THIS INCREASE, THERE IS CERTAINLY NOT SUFFICIENT WATER. POPULATION PRESSURE FOR WATER IN THAT PART OF THE WORLD MAY WELL LEAD TO RENEWED HOSTILITIES BETWEEN ISRAEL AND HER NEIGHBORS FOR WATER

(9) NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE, 11/25/61

RIGHTS. THE MAN WHO TURNS SALT WATER INTO FRESH WATER CHEAPLY AND QUICKLY WILL INDEED HAVE MERITED THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE!

ALREADY IN CALCUTTA IT IS REPORTED THAT MANY PEOPLE ARE EATING BUT FOUR MEALS A WEEK. IN KARALA, 2,000,000 OF ITS 15,000,000 INHABITANTS ARE UNEMPLOYED. YET BY 1985 OR IN 22 YEARS, INDIA'S POPULATION WILL JUST ABOUT DOUBLE. IT IS NOW RECOGNIZED THAT THE RHYTHM METHOD IN INDIA HAS FAILED TO HALT THAT SUB-CONTINENT'S POPULATION EXPLOSION. ALTHOUGH FORD FUND MONEY HAS HELPED EDUCATE 7,000,000 INDIAN WOMEN TO USE CONTRACEPTIVES, STILL THE POPULATION RATE IS ABOVE THE DANGER LEVEL OF 2%.

IN JESUS' DAY, THE EXPERTS TELL US, THERE WERE ABOUT 300,000,000 PEOPLE IN THE WORLD. BY THE TIME OF THE REFORMATION IT WAS UP 50% TO 450,000,000. BY 1830 THE EARTH'S PEOPLE REACHED ITS FIRST BILLION, HAVING TAKEN ABOUT 5,000 YEARS OF HUMAN HISTORY TO ACCOMPLISH IT. THE SECOND BILLION WAS REACHED IN 1930, JUST 100 YEARS LATER! THE THIRD BILLION IS ESTIMATED TO ARRIVE IN 1965, OR JUST 35 YEARS INTERVAL. (10) THAT'S 5,000 YEARS FOR THE FIRST BILLION, 100 YEARS FOR THE SECOND BILLION, 35 YEARS FOR THE THIRD BILLION. YOU SEE, WE GROW LIKE COMPOUND INTEREST. IN THE GENERATION OF 1930-1960 THE WORLD'S INCREASE, JUST THE INCREASE, WAS THREE TIMES THE TOTAL OF ITS POPULATION AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CHRISTIAN ERA! IT IS JUST ABOUT 600 YEARS SINCE WYCLIFFE, CHAUCER, AND HUS AND WE ARE STILL FEELING THE EFFECTS OF THOSE DAYS. THE UNITED NATIONS STATISTICS SHOW THAT 600 YEARS FROM NOW EACH PERSON ON THIS PLANET WILL HAVE BUT ONE SQUARE YARD OF LIVING SPACE. I SUBMIT YOU CANNOT GROW MANY POTATOES OR BUILD A VERY BIG HOUSE ON ONE SQUARE YARD OR GO VERY FAR FOR A VACATION, LET ALONE FINDING A PLACE FOR THE PRIVY.

THE SHEER ENORMITY OF THE EARTH'S HUMAN INHABITANTS IS A NEW FACT OF THIS TWENTIETH CENTURY. WHILE OUR FOOD SUPPLY MIGHT BE INCREASED BY INGENIOUS METHODS (BUT REMEMBER 2/3 OF THE POPULATION NOW IS UNDERNOURISHED (11)) THE PROBLEM IS BASICALLY A MATTER OF LIVING SPACE. IT WILL DO LITTLE GOOD TO AVOID STARVATION ONLY TO DIE BY SUFFOCATION. INDEED, THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS HAS DEDUCED THAT DOOMSDAY WILL ARRIVE ON FRIDAY THE 13TH OF NOVEMBER 2026, WHEN THE POPULATION WILL BECOME SO DENSE THAT WE WILL

(10) SAME AS FOOTNOTE # 4, AND NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE, 2/24/57

(11) SAME AS FOOTNOTE # 4, AND NEWSWEEK 3/2/59

SQUEEZE EACH OTHER TO DEATH. (12) THAT IS JUST 63 YEARS AND SIX MONTHS HENCE - WITHIN THE LIFETIME OF SOME HERE, CERTAINLY WITHIN THE LIFETIME OF YOUR CHILDREN.

HAVING LOOKED QUICKLY AT SOME FIGURES LET US EXAMINE SOME OF THE PROBLEMS CREATED BY SUCH FIGURES. IF "EVERY CHILD IN AFRICA SUFFERS FROM HUNGER" NOW AS THE FAO OF THE UN REPORTS, WHAT ABOUT THE MILLIONS TO BE BORN THERE? IF OVER HALF THE WORLD'S PEOPLE ARE HUNGRY NOW, WHAT ABOUT THE MILLIONS TO COME? WE ARE SQUANDERING THE EARTH'S RESOURCES NOW JUST TO KEEP ABREAST. POPULATION PRESSURE LEADS TO EXPANSION AND WAR, AS WE ARE SEEING IN INDONESIA, EGYPT, MAINLAND CHINA, AND HAITI. POPULATION PRESSURE LEADS TO DEPERSONALIZATION AND CONFORMITY, PEOPLE BECOME NUMBERS (HOW MANY NUMBERS ARE YOU KNOWN BY ALREADY FOR TAX PURPOSES, SOCIAL SECURITY, INSURANCE, JOB CLASSIFICATION, MILITARY, TELEPHONE, AUTOMOBILE, ETC?), PEOPLE BECOME AN "IT" RATHER THAN A "THOU". IS THIS NOT PART OF THE TERROR OF GEORGE ORWELL'S "1984"? POPULATION GROWTH WIPES OUT ANY GAINS IN FOOD PRODUCTION AND LIVING STANDARDS AND IN MOST COUNTRIES THE PRESENT LEVELS CANNOT BE MAINTAINED. IT IS A RECOGNIZED FACT THAT COUNTRIES CAN NEVER CATCH UP WITH LIVING STANDARDS UNLESS THEIR POPULATION IS CONTROLLED.

POPULATION INCREASES DEMAND AN EVER EXPANDING SUPPLY OF FRESH WATER, FRESH AIR, IMPROVED SANITATION. WHERE ARE THESE TO COME FROM? POPULATION PRESSURE LEADS TO GREATER GOVERNMENT BUREAUCRACY, MORE REGIMENTATION, LESS INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM, MORE SOCIALISM, LESS DEMOCRACY, MORE PLANNED LIVING, LESS SELF-EXPRESSION. MOUNTING POPULATION ENDANGERS PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND CHURCH-RELATED COLLEGES, FREE ENTERPRISE AND INDUSTRIAL COMPETITION. SUCH RAPIDLY GROWING NUMBERS INCREASE POLITICAL UNREST, FAN THE FLAMES OF REVOLUTION, AND WATER THE SEEDS OF ANARCHY. ILLITERACY, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND POVERTY ARE MULTIPLIED AGAIN AND AGAIN, TO SAY NOTHING OF MASS UNDER-NOURISHMENT AND RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT. DESPITE HEROIC RE-SETTLEMENT EFFORTS BY CHURCH GROUPS, GOVERNMENTS, AND THE UNITED NATIONS, THERE ARE MORE ARAB REFUGEES ON THE BORDERS OF ISRAEL NOW THAN IN 1949. IN EFFECT, THE POPULATION EXPLOSION HAS SET OFF A CHAIN REACTION IGNITING OTHER EXPLOSIVE SITUATIONS.

IN "THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY" OF AUGUST 6, 1958, WE READ THAT THE POPULATION PROBLEM "...WILL COMPOUND EVERY EXISTING COMPLICATION

(12) LIFE, 8/25/61

IN HUMAN AFFAIRS...ULTIMATE SUFFOCATION. TWENTY-FIVE BILLION PEOPLE LIVING WHERE TWO AND A HALF BILLION DO NOW...HUMAN LIFE CROWDING ITSELF OUT AS PLANT LIFE IN A STEAMING JUNGLE SMOTHERS OTHER PLANT LIFE..." NOT A PRETTY PICTURE! EUGENE BLACK AS PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD BANK SAID "POPULATION GROWTH RATES THREATEN TO NULLIFY ALL OUR EFFORTS TO RAISE LIVING STANDARDS IN THE POORER COUNTRIES." (13) AGAIN AND AGAIN AMERICAN FOREIGN AID HAS GONE DOWN THE DRAIN BECAUSE WE GIVE MONEY BUT DO NOT GIVE BIRTH CONTROL INFORMATION.

LET US LOOK AT A CONTEMPORARY TROUBLE SPOT. TEN YEARS AGO ROBERT C. COOK OF THE POPULATION REFERENCE BUREAU IN HIS BOOK "HUMAN FERTILITY, THE MODERN DILEMMA" WROTE, "THE ECONOMIC CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE OF HAITI IS ABOUT AS BAD AS POSSIBLE." EARLIER THIS MONTH MARQUIS CHILDS WROTE IN HIS COLUMN "...CONSTANTLY RISING POPULATION PRESSING AGAINST PATHETICALLY LIMITED RESOURCES...ONE OF THE 'GOBLINS' WHICH HAVE TAKEN OVER HAITI ALONG WITH POVERTY AND DISEASE." THERE ARE 905 PEOPLE PER ARABLE SQUARE MILE IN HAITI, OR THREE PER ACRE. LESS THAN 50,000 NATIVES HAVE JOBS IN HAITI YET ITS INCREASE IS APPROXIMATELY 2.3% YEARLY, WELL ABOVE THE DANGER LEVEL. IS THERE ANY WONDER THERE IS POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FERMENT PRESENT! IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT THE ONLY HOPE FOR STABILITY IN THIS ISLAND COUNTRY IS THROUGH INCREASED EDUCATION AND HIGHER ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES. YET THE BIRTH RATE CONTINUES TO ERASE SUCH EFFORTS.

OUR COUNTRY HAS NO IMMIGRATION QUOTA FROM LATIN AMERICA. WITH THE PROBABILITY OF 650 MILLION IN LATIN AMERICA BY THE YEAR 2000 (14), THE IMMIGRATION STREAM WILL BECOME A FLOOD, THUS COMPLICATING OUR OWN GROWTH PROBLEMS OR ELSE WE WILL HAVE TO IMPOSE A QUOTA SYSTEM ON OUR FELLOW AMERICANS SOUTH OF THE BORDER.

DR. DONALD J. BOGUE, DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY AND FAMILY STUDY CENTER AT THE UNIV. OF CHICAGO, SAID RECENTLY, "THE INTOLERABLE IMPACT OF RUNAWAY POPULATION GROWTH IS NOT A SPECTER THAT CAN BE BANISHED TO FARAWAY PLACES LIKE INDIA AND CHINA; IT IS LURKING IN THE BACKGROUND HERE, AND COULD BLIGHT THE LIVES OF OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN ALREADY BORN OR TO BE BORN FROM NOW ON." (15)

(13) SAME AS FOOTNOTE # 1

(14) NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE, 5/12/63

(15) IBID.

FROM THE REPORT OF THE AMERICAN ASSEMBLY MEETING EARLIER THIS MONTH AT ARDEN HOUSE OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY AT HARRIMAN, N. Y.: "...CONTINUED AND SUSTAINED ECONOMIC PROGRESS REQUIRES THE REDUCTION OF A POPULATION INCREASE...A RAPID POPULATION INCREASE AND ITS ACCOMPANIMENT ARE OBSTRUCTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THEREBY CONTRIBUTING TO FRUSTRATION, SOCIAL UNREST AND POLITICAL INSTABILITY IN MANY AREAS OF THE GLOBE."

DR. BROCK CHISHOLM, FORMER DIRECTOR OF WHO, IN AN ADDRESS TO THE ABOVE-MENTIONED MEETING DECLARED A RAPID INCREASE IN WORLD POPULATION IS "... A THREAT TO THE WHOLE HUMAN SPECIES...INTELLECTUAL CONVICTION, WHICH COMMONLY HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO CENSORSHIP AND CONTROL BY CONSCIENCE, TELLS US THAT LARGE FAMILIES HAVE BECOME A THREAT TO ALL OF US; BY ALL SORTS OF DISTORTIONS OF REASONING, MOST OF US STILL AVOID THE PAINFUL IMPLICATIONS OF OUR PRESENT POPULATION SITUATION." HE CALLED FOR EDUCATION IN BIRTH CONTROL METHODS TO REPLACE EMOTIONALISM.

THE THEORY THAT WE CAN OUT-POPULATE AND THEREFORE OUT-GUN AND OUT-VOTE ANOTHER COUNTRY OR ANOTHER RELIGION WILL ONLY SUCCEED IN DESTROYING OUR LIBERTY, OUR SECURITY, OUR PROSPERITY, OUR PEACE AND THREATEN OUR VERY SURVIVAL.

THE COUNCIL FOR CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST MADE THE POPULATION INCREASE THE SUBJECT FOR THE ENTIRE DECEMBER 1958 ISSUE OF "SOCIAL ACTION", ITS MONTHLY MAGAZINE TO THE CHURCHES. THE MAIN ARTICLE BY RICHARD M. FAGLEY SAYS, "WHEN GOVERNMENTS CONFRONT SUCH MERCILESS AND MOUNTING PRESSURES OF POPULATION, HOW LONG WILL THEY RESIST TEMPTATIONS TO FOLLOW DESPERATE COURSES IN EXTERNAL POLICY?...THOSE WHO TAKE THE POPULATION PROBLEM SERIOUSLY REGARD EFFECTIVE FAMILY PLANNING AS INDISPENSABLE..." IN HIS BOOK "THE POPULATION EXPLOSION AND CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY" DR. FAGLEY WRITES, "THE FAMILY, WHICH NEEDED A LARGE NUMBER OF OFFSPRING TO HAVE PROGENY SURVIVE, NOW FINDS ITSELF BLESSED WITH MANY CHILDREN - AND CRUSHED WITH THE DIFFICULTIES OF FEEDING THEM. THE THREAT OF PREMATURE DEATH BY STARVATION HAS BEEN SUBSTITUTED FOR THE ANCIENT TRAGEDY OF PREMATURE DEATH BY DISEASE. THIS IS THE BITTER IRONY IN THE CURRENT DEMOGRAPHIC SITUATION." (PP. 43,44)

HAVING LOOKED AT SOME FIGURES AND SOME PROBLEMS CREATED BY SUCH FIGURES, WE PAUSE QUICKLY TO SEE HOW WE GOT INTO SUCH A MESS AND

THEN WE WILL GO ON TO PROPOSED SOLUTIONS. IN 1798 MALTHUS WARNED THAT "...THE WORLD'S POPULATION WILL SOON OUTRUN ITS FOOD SUPPLY AND THE RESULT WOULD BE WAR, CRIME, POVERTY, VICE, AND GENERAL HUMAN MISERY." BUT NOBODY PAID HIM HEED.

BECAUSE OF THEIR MINORITY STATUS IN SOMEONE ELSE'S LAND, THE HEBREWS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT NEEDED LARGE FAMILIES AND THUS WE READ THIS ADMONITION IN PSALM 127: 3-5 RSV, "LO, SONS ARE A HERITAGE FROM THE LORD, THE FRUIT OF THE WOMB A REWARD. LIKE ARROWS IN THE HAND OF A WARRIOR ARE THE SONS OF ONE'S YOUTH. HAPPY IS THE MAN WHO HAS HIS QUIVER FULL OF THEM." LIKEWISE, THE FIRST COMMAND GOD IS RECORDED TO HAVE GIVEN TO MAN WAS TO "BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY, AND FILL THE EARTH..." THE FIRST TIME IT WAS TO ADAM AND EVE, THEN REPEATED TO NOAH AND HIS SONS AND LATER IN THE SAME BOOK SPOKEN TO JACOB WHO, INCIDENTALLY, DID NOT OBEY. BUT TWO THINGS MUST BE NOTED ABOUT THIS BIBLICAL COMMAND WHICH HAS HISTORICALLY PLAYED SUCH A DOMINANT ROLE IN THE CHURCH'S THINKING ABOUT HUMAN REPRODUCTION. FIRST, THE SAME COMMAND WAS GIVEN BY GOD TO THE BIRDS AND SEA CREATURES SIX VERSES PRIOR TO HIS SPEAKING IT TO ADAM AND EVE. RICHARD FAGLEY RAISES THE QUESTION, HOWEVER, AS TO WHETHER THESE WORDS WERE REALLY A COMMAND OR WERE THEY MORE IN THE NATURE OF A BLESSING, MUCH THE WAY WE SAY TO ONE TODAY, "GO WITH GOD." WE USE THIS AS A BLESSING NOT AS A COMMAND. THIS THRICE-REPEATED INJUNCTION OF GOD'S IS A PROMISE OF CHILDREN, NOT AN OBLIGATION TO PRODUCE THEM.(16) YET FOR MOST OF ITS CENTURIES THE CHURCH'S POSITION ON PROCREATION HAS BEEN BASED ON THESE TENUOUS VERSES.

THE BALANCE OF NATURE HAS LATELY BEEN UPSET BY DDT, INOCULATIONS, IMPROVED SANITATION AND OTHER HEALTH MATTERS SO THAT MEDICINE IS NOW KEEPING PEOPLE ALIVE LONGER AND THEY CAN BREED MORE SIBLINGS. IN ADDITION THE MARRIAGE AGE IS EVER LOWERING, THUS BEGINNING FAMILIES AT AN EARLIER AGE. DOCTORS ARE KEEPING PEOPLE ALIVE BY ARTIFICIAL MEANS, THUS REDUCING THE DEATH RATE AND INCREASING THE NUMBER OF HUMAN INHABITANTS.

OUR FEDERAL INCOME TAX POLICY BENEFITS LARGE FAMILIES AND PENALIZES THOSE WITH NO CHILDREN. IN ADDITION, SUCH A ONE AS PITIRIM SOROKIN INVEIGHS AGAINST CHILDLESS UNIONS.

(16) FAGLEY, RICHARD M., "THE POPULATION EXPLOSION AND CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY", PAGE 200

HINDUISM AND SOCIAL INERTIA PLUS GHANDI'S OPPOSITION TO BIRTH CONTROL HAVE COMBINED TO COMPOUND THE PROBLEM IN INDIA. IN ISLAM PROCREATION IS UNLIMITED, FOLLOWING THE PHILOSOPHY THAT THE CRADLE IS MORE POWERFUL THAN THE SWORD.

ON JULY 23, 1959, THE DRAPER COMMITTEE OF FOUR CIVIL SERVANTS APPOINTED BY FORMER PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, RECOMMENDED THAT THE U. S. GIVE ADVICE ON BIRTH CONTROL TO OTHER COUNTRIES WHEN ASKED. YOU WILL REMEMBER IT WAS IMMEDIATELY OPPOSED BY THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS ON THE GROUND THAT THEY WOULD FIGHT ANY USE OF AMERICAN TAX MONEY TO PROMOTE ARTIFICIAL BIRTH CONTROL, ABORTION, OR STERILIZATION IN ANY COUNTRY. AND PRESIDENT EISENHOWER SUPPORTED THE BISHOPS AGAINST HIS OWN COMMITTEE. BUT NOW, NOTE THAT ROMAN CATHOLIC PRESIDENT KENNEDY THROUGH THE SURGEON-GENERAL HAS ALLOCATED \$500,000 TO WHO TO FINANCE A RESEARCH PROJECT OF SEX AND HUMAN REPRODUCTION.(17) THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH WILL OPPOSE ALL ARTIFICIAL MEANS OF BIRTH CONTROL AS BEING AGAINST NATURE AND HAS EVEN GONE SO FAR AS TO SAY IN THE PUBLICATION "OVERPOPULATION" BY A. F. ZIMMERMAN: "THE FAMILY WHICH COURAGEOUSLY AND EVEN HEROICALLY REARS A LARGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN AN OVER POPULATED AREA MERITS SPECIAL PRAISE FOR ITS VIRTUE." IN ITALY THERE ARE $1\frac{1}{2}$ MILLION UNEMPLOYED YET IT IS ILLEGAL TO TEACH BIRTH CONTROL BY ARTIFICIAL MEANS. I CANNOT CONCEIVE HOW AN INTELLIGENT ROMAN CATHOLIC CAN CONSIDER BIRTH CONTROL A MORAL EVIL AND YET IGNORE THE MORAL EVIL IN THE POPULATION EXPLOSION! IT IS QUITE OBVIOUS THAT THE ROMAN POSITION IS TO GAIN MORE MEMBERS REGARDLESS OF THE COST IN HUMAN MISERY. FORTUNATELY, MODERATE VOICES ARE NOW BEING RAISED WITHIN THE ROMAN COMMUNION TO LESSEN THIS BLIND DOCTRINE OF HUMAN REPRODUCTION. CHILE, THOUGH LONG A ROMAN CATHOLIC COUNTRY, NOW HAS HAD FOR A YEAR A NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON FAMILY PLANNING (18) AS AN EFFORT TO CONFRONT ITS 2.3% POPULATION INCREASE. DR. JOHN ROCK'S RECENTLY PUBLISHED BOOK "THE TIME HAS COME" IS SUBTITLED "A CATHOLIC DOCTOR'S PROPOSALS TO END THE BATTLE OVER BIRTH CONTROL." THIS HARVARD PROFESSOR WAS ONE OF THOSE WHO HELPED DEVELOP THE ORAL CONTRACEPTIVE PILL.

UNFORTUNATELY, POLITICIANS IN THIS COUNTRY AND OTHERS HAVE PREFERRED ROMAN CATHOLIC VOTES TO ACKNOWLEDGING THE DANGERS OF UNLIMITED POPULATION WHICH THE ROMAN POSITION FOSTERS.

(17) NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE, 5/19/63

(18) IBID., 6/4/62

MUCH MORE MIGHT BE SAID IN SUPPORT OF MY THESIS THAT THE WORLD IS IN A PRECARIOUS SITUATION BECAUSE OF THE RAPIDLY MULTIPLYING HUMAN INCREASE. BUT LET US NOW GO ON TO EXAMINE SOME PROPOSED SOLUTIONS. FOR IT MUST BE EVIDENT BY NOW THAT WE HAVE TO DECIDE BETWEEN A LIMITED NUMBER OF CHILDREN ON A FAIRLY HIGH STANDARD OF LIVING OR AN UNLIMITED NUMBER OF CHILDREN ON AN EXTREMELY LOW STANDARD OF LIVING. EITHER WE HAVE QUALITY OR QUANTITY IN HUMAN BEINGS, BUT WE CANNOT HAVE IT BOTH WAYS!

TOYNBEE HAS PUT IT THIS WAY: "EITHER BIRTH CONTROL OR FAMINE WILL DECIDE OUR FUTURE." WITH IMPROVED AGRICULTURE METHODS, DOMESTICATION OF ANIMALS, FERTILIZER, IRRIGATION, SEED PLANTING, CROP ROTATION, SPRAYING, FARM TOOLS AND MACHINERY, PRODUCTION IS STILL INADEQUATE. ALTHOUGH THIS COUNTRY HAS A SURPLUS OF ABOUT 10 MILLION TONS OF FOOD ANNUALLY, THE WORLD NEEDS 800 MILLION TONS MORE OF FOOD A YEAR TO RAISE ITSELF TO THE SUBSISTENCE LEVEL. AND SUBSISTENCE IS RATHER AN AUSTERE TERM. EVEN IF WE CAN INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION SUFFICIENTLY, AND THIS IS MOST DOUBTFUL, THERE REMAINS THE UNINCREASABLE FACTOR OF LAND AREA FOR LIVING SPACE.

A SOLUTION PROPOSED BY A ROMAN CATHOLIC SPOKESMAN, MONSIGNOR IRVING DEBLAN OF THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC WELFARE CONFERENCE IN JUNE, 1958, "WE MAY HAVE TO FIND ANOTHER PLANET," IS SHEER IMPERIALISM! THE "OTHER PLANET" MAY BE UNINHABITABLE OR ALREADY OVERPOPULATED OR IT JUST MIGHT HAVE AN IMMIGRATION QUOTA. BUT EVEN IF THESE COULD BE OVERCOME, THE MONSIGNOR IS SPEAKING WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE, FOR WE WOULD HAVE TO TRANSPORT 123,000 PEOPLE DAILY TO HOLD OUR OWN AND THE COST WOULD BE ABOUT \$3,000 PER PERSON OR \$369,000,000 DAILY.(19) IN ADDITION, THERE IS THE PROBLEM OF THOSE WHO WOULD BE BORN WHILE THE SPACE SHIP WAS EN ROUTE. NO, WE ARE LIMITED TO LIVING ON THIS PLANET WITH THE RESOURCES IT NOW HOLDS.

SINCE WE CANNOT INCREASE LIVING SPACE EVEN IF WE MIGHT INCREASE FOOD SUPPLIES AND SINCE WE CANNOT MOVE VERY FAR, THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE IS SOME COMBINATION OF ACTIVITIES WHICH WILL LIMIT FAMILY GROWTH.

THE GENESIS COMMAND, OR BLESSING, HAS BEEN SUPERSEDED BY THE NEW TESTAMENT CONCEPTS OF MERCY FOR THE LIVING AND THE SACREDNESS OF HUMAN PERSONALITY. JOHN 10:10B RSV, "I CAME THAT THEY MAY HAVE

(19) SAME AS FOOTNOTE #4

LIFE, AND HAVE IT ABUNDANTLY," PLACES A QUALITATIVE EMPHASIS ON EACH LIFE. EACH CHILD BORN IS TO BE THE RESULT OF BEING WANTED, NOT THE ACCIDENT OF BIOLOGY. OVER THE YEARS WOMEN HAVE BEEN FREED FROM DOMESTIC DRUDGERY, SEXUAL SLAVERY, POLITICAL SERFDOM, MARITAL UNFAITHFULNESS, DOUBLE SEX STANDARD. NOW IS THE TIME TO FREE THEM FROM HELPLESS FECUNDITY. SINCE 1875 IN THIS COUNTRY WE HAVE HAD ARTIFICIAL BIRTH CONTROL KNOWLEDGE, BEGINNING WITH SUCH PIONEERS AS SANGER, STOPES, AND DENNET. IT IS TIME SUCH KNOWLEDGE WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO WOMEN OF OTHER COUNTRIES IN WAYS THEY CAN UNDERSTAND AND AFFORD. COMPARE THE OVER-BALANCING AMOUNT WE SPEND FOR ONE AIRCRAFT CARRIER AND WHAT WE SPEND ON RESEARCH FOR INEXPENSIVE, EFFECTIVE BIRTH CONTROL.

PART OF CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP INCLUDES RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD AND I AM SURE GOD EXPECTS US TO USE OUR INTELLIGENCE AT LEAST AS OFTEN AS OUR SEX ORGANS, OR DO WE BREED LIKE RABBITS WHO FOLLOW NATURAL LAW? PEOPLE ARE GAINING CONTROL OVER THEIR OWN BIOLOGY, TO WIT, SELF-ADMINISTERED DIABETIC SHOTS, DIET CONTROL, AND EXERCISE. IT IS ABOUT TIME THEY WERE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXERCISE SELF-CONTROL OVER THE BIOLOGY OF REPRODUCTION WITHOUT BEING CONSIDERED IMMORAL WHEN THEY DO.

SENATOR GORE, UPON RETURNING FROM A TRIP TO INDIA, SAID, "MY PERSONAL FEELING AFTER SEEING TEEMING THOUSANDS OF HUNGRY CHILDREN IN THE ARMS OF THEIR HAGGARD MOTHERS ALREADY PREGNANT AGAIN IS THAT WE COULD NOT THINK OF A MORE MERCIFUL THING OR ONE MORE CONDUCTIVE TO PEACE AND STABILITY THAN A PROGRAM OF SHARING BIRTH CONTROL INFORMATION." YET CONCEPTION MUST BE REDUCED BY MORE THAN 50% IF THE METHOD IS TO BE EFFECTIVE IN REDUCING POPULATION. SO FAR THIS HAS NOT PROVEN POSSIBLE AND IN SOME PLACES OF THE WORLD, THE COST OF HAVING A BABY IS STILL CHEAPER THAN BIRTH CONTROL DEVICES.

IT IS ONLY COMMON SENSE THAT HOSPITALS SHOULD BE FREE TO GIVE SUCH INFORMATION TO ANYONE SEEKING IT, ALSO THAT SUCH KNOWLEDGE BE AVAILABLE TO ANY COUNTRY SEEKING IT - YET THE USA CONTINUES TO REFER SUCH INQUIRIES TO PRIVATE CONCERNS OR TO DENMARK AND SWEDEN. SOME COUNTRIES NOW HAVE SUBSIDIZED PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS OR GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS FOR FAMILY PLANNING. ABORTIONS AND STERILIZATION ARE BOTH LEGAL IN JAPAN, AS THE LATTER IS IN INDIA AND ONE COUNTY OF WEST VIRGINIA. INDIA HAS LIFTED ALL IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON CONTRACEPTIVES.

I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT A PROTESTANT PASTOR SHOULD TELL YOUNG COUPLES HOW MANY CHILDREN THEY SHOULD HAVE. AT THE SAME TIME I DO THINK I OUGHT TO HAVE AN ANSWER WHEN COUPLES ASK ME THAT QUESTION. MY ANSWER, THEN, WHEN ASKED BY A COUPLE HOW MANY CHILDREN THEY SHOULD HAVE IN LIGHT OF THE PROBLEMS BEING CREATED BY AN UPWARD SPIRALING POPULATION, IS: ZERO. IF THEY WANT TO HAVE A FAMILY, I URGE THEM TO ADOPT CHILDREN ALREADY BORN AND PREFERABLY THOSE FROM THE MORE POPULATED COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA OR THE ORIENT. AGAIN, IT IS A SIMPLE MATTER OF QUANTITY OR QUALITY OF OFFSPRING; THE WORLD CANNOT SUPPORT BOTH. THE MAY 6 REPORT THIS YEAR OF THE AMERICAN ASSEMBLY MEETING IN HARRIMAN, NEW YORK, READ IN PART: "PARENTS EVERYWHERE SHOULD BE FREE TO DECIDE HOW MANY CHILDREN THEY SHOULD HAVE."

FORTUNATELY WE ARE HEARING AN INCREASING NUMBER OF CALLS FOR MAKING AVAILABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF HUMAN FERTILITY. I PROPOSE THAT SUCH INFORMATION INCLUDE MENTION OF HOMOSEXUALITY AS ONE WAY OF REGULATING HUMAN FERTILITY.

ARTHUR C. CLARK IN HIS ARTICLE, "STANDING ROOM ONLY" IN HARPER'S, APRIL, 1958, ENVISIONED THE TIME WHEN HOMOSEXUALITY MIGHT BE COMPULSORY AS A MEANS FOR SURVIVAL.

BEFORE ONE REACTS NEGATIVELY TO THE SUGGESTION THAT HOMOSEXUALITY CAN BE AN AGENT FOR POPULATION CONTROL, LET US LIST SOME OF THE OTHER POTENTIAL CONTROLS BEYOND CONTRACEPTIVES. THESE INCLUDE FAMINE - PESTILENCE - STRONTIUM 90 - INFANTICIDE - FRATRICIDE - MATRICIDE - HOMICIDE - GENOCIDE - SUICIDE - AND NOW A NEW ONE, PESTICIDES - PLUS CANNIBALISM - WAR - STERILIZATION - ABORTION - AND STATE PERMISSION OF WHO MAY BREED. CERTAINLY HOMOSEXUALITY IS LESS PAINFUL AND MORE MORAL THAN ANY OF THESE!

WE ARE CONTROLLING PESTILENCE - WARS - FLOODS - ATOMIC FALLOUT WHICH COULD WORK TO REDUCE THE POPULATION. THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION THAT PERMISSIVE HOMOSEXUALITY IS ANOTHER EFFECTIVE MEANS OF BIRTH CONTROL. INDEED, IT APPEARS TO BE A BUILT-IN ESCAPE VALVE PROVIDED BY AN ALL-WISE CREATOR. IT IS EVIDENT THAT HOMOSEXUAL EXPRESSION IS ON THE INCREASE SIMPLY BECAUSE THERE ARE MORE PEOPLE THAN EVER BEFORE. HERETOFORE IT HAS NOT BEEN NEEDED TO COUNTER-BALANCE THE HUMAN INCREASE, BUT NOW IT APPEARS IN MORE OPEN DEGREE JUST AT A TIME WHEN IT IS MOST NEEDED TO RENDER A BENEFICENT SERVICE TO MANKIND. WHILE WE CAN READILY RECOGNIZE

THAT HOMOSEXUALITY ACTS AS A REPRESSANT TO POPULATION GROWTH AND WE CAN ACCEPT THAT IT IS LESS PAINFUL AND LESS DEMORALIZING THAN MANY OTHER WAYS, MOST PEOPLE ARE STILL BLOCKED BY THE QUESTION OF MORALS. TO THIS WE NOW TURN OUR ATTENTION.

LIKE OTHER FACTORS RELATED TO HUMAN LIVING, HOMOSEXUALITY IN ITSELF IS NEITHER MORAL OR IMMORAL; IT IS AMORAL OR NEUTRAL. THIS IS THE POSITION OF DR. LARS I. GRANBERG, PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY AND CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST AT HOPE COLLEGE, WRITING ON "HOMOSEXUALITY" IN THE OCTOBER, 1962, ISSUE OF "ETERNITY" MAGAZINE WHEN HE SAYS OF HOMOSEXUALITY, "IN ITSELF IT IS MORALLY NEUTRAL." ITS MORALITY OR IMMORALITY DEPENDS ON THE USE TO WHICH IT IS PUT, OR TO GET ONE STEP FARTHER BACK, ON THE MOTIVE WHICH CARRIES ONE FROM LATENT TO OVERT EXPRESSION OF HIS PSYCHO-SEXUAL ORIENTATION. ONE CAN AT ONCE RECOGNIZE SOME IMMORAL FEATURES ABOUT OVERT HOMOSEXUAL EXPRESSION, JUST AS ONE CAN IMMEDIATELY NOTE SOME IMMORAL FEATURES ABOUT HETEROSEXUAL EXPRESSION. BUT WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT HETEROSEXUALS ARE CAPABLE OF MORAL EXPRESSION. LIKEWISE, I CONTEND, ARE HOMOSEXUALS. THE DECIDING FACTORS OF PURPOSE OR MOTIVE ARE JUST AS APPLICABLE TO THE HOMOSEXUAL AS TO THE HETEROSEXUAL. TO SAY OTHERWISE IS TO HAVE A DICHOTOMY OF MORAL STANDARDS. EARLIER THIS YEAR A GROUP OF BRITISH QUAKERS ISSUED A FAR-SEEING REPORT ON THEIR STUDIES INTO CONTEMPORARY SEXUAL BEHAVIOR IN LIGHT OF THEIR PARTICULAR RELIGIOUS ORIENTATION ENTITLED "TOWARDS A QUAKER VIEW OF SEX." IT IS MOST ENLIGHTENING READING! HERE ARE SOME QUOTES FROM IT: "SURELY IT IS THE NATURE AND QUALITY OF A RELATIONSHIP THAT MATTERS: ONE MUST NOT JUDGE IT BY ITS OUTWARD APPEARANCE BUT BY ITS INNER WORTH." AND THAT'S BASIC NEW TESTAMENT TEACHING, ISN'T IT? THE REPORT CONTINUES, "HOMOSEXUAL AFFECTION CAN BE AS SELFLESS AS HETEROSEXUAL AFFECTION, AND THEREFORE WE CANNOT SEE THAT IT IS IN SOME WAY MORALLY WORSE."

IN ISAIAH 56:1-7 IT IS RECOGNIZED BY NO LESS A ONE THAN THE LORD HIMSELF THAT THOSE WHO REMAIN SINGLE AND DO NOT BEGET CHILDREN CAN BE AS HONORED IN HIS SIGHT AS THOSE WHO DO FOSTER FAMILIES. IF THE MOTIVES ARE RIGHT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE LATITUDE TO APPROPRIATE MEANS. LET US RECOGNIZE THAT THE ULTIMATE STANDARD OF CHRISTIAN MORALS IS: GOD'S WILL FOR US. THIS LEADS US TO ASK THE QUESTION, "WHY DID GOD PERMIT THE CREATION OF SO MANY HOMOSEXUALS?" OR FURTHER, "WHAT IS GOD'S WILL FOR HOMOSEXUALS?" I AM SAYING THAT ONE PURPOSE OF GOD IN HAVING HOMOSEXUALS AMONG US IS AS A BUILT-IN DETERRENT TO THE DANGERS OF OVER-POPULATION. THUS IT

FOLLOWS THAT WHEN THE ONE WHO IS A HOMOSEXUAL ENGAGES IN HOMOSEXUAL ACTS AND AS A RESULT DOES NOT CONTRIBUTE OFFSPRING TO THE WORLD'S SUPPLY, HE IS ENGAGING IN A MORAL ACT.

IF THIS IS SHOCKING TO YOU LET US GO BACK TO THE FINDINGS REPORT OF THE NORTH AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON CHURCH AND FAMILY HELD APRIL 30 - MAY 5, 1961, AND SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AND THE CANADIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES. IN THEIR SUBSECTION ON "HOMOSEXUALITY" WE READ LISTED AS A GUIDE TO CHURCHMEN: "STOP APPLYING OUT-MODED MORALISM." AND IF YOU ARE AFRAID THAT THE LABELING OF SOME HOMOSEXUAL EXPRESSION AS MORAL WILL OPEN THE FLOODGATES TO AN INCREASE IN HOMOSEXUALITY, WE REMEMBER THE OBSERVATIONS OF DR. EVELYN HOOKER IN "SEX WAYS IN FACT AND FAITH," THE TEXTBOOK FOR THE ABOVE-MENTIONED PROTESTANT CONFERENCE, IN WHICH SHE SAYS OF HOMOSEXUALITY, "...INCIDENCE DOES NOT APPEAR TO INCREASE WHEN PUNITIVE LAWS AGAINST IT ARE ABOLISHED." BY THE END OF THIS YEAR WE WILL HAVE TWO YEARS' EVIDENCE FROM THE STATE OF ILLINOIS AS TO HOW HOMOSEXUALS HAVE BEHAVED IN THAT STATE WHERE SUCH ACTION IN PRIVATE BY CONSENTING ADULTS IS NO LONGER ILLEGAL. I VENTURE TO SAY THAT DR. HOOKER'S OBSERVATIONS WILL BE SUPPORTED BY THE FINDINGS THERE.

A STORY IS TOLD OF THE YOUNG BIRD WHO FELT SO VERY ENCUMBERED WITH THOSE STRANGE APPENDAGES ON EACH SIDE OF HIS BODY. HE COULDN'T GET AROUND IN THE NEST EASILY BECAUSE OF THEM, THEY WERE EXTRA WEIGHT, AND CERTAINLY THEY DIDN'T HELP TO GET FOOD TO HIS MOUTH. BUT ONE DAY THE LITTLE BIRD WENT BEYOND THE REGIONS OF HIS NEST AND DISCOVERED WHAT HIS PAIR OF WINGS WAS FOR. OUR SOCIETY TODAY IS IN A SIMILAR POSITION. MOST PEOPLE CONSIDER HOMOSEXUALITY AND HOMOSEXUALS AS AN ENCUMBRANCE, A LIMITATION, AND A MOST UNNECESSARY PART OF THE HUMAN SPECIES. BUT AS WE MOVE OUT FROM OUR COMFORTABLE NESTS AND VIEW THE THREAT OF POPULATION INCREASE WE BEGIN TO SEE THAT HOMOSEXUALITY DOES HAVE A CONSTRUCTIVE EFFECT FOR MANKIND.

THE USA HAS ABOUT 1/16 OF THE PRESENT WORLD POPULATION, YET WE USE ONE-HALF OF THE WORLD'S RAW MATERIALS. IN OTHER WORDS WE ARE LIVING OFF THE WELFARE OF THE REST OF THE WORLD. BY MAKING HOMOSEXUAL EXPRESSION MORE PERMISSIVE IN THIS COUNTRY, BOTH IN THE EYES OF THE LAW AND THE CHURCH, WE CAN AT LEAST REDUCE THE NUMBER OF LITTLE AMERICANS BEING BORN AND BEGIN TO REDUCE THIS SELFISH RATIO OF 1/16 USING ONE-HALF OF ALL THE SUPPLY. CERTAINLY THIS CAN ONLY

BE CONSIDERED A MORAL ACT IN THE LIGHT OF GOD'S TEACHINGS THAT WE ARE TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER, TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT OUR BROTHERS' WELFARE AND TO SEEK HIS BEST INTERESTS.

IN THE LENGTH OF TIME THAT I HAVE BEEN SPEAKING, APPROXIMATELY 4,000 NEW HUMANS HAVE BEEN BORN IN THE WORLD OVER AND ABOVE A NUMBER EQUAL TO THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN THIS SAME TIME. IF WE USE THE CONSERVATIVE FIGURE OF 5% FOR THE NUMBER OF HOMOSEXUALS, THIS MEANS THAT AN ADDITIONAL 200 CHILDREN WERE KEPT FROM BEING ADDED TO THE BIRTH RATE IN THE PAST 45 MINUTES BECAUSE OF HOMOSEXUALITY. WHEN WE BEGIN TO WONDER HOW THESE ARE GOING TO BE FED, HOUSED, EDUCATED, FINANCED, TRANSPORTED, EMPLOYED, AND GIVEN SANITATION FACILITIES, NOT TO MENTION PLAYGROUNDS AND INSTITUTIONAL CARE, WE CAN BE THANKFUL FOR THE ADVERSE EFFECT HOMOSEXUALITY IS HAVING ON THE EVER-ASCENDING POPULATION.

DEAN KATES OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN IN SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, ASKS IN HIS BOOK, "THE USE OF LIFE," "WHAT IS THE END OF LIFE?" WE MIGHT ASK THE SAME NOW: "WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF BEING EITHER HETEROSEXUAL OR HOMOSEXUAL?" DEAN KATES' ANSWER SPEAKS TO OUR QUESTION AS WELL AS TO HIS: "IT IS TO LIVE THAT THE WORLD WILL BE BETTER BECAUSE WE WERE BORN." THE WORLD CAN BE BETTER BECAUSE OF THE PRESENCE OF HOMOSEXUALS, BECAUSE THEIR PRESENCE WILL HELP LESSEN THE PROBLEMS AND PRESSURES OF THE POPULATION GROWTH.

OR TO LOOK AT IT ANOTHER WAY WE RECALL FROM ST. PAUL THE DOCTRINE THAT OUR BODIES ARE THE TEMPLE OF GOD AND THAT WE ARE TO GLORIFY GOD WITH OUR BODIES. I AM SAYING THAT THE HOMOSEXUAL CAN GLORIFY GOD WITH HIS BODY BY HELPING TO RETARD THE PROBLEMS OF INCREASED POPULATION.

THE CLASSIC CHRISTIAN DEFINITION OF A SACRAMENT IS "AN OUTWARD AND VISIBLE SIGN OF AN INWARD AND SPIRITUAL GRACE." AGAIN - THE HOMOSEXUAL ACT CAN BECOME SACRAMENTAL, THAT IS, BECOME A VISIBLE SIGN OF THE INWARD GRACE OF GOD AT WORK IN THE WORLD TO COUNTER RISING POPULATION FIGURES. CERTAINLY GOD IS AWARE OF THE PROBLEMS AND SUFFERING RESULTING FROM HUMAN PROCREATION. SINCE IT IS HIS DESIRE THAT NONE OF HIS HUMAN CREATURES SHOULD SUFFER, THE ALL-WISE, ALL-LOVING FATHER HAS PERMITTED A FORM OF SEXUAL EXPRESSION WHICH DOES NOT INCREASE POPULATION.

I HAVE STATED EARLIER THAT PRESENT POPULATION PRESSURES MEAN EITHER A QUANTITY OF CHILDREN ON A LOW LEVEL OF SUB-SUBSISTENCE OR A CONTROLLED NUMBER OF CHILDREN ON A DECENT LEVEL OF LIVING - WE SIMPLY CANNOT HAVE IT BOTH WAYS! PERMISSIVE HOMOSEXUAL EXPRESSION, BY HOMOSEXUALS, IS ONE WAY OF AVOIDING THE PENDING DEMORALIZATION AND DEPERSONALIZATION OF MANKIND. IT IS IMMEDIATELY IMPERATIVE THAT CHURCHMEN AND LAWYERS SET THEMSELVES TO AN EXAMINATION OF THIS THESIS, NOT SO MUCH FOR THE SAKE OF THE HOMOSEXUALS, THOUGH THEY CERTAINLY NEED TO BE RECOGNIZED IN A MORE MORAL LIGHT, BUT SIMPLY FOR THE SAKE OF THOSE ALREADY BORN BEING INSURED SUFFICIENT LIVING ROOM 40 YEARS FROM NOW. WE NO LONGER CAN AFFORD THE LUXURY OF UN-EXAMINED MORAL CONCEPTS, PREJUDICES, OR IGNORANCE RELATING TO HOMOSEXUALITY.

THE STORY IS TOLD OF THE TYPICAL AMERICAN TOURIST WHO VISITED THE LOUVRE AND WAS RAPIDLY VIEWING ITS WORKS OF ART. HE STOPPED BEFORE ONE MASTERPIECE AND AUDIBLY EXCLAIMED THAT HE COULDN'T SEE ANYTHING WORTHWHILE IN THAT PICTURE. A FRENCH ATTENDANT OVERHEARD THE REMARK AND SAID TO THE TOURIST, "MONSIEUR, THESE PAINTINGS ARE NOT ON TRIAL HERE - YOU ARE." HOMOSEXUALITY IS NOT ON TRIAL HERE TONIGHT - WE ARE. THE JUDGEMENT IS WHETHER OR NOT WE WILL RECOGNIZE THE VERY GRAVE SITUATION INHERENT IN UNRESTRICTED HUMAN POPULATION AND WHETHER, THEN, WE WILL BECOME AWARE THAT HOMOSEXUALITY IS ONE WAY OF REDUCING SUCH A THREAT AND IN THIS CAPACITY ITS EXPRESSION, BY A HOMOSEXUAL, BECOMES A MORAL ACT FURTHERING GOD'S SAVING GRACE FOR ALL HIS LIVING CHILDREN.

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230. STRUGGLE WITH THE ANGELS BY ADAM DE HEGEDUS (RODNEY GARLAND). LONDON, ALLAN WINGATE, 1956.

NOVEL CONCERNED WITH POLITICAL INTRIGUE. MAIN PROTAGONIST ANDREW KELEN CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY HIS BELOVED IRIS HAS COOLED TOWARD HIM. KIND (?) FRIENDS SOON INFORM HIM OF THE NATURE OF IRIS' AFFECTION FOR THE COUNTESS LONA PETERDY. THE AUTHOR IS A WELL-KNOWN EXPONENT OF HOMOSEXUALITY AND HIS ATTITUDE IS VERY SYMPATHETIC. WELL HANDLED, HIGHLY SUSPENSEFUL NOVEL.

231. SCANDAL IN SUBURBIA BY GARDNER F. FOX. HILLMAN BOOKS, 1960.

BETTER THAN AVERAGE PAPERBACK ORIGINAL WITH MORE CHARACTERIZATION AND ANALYSIS AND LESS SEX. PLOT CONCERNS THE INTERMINGLED LIVES OF A FEW COUPLES IN SUBURBIA, MAINLY WITH DR. PUTNAM AND HIS LOVE FOR HIS NURSE, AND HIS WIFE'S AFFAIR WITH AMY ROWAN. MADGE IS PRESENTED AS AN ATTRACTIVE AND VERY SYMPATHETIC LESBIAN, WHEREAS AMY IS THE WOLF TYPE, INTERESTED IN CONQUEST RATHER THAN STABILITY. DESPITE THIS, THE BOOK IS UNUSUALLY INTERESTING AND QUITE REWARDING READING.

232. WINTER LOVE (NOVEL) IN TWO LOVES BY HAN SUYIN. PUTNAM'S, 1962.

THE VERY FAMOUS AUTHOR OF "LOVE IS A MANY SPLENDOROUS THING" HERE DISCUSSES LESBIAN LOVE. SUYIN WAS A PRACTICING PHYSICIAN UNTIL SHE BECAME A FULL-TIME WRITER. THIS IS THE STORY OF "RED," GIRL MEDICAL STUDENT, AND HER WINTER AFFAIR WITH NARA, A FELLOW STUDENT WHO IS ALSO MARRIED TO A WEALTHY, FANATICAL MAN. IT COVERS AREAS SELDOM DISCUSSED IN LESBIAN FICTION AND, WHILE NOT A HAPPY STORY, IT IS BELIEVABLE AND HAS A VERY SURPRISING DENOUEMENT. VERY MUCH ONE OF THE BETTER BOOKS ON THE SUBJECT. THE FORCED RESTRAINT THEME WHICH DOMINATES GALE WILHELM'S WORK IS CARRIED OUT HERE.

233. TILLOTSON BY EDWARD HYAMS. SIMON AND SCHUSTER, 1961.

THE HERO, TILLOTSON, LOSES HIS GIRLFRIEND TO AN OLDER WOMAN. TO REVENGE HIMSELF UPON ALL HOMOSEXUALS HE CAUSES A MAN WHO HAS BEFRIENDED HIM TO BE ARRESTED FOR IMPORTUNING, AND IT IS AN UNTRUE ACCUSATION ALTHOUGH THE MAN IS A HOMOSEXUAL. FOR THE DISCRIMINATING READER, THIS IS A MINOR "PROUSTIAN" NOVEL.

READERS RESPOND

"I THINK MOST HOMOSEXUALS SURELY MUST FEEL THAT ANY KIND OF PUBLICITY IS BETTER THAN THE COMPLETE IGNORANCE AND SILENCE ASSOCIATED WITH OUR GROUP. OF COURSE IT IS TERRIBLE THAT THE PUBLIC IS BEING EDUCATED (?) BY THE SORDID TYPE OF LITERATURE BEING SOLD ACROSS THE COUNTRY, MAKING US MORE ENEMIES THAN WE HAD BEFORE. STILL IT IS EVIDENT THAT THE PUBLIC IS WILLING TO TOLERATE THIS KIND OF PUBLISHING. SURELY THEN THEY WOULD NOT ONLY TOLERATE - BUT A FEW MIGHT EVEN WORK WITH - A SINCERE EFFORT ON THE PART OF THE HOMOSEXUAL TO BETTER HIMSELF.

"DON'T YOU BELIEVE THAT FOR A REAL CHANGE TO OCCUR IN A PERSON, HE MUST FIRST START THE BALL ROLLING? NO ONE COULD HELP THE WRECKED, ALCOHOLIC, SUICIDE-BENT LESBIAN LIKE ANOTHER LESBIAN. DO WE HAVE AMONG OUR GROUP WOMEN WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO TAKE AN OPEN STAND AND SHOW THE PUBLIC - BUT MORE IMPORTANT, OUR OWN KIND - THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO FIND PEACE OF MIND, PURPOSE IN LIFE, AND HAPPINESS?

"DOCTORS QUITE OFTEN ADMIT THAT THEY ARE HAVING LITTLE SUCCESS CURING THE HOMOSEXUAL. ISN'T IT TIME TO ADMIT THAT PERHAPS ALL THE RESEARCH AND STUDY MIGHT BE IN THE WRONG DIRECTION? HOW OFTEN, IF AT ALL, DO WE FIND THAT GOD HAS CREATED SOMETHING WITH NO PURPOSE OR VALUE IN THE WORLD? WHY, THEN, WOULD GOD CREATE US AS WE ARE IF THERE WEREN'T A PLACE FOR US IN SOCIETY? I CANNOT BELIEVE THAT IN CREATING THE LESBIAN, HE INTENDED US TO BE THE LOST AND HOPELESS SOULS THAT SO MANY OF US ARE. I FOR ONE DO NOT

FEEL THAT CIRCUMSTANCES MADE ME A HOMOSEXUAL, RATHER THAT CIRCUMSTANCES MADE ME A SICK, SICK, SICK ONE. HASN'T THE THOUGHT COME TO OTHERS ALSO THAT CHRIST CAN WORK HIS REAL MIRACLE ONLY AFTER MAN HAS EXHAUSTED HIS OWN RESOURCES? HAVEN'T MANY PSYCHIATRISTS ADMITTED THEY ARE MAKING LITTLE HEADWAY IN ACTUALLY CHANGING THE HOMOSEXUAL? THEN WHY NOT GIVE CHRIST A CHANCE. WHY COULDN'T AN ORGANIZATION BE FORMED THAT WOULD HAVE THE BACKING OF A SYMPATHETIC MINISTER? THE STATES ARE PAYING OUR TAXPAYERS' MONEY TO HOUSE SOME OF OUR NUMBER IN JAILS. WHY NOT SPEND MONEY ON A TYPE OF CENTER IN LARGE TOWNS WHICH WOULD OFFER UNDERSTANDING, COUNSELLING, RECREATION, AND A WHOLESOME ATMOSPHERE FOR FELLOWSHIP AND COMPANIONSHIP.

"WE ARE LIVING IN SUCH AN AGE OF CONFORMITY. EVEN OUR EDUCATORS ARE CONCERNED BY THIS. COULD WE POSSIBLY BE DOING OURSELVES HARM BY CONFORMING A LITTLE TOO MUCH? I WONDER IF THERE ARE ANY WOMEN AMONG US COURAGEOUS ENOUGH TO STAND OPENLY BEFORE SOCIETY AND DEMAND A CHANCE TO WORK OPENLY WITH OUR OWN GROUP. WE CERTAINLY NEED MISSIONARIES IN EVERY LARGE CITY IN AMERICA, WHO HAVE ADJUSTED AND FOUND THEIR OWN PERSONAL SOLUTIONS TO OUR COMMON PROBLEMS, WHO COULD GUIDE AND HELP THOSE OF US WHO ARE SO DESPERATELY IN NEED OF HELP.

"I REALIZE THE PROBLEMS THAT COULD AND WOULD ARISE IF SUCH A PROGRAM WERE ATTEMPTED. WE WOULD CERTAINLY NEED MINISTERS AND LAWYERS TO ADVISE US, BUT NOTHING WORTHWHILE WAS EVER ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT RISK TO SOME DEGREE!"

- A READER

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"I'LL HAVE TO GO ALONG WITH W. M. OF NEW ENGLAND IN MANY RESPECTS, REGARDING HER (HIS) LETTER IN THE MAY ISSUE. I'D BE TEMPTED, THOUGH, TO WRITE AND ASK FOR FURTHER CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM, AND ADVICE ON HOW TO GO ABOUT MAKING THE LADDER MORE LIKE A MAGAZINE AND LESS LIKE A 'LITERARY ANNUAL.' THIS EVIDENTLY TAKES KNOW-HOW AS WELL AS MONEY. MAYBE SHE (HE) COULD HELP OUT. THE LETTER SOUNDS AS THOUGH THERE MAY BE SOME BACKGROUND OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE."

- M. L., RHODE ISLAND



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