L.A. Gay Bar

Harassment

by Herb Donaldson

What appears, at least on the surface, as a concerted plan by Los Angeles Rampart Police Station officers to harass Los Angeles bars catering to homosexuals, has been in effect since the beginning of the New Year. This, combined with reports of increased entrapment-type arrests by the police of individuals believed to be homosexual, would seem to be the beginning of a campaign—just what kind of campaign is not yet certain.

The new Rampart Station, located on Temple Street in Los Angeles, shortly after midnight on New Year's Eve, sent thirteen plainclothes officers into the BLACK CAT, a bar located at 3907 Sunset Boulevard in the Silverlake area. On that front two persons were arrested—ten for lewd conduct and two for drunkenness.

The second raid occurred a few minutes later when the same officers moved down to 4001 Sunset to the NLW PACKS bar and staged a raid in which the manager of the bar was so severely beaten that his spleen was ruptured.

On January 7th, vice officers from the same Rampart Station struck at the RAMM's 11KA, located at 3037 Sunset. The raid occurred at 11:30 PM and sixteen persons were arrested, all being charged with lewd conduct.

The fourth raid occurred on the same night, though it was at 1:30 AM on January 8th.

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THAT 'TIME/LIFE' LOOK

by John Bradley

"Punishment of the homosexual is clearly no solution. Perhaps better understanding is." One would assume that an article closing with the above sentences would be one favorably disposed to the "plight" of the homosexual, and that such an article would make a reasonable attempt to foster such understanding; and, indeed, there is much that is favorable about the Look Magazine article of January 10th. It is reassuring, for example, to find a magazine of mass popularity making remarks such as "harassment (by police) of gay bar patrons is common, especially in Los Angeles." Or, all branches of the Federal Government refuse to employ anyone who admits to having engaged in a homosexual act." And I particularly liked the one that began: "Not all homosexuals cruise compulsively".

If I sound somewhat caustic it is only because the article in Look is so completely an example of that good, well-intentioned, constructive brew that creeps increasingly into our mass media in an attempt to educate The Masses. For example, it is well and good to state that "in their bizarre way, both men in dresses, a caricature of femininity, and the motorcyclist, a caricature in masculinity, represent opposite poles of a secret world." These two examples are extremes and represent a small minority of the total homosexual population.

The title of the article is the real key: THE SAD "GAY" LIFE. This is an article about people—homosexuals, yes—but also essentially people: sad ones, happy ones, people successful in their chosen careers, others failures, people married, divorced, single, some with problems, emotional disturbances of one kind or another, but also many with no more discernable emotional handicaps than the "average heterosexual". No, this is not an article about those kinds of individuals. This is a Message article. It seeks to enlighten, to reveal, to concentrate on those mistreated, maligned, misunderstood unfortunate who through no-fault-of-their-own—awoke-as-if-from-a-dream-to-discover-they-were-homosexual.

We would prefer to believe that Look neglected all those others—those who have never found it necessary to consult a psychiatrist, who never have been arrested, who have spent years or perhaps a lifetime with the same mate, have steady jobs and reasonable incomes, many with loving families. We would prefer to believe that Look ignored those vast, uncounted numbers out of a genuine feeling of altruism. We prefer to believe that Look really knew they were there, but just preferred not to discuss them because they have no problems, so why discuss them? Of course, by ignoring all of those dull, uninteresting homosexuals who never make newspaper headlines we are also ignoring half (or maybe two-thirds—would you believe four-fifths?) of the story. And

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Blackmailers are a constant threat. A nationwide extortion racket involving operating for the past decade, extracted millions of dollars from more than 400,000 people. The Look's list of injustices goes on and on. And what is Look's conclusion to all this injustice? "Homosexuals pose a police problem! Homosexuals pose a police problem!!!" The police, with and against the media, have just confused the public. etc.

Now, in true Orwellian non-thinking, it is time to re-evaluate "prioritization". Such opinions on the subject of the homosexual and the law, we are told that "in nearly every West European country, homosexuality is not a crime". (If assume the authors mean homosexual practices are not a crime. Even in America they permit you to be one-just don't do one.) And in England "The Wolfenden Report",...etc. it is stated that "in many ways I am cripped in one sense or another (in the sense, that is, of remaining incapable of certain attitudes or of carrying out certain actions). It is quite possible, for example, that in my frustration over my country's involvement in S. Asia, that I am indeed "cripped" in that I have no decision-making powers regarding a war carried out in my name. That is, of remaining incapable of "control" and of "power" on my part."

My reaction, again, is NIH? Why "foster" either heterosexual or homosexual? I suspect the reason Dr. Forttsters to foster healthy heterosexuality is that despite the laws and thieves and murderers who twist bad laws to their own ends; or, presumably, is it over the police themselves who post a problem not merely encouraging the mentality that prevs on and fails to help homosexuals to adjust. He is basically in agreement with Dr. Heersema of the Stanford Medical School, who is also quoted in the Look article. Dr. Heersema feels that "to speak of a healthy, happy homosexuality is a eupheism". Such opinions on the subject of the homosexual and the law. etc. it is time to re-evaluate "prioritization". "foster" either heterosexual or homosexual? I suspect the reason Dr. Forttsters to foster healthy heterosexuality is that despite the laws and thieves and murderers who twist bad laws to their own ends; or, presumably, is it over the police themselves who post a problem not merely encouraging the mentality that prevs on and fails to help homosexuals to adjust. He is basically in agreement with Dr. Heersema of the Stanford Medical School, who is also quoted in the Look article. Dr. Heersema feels that "to speak of a healthy, happy homosexuality is a eupheism". Such opinions on the subject of the homosexual and the law, etc. it is time to re-evaluate "prioritization". "foster" either heterosexual or homosexual? I suspect the reason Dr. Forttsters to foster healthy heterosexuality is that despite the laws and thieves and murderers who twist bad laws to their own ends; or, presumably, is it over the police themselves who post a problem not merely encouraging the mentality that prevs on and fails to help homosexuals to adjust. He is basically in agreement with Dr. Heersema of the Stanford Medical School, who is also quoted in the Look article. Dr. Heersema feels that "to speak of a healthy, happy homosexuality is a eupheism". Such opinions on the subject of the homosexual and the law.

"I, for one, will not acquiesce in that diagnosis. It is altogether possible that in many ways I am "cripped" in one sense or another (in the sense, that is, of remaining incapable of certain attitudes or of carrying out certain actions). It is quite possible, for example, that in my frustration over my country's involvement in S. Asia, that I am indeed "cripped" in that I have no decision-making powers regarding a war carried out in my name. That is, of remaining incapable of "control" and of "power" on my part."

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"Society must ultimately come to grips with their subjects and then taking an editorial po-

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SIR SKIERS

Some impatient SIR skiers started the season early with a glorious weekend at Alpine Meadows on January 7th, but the first announced trip was on January 14th.

Strawberry m n was the rally point and everything from the marvelous skiing to the festive après-ski activities, was more than anyone expected!

During the weekend the SIR group met several others with mutual interests other than skiing, the others plan to join the SIR Skiers on their next trip.

February 11th is the next target date and the target point and everything started the season early with SIR Skiers...

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"L.A. Harassment" continued a few lines down, in which the author talked about the raid on the Stage Door, located at 1228 W. 6th Street, and the subsequent arrests of members of the homophile community. The author wondered whether the campaign was being conducted as a means to smear the community or whether the campaign was being conducted as a means to smear the community or whether the campaign was being conducted as a means to smear the community.

The author also discussed the idea of the Northern Californian homophile community’s need to channel its efforts towards a common goal and avoid external distractions.

The author expressed a desire to see the homophile community come at one with a common goal and work towards it.

The author ended by saying, "If you have supported me, I will return your support as your next President as we advance toward the future. SIR Center.

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An area of law which has always haunted jurisprudence is the unreliable prosecuting witness. History and graveyards are filled with victims of the witness who quickly pointed the accusatory finger and spoke with the forked tongue. "Positive" physical identification of the accused has resulted in many erroneous convictions.

Causes which compel one to initiate a vendetta against an accused are too numerous to enumerate; a few obvious ones are revenge, love, hate, fear, insecurity, mass hysteria, intimidation, wishful thinking, and obviously, an honest mistake.

Recently the judicial house of law has been groping in the dark to find a solution to this problem. Much irreconcilable confusion exists, but progress is being made. The case of Ballard v. Superior Court, San Diego, 410 P. 2d 838 focuses upon one facet of the problem. There, a physician was accused by a female patient of having administered an intoxicating narcotic or anesthetic substance in order to prevent resistance while the physician performed an act of sexual intercourse upon her without her consent.

The physician sought, among other things, to have the State Supreme Court compel by mandamus the lower court to order a psychiatric examination of the complaining witness. The physician defendant contended that the female was of an unstable mind and emotions, and that her problems, when properly probed, would explain her unhealthy desire to prosecute the physician defendant.

The opinion is a good one and establishes the fact that in California: Rather than formulate a fixed rule...we believe that discretion should re... in the trial judge to order a psychiatric examination of the complaining witness in a case involving a sex violation if the defendant produces a compelling reason for such an examination.

The application of this case has for the homophile community is obvious. The most frequent charge made today by the sophisticated males toward another is "He made an indecent proposal to me". This is, and evidence supports the validity of it, supposed to wipe out the original charge of battery, robbery, burglary, or car theft, etc., which the original victim was complaining to the police about. The application of this case will not over-night dramatically change anything. But, the opinion is solidly posture in reason and precedence and now awaits the imaginative application of it by defense lawyers who are not too insecure personally to full-heartedly represent a homosexual.

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Results of the SIR and CRH elections will appear in the March VECTOR.

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In addition to monthly meetings when we do paste up, VECTOR called a special meeting on November 18th, which was announced in the November issue. I had hoped with this notice in VECTOR, and a notice on the Bulletin Board in the SIR Center, that people would be encouraged to get involved in the many jobs necessary to publish our publication. Seven people did attend, and I was somewhat disappointed that of those, none was interested in chairing the VECTOR Committee for the next two years.

However, I was encouraged that as a result of the November meeting, 12 people did attend our December Paste Up Night. There have been times in the past two years when only John, Pete and myself or John H., and myself did paste up. It is encouraging that more people wish to help with the work and responsibility of publishing VECTOR. All members of SIR and their friends are urged to lend their talents to improve VECTOR. Watch the Calendar for notice of meetings, and we welcome your help.

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