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The Dilemma Of Being A GAY SOLDIER

By W. Beardemphl & T. Parker

STRANGE ADVICE!

Young men who are homosexual are confronted with a perplexing dilemma as the following excerpt from a Dear Abby column demonstrates:

"Dear Abby: I am a 19 year old homosexual boy who will be taking my physical for the draft soon. I understand that there is a routine question on the form asking if you're homosexual. If I answer "yes", I am told they will reject me, but it will be on my record which will follow me around for the rest of my life. If I say "no", I will be lying, and I understand if I am caught, there are severe consequences for that. What should I do?"

Patriotic But Gay

Dear Patriotic: The question asked is, 'Are you a practicing homosexual?' If the answer's "yes", he is classified either 4-F or 1-Y, depending on his local draft board. These records are strictly confidential, and no one, not even the boy's parents, have access to these records."

MOST HOMOSEXUALS DISAGREE:

This square and unknowledgeable approach has been disastrous for many homosexuals in the past. Patriotic But Gay must consider a few facts which this advice neglected to cover. The basic one is that in a society of bigots, he is already in the process of telling a lifetime of lies. Another is that the Army like all other organizations in this country well knows that it has now and always had many homosexuals in its ranks. What it will not tolerate is having to admit this by being embarrassed by them.

If this boy takes such advice, how many phoney smiles will he endure in his life when he tries to explain why he did not serve? How many lies will he tell in explaining to the straight world why he was 4-F or 1-Y?

For most homosexuals it seems far better to tell the lie, keep out of trouble for the required time and collect an Honorable Discharge. Yet more and more homosexuals are not hiding their orientation in spite of social pressures. As for your assurance that draft board records are absolutely confidential, the current push for a centralized governmental data processing center for such records does not lend the argument any strength.

If the boy is certain that he is strong enough to resist a lot of temptation or clever enough to avoid detection, let him join the legions of his kind who have already been through it, if that's what he wants. How should he react to the chorus of hypocrites who say that he isn't fit to die for them? He might ask himself whether or not they're fit to die for.

A NEW DIRECTION

Much of this situation seems to be evolving into a strange, unofficial approach because of Army needs and commitments.

According to Los Angeles sources, the Pentagon pays lip service to exclusion, saying homosexual persons are unfit for military service, but "secretly" drafts them anyway. It is claimed that induction centers have been authorized to make "discreet exceptions" to the rule, in the cases of those who are not "obvious".

Such a double standard is detrimental to all persons concerned, but recent statistics give a picture of positive improvement in Army-homosexual relationship.

HOMOSEXUAL DISCHARGE STATISTICS-US ARMY

The Adjutant General of the U.S. Army, in a recent letter to the President of the Council on Religion and the Homosexual, released figures on homosexuals discharged from the Army in recent years. In 1967 there were 1214 persons separated for homosexual reasons, 705 with honorable or general and 509 with undesirable discharges. Comparable figures for the three preceding years are: 1073 (610 and 463) for 1966, 827 (224 and 603) for 1965, and 841 (238 and 603) for 1965. These figures represent an average of .0862% of the total army personnel--that is, less than one tenth of one percent. In other words, fewer than one out of every one thousand army men is discharged for homosexual reasons. If we assume that the number of predominantly homosexual persons in the army is about the standard ten percent of the population as a whole (i.e., 144,012), then the percentage of such persons discharged for homosexual reasons becomes four-fifths of one per cent or 8 out of every 1000 predominantly homosexual service men.

Especially significant is the dramatic shift in the type of discharge issued. In 1964, only 28% of all homosexual discharges were issued under honorable or general conditions, but by 1967 this figure had risen to 58%. Hence, at the present time almost 3 out of every 5 homosexuals are receiving honorable or general discharges. (Unfortunately, the Adjutant General did not indicate how many of the discharges are fully honorable as distinguished from general.)

These figures show that the Army has taken a giant stride in the right direction. But a negative and hostile element still underlies the Army's position; personnel discharged for homosexual reasons are reduced to the lowest rank before separation and men receiving general discharge (in addition to those receiving undesirable discharges) must now sign statements that they "may expect to encounter substantial prejudice in civilian life."

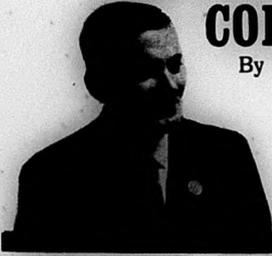
WHAT IS THE CHOICE?

The homosexual individual is confronted by a confusion of ideals. In certain government agencies, one must note that the intuitive abilities of homosexuals are relied upon and rewarded. We refer to the FBI and CIA where

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Jim Skaggs



NAPCHO is just around the corner!

Mattachine Midwest has tentatively elected to use a five-day schedule for the forthcoming North American Homophile Conference in Chicago. This schedule will include the following five workshops: religion, psychology, law, sociometrics, and social service.

Indicative of the Scope of the meeting, the following is quoted from a recent bulletin concerning the forthcoming conference:

"These workshops, we believe, will enable the delegates in an informal setting to discuss the goals and problems facing the movement. We also would like these workshops to be informative and instructive to the delegates. In order to make these workshops informative and instructive, it would be advantageous for qualified individuals and organizations which are not part of the homophile movement such as the Institute for Sex Researchs, Indiana University; Dr. Evelyn Hooker of the National Institute for Mental Health's Committee on Homosexuality, Los Angeles; the American Civil Liberties Union; Dr. M.T. Saghir of the Study of Human sexual response, Washington University, St. Louis; the Rev. Robert Wood, author of Christ and the Homosexual, and others, to participate fully in the workshop meetings. The exchange, we believe, between these people and ourselves would be most helpful in the furtherance of the cause we feel so important. We also believe those individuals and organizations which are sympathetic in a positive manner

to our cause should be privileged to be observers to the working sessions of the Conference."

I feel that it is very important for S.I.R. to participate with other organizations in areas such as these. We must utilize every avenue of assistance and liaison that will help us further our goals.

The Unity Meeting, held on March 20 at the S.I.R. Center was a great success. I am sure that those of you who attended this meeting will agree that the visiting speakers were very interesting, and that the small discussion groups that were held after the panel discussion were informative and productive.

Among the ideas that came out of the groups were "S.I.R. should send speakers to other organizations and other organizations should be invited to participate in some of S.I.R.'s activities...Existing homophile organizations should form some type of Federal Organization; homosexual organizations should fight obscenity laws...S.I.R. needs a significant social action program...perhaps more controversial NOW social events are necessary to stimulate interest in S.I.R..." The interest was at a high level for the meeting and some of the groups continued talking on into the social hour which followed the meeting.

Would you like to participate in a Membership Retreat? A weekend away from the city with discussions, seminars, etc.? I'd like to hear some of your ideas about the possibility of such a retreat. I would personally like to invite you to the East Bay discussion group now being held at the VOLUME ONE in Berkeley on Mondays at 8:00. I think that especially those of you living in the East Bay might enjoy this discussion group. I hear that there are a few people who, because they enjoyed the group so much, drive from San Francisco on a regular basis. Keep in mind the Open House on April 20th and 21st. Last year's was a big success, and this one promises to be bigger and better than ever!

SMALL ACTIVITIES

BY PERRY GEORGE

My short (and late) column for April must include many lauds and honors to Paul Mariah and the Poetry Reading Group for their very well attended poetry reading on Friday, March 22 at the S.I.R. Center. There were over 70 present. Jim Skaggs, our President, even read some of his poetic inspirations.

The newest. Small Activity on the horizon is a class taught by a new East Bay member in 'spinning, primitive weaving, and natural dying of fibres. There will be a free exposition class on April 29 in the Center at 3 P.M. and classes will be successive Sundays after that at \$12.50 for the entire course. Of this, 60% goes to S.I.R. and 40% to the teacher.

Ballroom dancing has received a pleasant shot in the arm with the inclusion of girls (real ones), thanks to Martha of the group, and they are planning a demonstration for the Open House.

SIR SKIERS

SIR skiers hit a new high in March -- thanks to the altitude of the Rockies and a fresh batch of Brownies!

After a sensational champagne flight to Aspen, SIR skiers camped at "THE GLORY HOLE" lodge.

Several days later we helicoptered to Snowmass and everything written about Snowmass proved to be true -- it's a beautiful resort with beautiful skiing for the beautiful people.

It took four harrowing hours on the local stagecoach to reach Vail, the final ski resort on SIR skiers' itinerary. Vail is a fabulous jet-set sort of ski resort.

There was a brief stopover in Denver to recover, but between "THE FRONT DOOR", "THE SIDE DOOR" and "THE BACK DOOR" everyone was kept very busy. They are three adjoining bars specializing in cruising, dancing and floor shows, respectively.

SIR skiers plan to do Alta and Jackson Hole next season.

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Photos, brochures, and other items have been blown-up and made into extensive exhibits to tell the story of S.I.R.'s history, structure, and inclusive services.

Through the generosity of the Tavern Guild of San Francisco and several breweries, free beer and free hot-dogs will be available for the starving and thirsty.

Variety acts are now being rehearsed by the Productions Committee. They will be presented three times daily on a

specially built stage.

Community Center Chairman, Jim Richey, and his crew of slaves, have completed painting the entire Center in time for the Open House. (The paint was generously donated by a S.I.R. member). A new Committee Room was installed, the "library" has become the VECTOR office and a permanent inner TV-visiting lounge is now being set up.

The Open House is sponsored by the Public Relations Committee, whose 16 men and women are making the arrangements. Those wishing to assist on April 20-21 leave a note for the P.R. Chairman at 781-1570.

Remember the date...and bring your friends!

S.F. Misdemeanor Citation Project at the S.I.R. Legal Committee Meeting

On the 25th of March 1968 twenty-five persons representing groups (such as S.I.R. or Bail Project and S.F. Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation) met at the S.I.R. Community Center to formulate plans to promote adoption of the Citation and Release procedures by the S.F. Police Department. Briefly, Section 853.6 of the California Penal Code provides that a misdemeanor may be released by a police officer if he signs a written promise to appear in court. This method is presently used in traffic violations. It is up to the S.F. Police Commissioner to direct his men to use this technique. At present, anyone arrested for a misdemeanor in this city must be booked, mugged, and fingerprinted before he may be released on bail or on "O-R" Cheif Cahill so farhas decided to continue the present method.

The Manhattan-Summons project (N.Y.C.) initiated two years ago requires that the defendant be interviewed at the police station before he may be released on a summons. Similar procedures are in use in Pittsburgh and Richmond in California. Well over 95% of

those who promised to appear kept their appointments in court.

Speakers at the March 25th meeting emphasized the need for interested organizations to pressure the police commission and Mayor by presenting argumentsfor "O - R" and debunking traditional arguments against such a program. It was pointed out that many policemen were bothered having to transport a misdemeanor to jail --- it took time from more important police work. In addition, dollar saving would result from savings in jail costs and paper-

work. More important, it would promote the equal administration of justice to both rich and poor, majority and minority groups.

As initial steps toward the adoption of "O-R" in S.F., a steering committee was set-up to direct future work and compose a sample letter to aid the attending groups in their campaigns. Larger meetings with press coverage are anticipated.

The meeting was chaired by Art Sheaffer of the S.F. Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation.

Secretary's corner

By Pete Brandt

With two more Board meetings tucked under my belt I feel like I have been introduced into a professional debating society! I do marvel at the conduct of the entire board. They are fighters; they are believers in open thought; they are never convinced in their own convictions, they are heated debaters, and above all, the motions and resolutions brought forth are fought until the best vantage point for S.I.R. is hit and not until then is a vote taken. At present there are sixteen members on the board. Some are very strong advocates for this, while they are meek in other theories on that. It is needless to say that these are the grounds for a verbal battlefield, personality clashes involved, that is not to be looked at lightly. This is good. This is democracy. This is S.I.R. We may at times lose our tempers as well as failing on a motion -- but -- usually come out with the hopes that what has been done for our betterment as an organization is correct.

Each one has his own committee at heart. Each one may believe his project or needs are more important than the others. Sometimes we get what we want, and, too, sometimes we do not. Sometimes a vote goes our way, and then sometimes it does not. As an example, lets take up the Production Committee's problem of two board meetings ago. They wanted badly to do the musical production of "Little Mary Sunshine." This of course takes money. After projecting budgets, and potential income from the show, could the board approve the monies? Yes and No. Community Services Committee has had its hand out for the monies necessary to produce a booklet on the "Homosexual and the Armed Forces", it having been defeated in the past for

one reason or another. I mention these two for they have been the two big projects needing monies. The Ways and Means committee has given its thoughts on these matters and now it is the duty of the Board of Directors to Yay or Nay on these matters. I am amazed during these sessions that opinions can be so differently presented. At times a simple statement is greeted with applause, at others a rebuttal of "ridiculous" may easily be echoed about. But the vote is the story and becomes the law. We may not have approved all that we may desire to for our "Little Mary" but enough to get it under way. We may not have given the needed funds for the brochure at the moment, but a successful passage of the request is closer now, due to the debate and soon that will be accomplished. I guess what I am trying to say is that our Board Meetings are not dull, nor are they unbusinesslike. Nor, might I add, are they private. These meetings are open for membership audience and you are invited to sit through them and learn how your organization operates. Call the center and inquire about the next one and come in and sweat and smile with us. You know - I'll wager if you do come down you'll come out of the meeting with a desire to be apart of a committee to push what legislation you think it needs. Try it.

The mail has brought a lot of goodies this month too. We have had many applications for new membership, and some renewals. We have had requests for help in many fields, i.e., starting homophile groups in far away cities; requests for speakers from S.I.R. at other meetings; requests for additional copies of some of our fine brochures and Pocket Lawyers; invitations to participate in programs of other groups, individual requests for personal aids and/or advices; and even inquiries as, "May I bring my sister to the dances on Saturday?"

And speaking of sister -- it is heartwarming to report that female members are being sought after for a more active participation in some activities or committees. They have been noticeably absent and Miss Martha Chase, who has been an active member

of S.I.R., and a Public Relations Committee member, has decided to do something about it. (We need more Martha Chases), Martha has sent letters to each member of her sex that belong to this organization and asked them over for a social at her home. We certainly hope that out of this there will be many new faces about the center and the women's point of view may be heard throughout. Martha was alone here for a few weeks, but I noticed at the little supper for the Public Relations Committee the other evening that another gal S.I.R. member was present. See how catchy it is? Maybe soon I'll see three - then four - then?

The closed membership meeting was held on March 6th. At this meeting the height of attendance reached seventy-one. This is a poor representation of a membership of one thousand, give or take those who live out of the city or work nights, or for one reason or another knew not of the meeting. Plans are under way to make our meetings more of a delight and have as little "routine" business as possible. But regardless or otherwise, we need attendance and as your Secretary, urge all members to come to the Business Meetings on the first Wednesday of every month, and to come, and bring a friend or two, to our open meetings on the third Wednesday of each month.

The Closed Meeting was a more or less general discussion the entire evening on the "Challenge For The Future." And out of it came many fine possibilities, such as Concentration of Political, Militant, Legal Aspects of the Homophile Movement, Leadership and Training, Summer Seminars at the Center, Communion with other Organizations, Increased Publications, and increased public relations with other organizations including heterosexual as well as homophile groups. It was an enjoyable evening and even I made new friends at this meeting. You can do the same.

Remember, too, we now have a Dinner Hour prior to the Open Meetings whereby one dollar and fifty cents goes a long way.

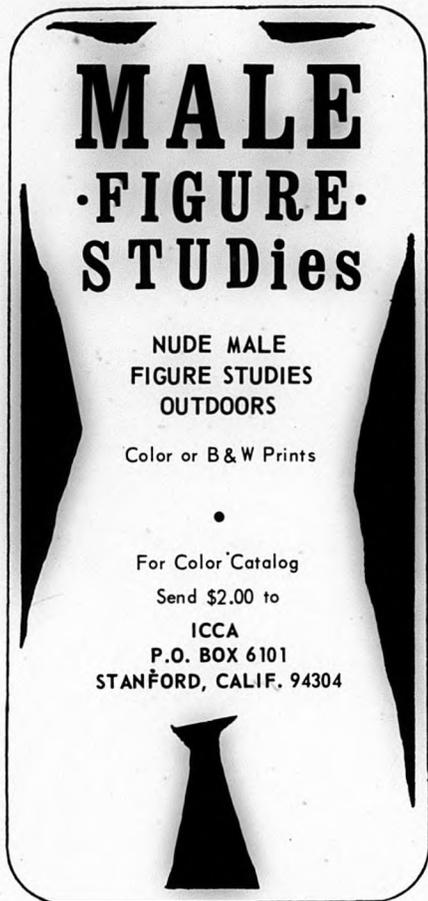
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BY W. E. BEARDEMPHL

SAN FRANCISCO: Our local homosexual public relations seems to be more responsible and better than ever. VECTOR is getting wider response and Guy Wright, EXAMINER columnist, wrote extensively on our Homosexual Homicide issue. He pursued the subject by interviewing Captain Martin Lee, Chief Inspector of the S.F.P.D. We quote. "Numerically, homosexual homicides are not a major problem. San Francisco had 67 murders last year. Only six or eight involved homosexuals." This is the kind of statistic we can quote which contradicts the sad, popular, unrealistic figures of such persons as Rev. Wilkerson. He says, in his book, PARENTS ON TRIAL, that 50% of homicides are attributed to homosexuality.

Popular and charming Merla Zellerbach, CHRONICLE columnist, devoted a column to our Love issue.

CHICAGO: A local group is trying to form a private club that comes within the rationale we have suggested in the past: but police are working hard to keep the Mafia in control of such gay happenings. A raid was made on the "Sunday Afternoon Club" and we quote from the letter of Rolla Klepak, attorney, to members: "As I am sure you are all well aware, at no time did "The Trip" allow the law to be violated on its premises, and the Sunday meetings are not only legal but termed private under the law. It is our intention in the forthcoming proceedings to make Constitutional exception to the conduct of the Chicago Police Department, both in their manner of entry into the establishment and with regard to their treatment of all concerned. There is no law in the State of Illinois against dancing per se, and citizens have a right of private assembly guaranteed to them by the Federal and State Constitutions.

"We are hoping once and for all to put an end to devious methods of harassment and using guise to embarrass and frighten decent citizens who ask only to be let alone. We feel that we have a perfect forum to prove our assertions and look with great confidence to a just and scholarly decision by the courts we will appear before."

NEW YORK: MORE OF THE SAME. I received a letter from Bob Hinton, Mattachine New York, in which he states: "First, homosexual operation of gay clubs was not a way to break the Mafia's stranglehold on gay bars in 1964, as you suggested. The police and the State Liquor Authority both made it impossible, through raids and police entrapment, for such a place to stay open without payoffs. Even a bottle club would not have been able to avoid such payoffs, as entrapment is

a possibility in bottle clubs as well as in bars, and would also provide excuses in the courts to close such establishments. Therefore, the first step was to end police entrapment and to modify SLA regulations, which is what MSNY did. The Corduroy Club is only one of the legitimate operations which took advantage of MSNY's successes."

There is more of the same in his letter. What correspondent Hinton does not seem to see is, that private bottle clubs come outside the purview of New York laws and that the Corduroy Club was operating successfully months and months before MSNY ever became concerned about police entrapment, SLA payoffs, etc.

He ends his letter with: "A homosexual should be able to go to any bar in New York and even "pick up" any other willing person therein without prejudice. Building a little gay ghetto in which homosexuals can operate is a short-sighted answer to the problem." Of cruising?

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE reports: A significant step has been taken in the slow process of converting changing mores into existing law. A legislative interim committee, meeting in San Francisco, approved the principle of legalizing sexual acts committed in private between consenting adults.

The Joint Committee for Revision of the Penal Code voted in favor of seeking changes in the law--as suggested in a draft prepared by legal scholars at the University of California.

The proposed law would, for example, legalize homosexual relations and acts such as oral copulation. It would also reject "the dead-letter offense of adulterous cohabitation."

"These are semi-obsolete laws against private misconduct," explained one speaker before last week's meeting of legislators, law enforcement officials and clergymen. And the report itself offered several reasons for effecting immediate changes in the law.

"Private sexual conduct between adults is, in fact, almost never dealt with under current criminal law," the report stated. "The extreme difficulty in detecting such conduct conduces to unconstitutional police practices on the rare occasions when the law is invoked.

"Widespread knowledge that the law is violated with impunity by thousands every day creates disrespect for law generally. And there is substantial evidence that the moral sense of the community no longer exerts strong pressure for the use of criminal sanc-

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tions in this area."

The new legislation, if enacted, would remove from the law's attention all sexual acts except, in general, those involving force--such as rape--and those involving minors.

WASH. D. C. : The Senate Commerce Committee, holding hearings on insurance discrimination reports this exchange between the committee chairman and a person testifying. When the subject of discrimination towards people because of their nicknames came up, Senator Warren G. Magnuson, (Dem-Wash.), committee chairman, noted that "back home I'm known as Maggie. I suppose that would have some bearing on my insurance."

"You might have trouble, Senator," said the witness.

SAN GREGORIO BEACH, CALIF.: This has long been recognized as a spot where nudists bathe cavort and etc. I know many San Franciscans

who make the short drive to that beach on warm Sunday afternoons. These quotes from the Palo Alto Times of March 20 should be of interest to such persons:

"Nudists have been frequenting a private "free" beach just north of San Gregorio for several years. Their presence there has been considered legal, but disrobing is barred at San Gregorio Beach, which is a state-owned and operated public beach, and in similar public areas.

"The letter-writers, Donald and Janet Sheer of San Ramon, said a visit to San Gregorio Beach on Sunday, March 10, was "ruined" when nudists suddenly appeared as they were sitting on the sand enjoying the sun and surf. Their three boys were playing nearby.

"Suddenly we were confronted by the disgusting sight of a man walking by southward, stark naked. He was soon followed by a topless girl and a man naked from the waist down," the Scheers wrote.

The Scheers started to gather up their belongings to leave when "another such creep standing in front of the cliff casually took his pants off and walked by us nude.

It seems strange that Mr. and Mrs. Scheer should have driven for more than two hours to get to a beach that they must have heard about, that they left the public beach deliberately seeking the private beach to gratify some prurient curiosity and then chose to be offended by what they did see. If anybody is a "creep" it is this puritanical couple, not the fellow who casually took his pants off and walked by them. The article concludes:

"Dist. Atty. Keith C. Sorenson said state regulations allow nude persons to be kept off

of public beaches. But the use of "free beaches" on the tidelands (considered private property) is extremely difficult to enforce."

Cities and counties, at present, cannot pass stricter laws, although a bill now in the legislature would allow more local control in such matters, Sorenson said.

The supervisors asked Sorenson to contact the State Division of Beaches and Parks and the County Sheriff's Office to seek stricter enforcement of anti-nudity rules at the beach.

It seems a good idea to us that more "free beaches" such as this should be established throughout California. But let those who go there take heed.

THEATRE: "Fortune and Mens Eyes", an exciting theatre experience, opened at the Encore Theatre...While we have qualifications with some of the premises and with the excessive use of violence by the director, the total theatrical experience of this production is superb. We recommend it highly.

Lately, the Theatre has been blossoming with plays that have homosexual themes: most of these productions are ridiculous exaggerations and unknowledgeable parodies. Nowhere have I read a more understanding analysis of this present trend than that which appeared in the New York Times Drama Section, March 3.

The article was titled UP THE CAMP STAIRCASE and was written by Posalyn Regelson. We hope that these quotes will stimulate some of you to look up the full article and read it.

....."the middle-class liberal, challenged today on many fronts, finds his last remaining fixed value, his heterosexuality, called into question. The theater, being a public art, records the strategies he uses in dealing with this ultimate threat to his world view, and shows where we stand not only through plays but through our responses to them as audience and critics.

"The threat posed by the idea of sexual ambiguity is much more than sexual. To the bourgeois liberal, in whose cosmology marriage, family and the rigors of successful normal sexuality are a form of religion, homosexuality represents a heresy. As such, it offers, in our secularized, rationalist world, one of the few areas where one can experience the atavistic horror of a medieval bishop detecting the stench of the Devil.

"But the real threat in the idea of sexual duality lies in the fact that, to some essential part of us, it is so beguiling. It is involved with the primordial dream of the Golden Age in which Eros is unshackled from the bonds of procreation and social duty...

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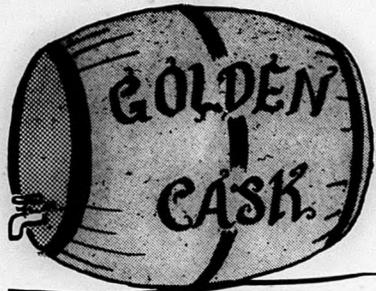
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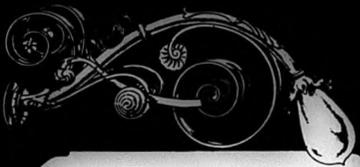
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Amid the foamy fringes all your treasures beach,
& here we claim them, each his own,
The horse's mouth, swift Pegasus, Jocasta's plaints,
& the moan of Piaf -
All, all consumed in æther - meteoric - flaming.

OJOS DE DIOS bearing candles in a Byzantine & magic chapel
(The Golden sardine that they gave you for that too),
Orpheus anguished, the bestialated prince in "Beauty",
The tapestyes & Satyrs, & the form of Marais,
These, & auric's solumn marches mourn you.

But -
The flower that you put together again -
so deliberately & calmly, in (as you told to all)
your ultimate film -
Grant us this gift!

Lou Harrison

Lying,
naked
you are Jesus Christ offering eternal love,
all guilts of love games are gone forever;
fears never have existed.

We are gods in Eros' garden-
You are Alexander holding my hand.

Your erected cock standing like a greek column,
out of your navel, Bacchus splashes
your entire body and I drink in
every pore.

The door of your temple is golden.
It shines far away.
I kneel down in front of it.
And I kiss you.

Angels sing in your temple
Warm is friendship
Children play in the garden.
Mozart, Bach, Haydn are feasting.

A thousand times, I have visited you
and the marble is still fresh
In the temple of love. I celebrate
a Mass on the altar of your body.

Marius Roy

IN PASSING

you slender against the ocean
walking morning through a myth
of mist are outrageous
in the hunger
of my senses --

you like the cruel beauty of love's
geography are Roman
and rare
in Youth's chariot against
this flowering sea;

beautiful and bronzed suddenly
all universe is radial
to your stance: space
distends magenta waves in gardens
at your feet

and lions swirl like fishes
in burning journeys
as you pass; their eyes
are fever within the seascape
of my heart

Victor Borsa

Baby fat belly me,
No!
I am the immaculate conception
with a perpetual erection,
Jesus Christ and Buddha are coming cruising
with me to the park;
under the trees, we listen to the rain,
and I take off from my shoes copper leaflets
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I dream to see all the churches empty,
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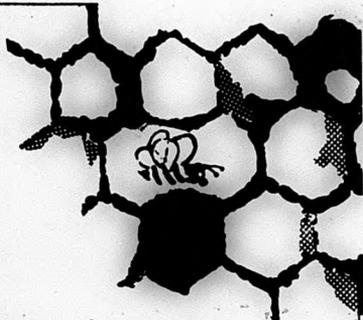
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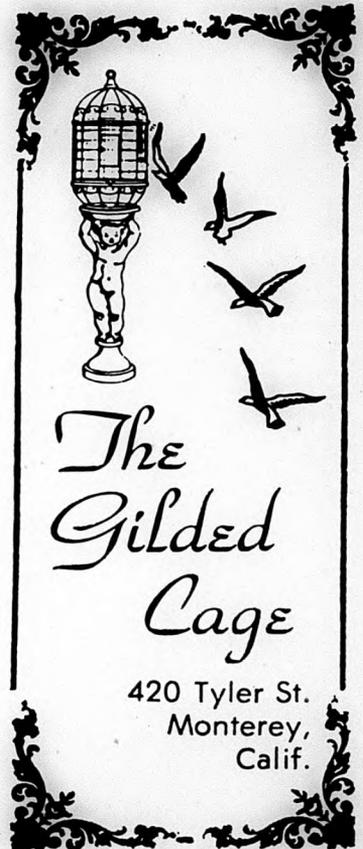


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LESSON FROM STEVEN TRUSCOTT

You who are homosexual should be responsive to the message in this story. It concerns a miscarriage of justice upon a boy in Canada, Steven Truscott.

Injustice should be familiar to most of you; if not, then it must be because fortune has spared you or because you remain oblivious to its presence in our imperfect world. This column is written to reveal one dreadful set of consequences which flowed from injustice. It is also written because of the author's hope that it might bring help for Steven Truscott.

Steven has been part of our life since the Spring of 1966 when an article in the WASHINGTON POST reported a special hearing before the Canadian Supreme Court on Steven's conviction in September 1959, for the rape-murder of twelve year old Lynne Harper. At the time of his conviction, Steven was 14 years old. On January 18, 1968, he was 23. For the past 9 years, this boy, now a man, has lived in Canadian prisons for a crime he did not commit. He was convicted by mass hysteria in his community, by the legal authorities who were willing to convict anyone in order to alleviate that hysteria, and by his trial, which was a mockery of justice and due process.

All this became clear to me through the reading of Isabel LeBourdais' book, THE TRIAL OF STEVEN TRUSCOTT (J. P. Lippincott, Phila., 1966), which proves, beyond doubt, that Steven Truscott did not rape or kill Lynne Harper. When you are finished reading this book, you will want to weep: for Steven, for Lynne, for "man's inhumanity to man". It will bring anguish to your heart, and your heart will go out to this boy who

retained dignity in the face of vituperation. Your compassion will be touched, your sense of community with those unjustly treated, aroused.

My reading of the book impelled me to write a letter to Mrs. LeBourdais. It should be added that her book precipitated a special hearing on Steven's case before the Canadian Supreme Court.

She responded to my letter and a correspondence ensued. Through her I learned that Steven's appeal for a new trial was denied. Permit me to quote: "In January (1967) the arguments were presented on both sides to the Supreme Court and then on May the 4th we received the answer. Eight of the nine judges took 89 pages of foolscap to reiterate the case as presented by the original prosecution and judge, and to say that they would not upset the jury's verdict. The ninth judge disagreed with his colleagues completely saying that the trial was a bad trial, an illegal trial for twenty-five reasons, that the verdict should be quashed and that Steven should have a new trial. However, the government of Canada quite naturally followed the views of the majority of eight."

And so, Steven remains unjustly shut off from the world.

Some of you are now asking: "What does this have to do with me?"

Everything!

As homosexuals, your sense of humanity should be more keenly honed than the average non-homosexual person. Perhaps through personal stigmata, or through knowledge of injustice which has occurred to friends, you should comprehend how easily and mercilessly the majority, in its fearful self-righteousness, is willing to strike out a-

gainst any person or phenomenon which it cannot comprehend, which it fears. As homosexuals, we fall victim, directly or indirectly, to this primitive reaction time and time again.

Our hearts must, therefore, go out to Steven. First, because, as fellow human beings we can empathize with his plight.

But second, I would hope that our awareness of his injustice is heightened by the peculiar intrusion of that particular misfortune into our own lives. Some of us escape that intrusion directly, but we are touched by it.

I recommend that you read Mrs. LeBourdais' book. You cannot help benefitting from the experience. Should you wish to write her, the address is: 15 Braemer Avenue, Toronto 7, Ontario, Canada.

For myself, I wish that I had the power to free Steven tomorrow. I am wholly convinced of his innocence. I lack such power; but, if joined by others, including some of you, Mrs. LeBourdais may yet be able to win Steven's freedom for him. This is a task to which she has devoted her life. I am not one to be contemptuous of the good of heart and so I admire her tenacity.

She has written to me: "I cannot possibly give up his case because he has pinned all his hopes on me."

In her last letter to me, Mrs. LeBourdais well stated the reason why I have written this column and asked you to read the book: "The interest of someone like you is very significant, I believe, because it shows the importance of Steve's case in relation to the welfare of all of us who live under a Western system of jurisprudence."



the gay rental

By Larry Carlson

One of the commonplace sayings among members of the real estate circles these days is, "Oh, yes, that house has been 'queenized'". This is by no means meant to be derogatory but rather complimentary. It seems that after World War II there was a rapid onrush of property buying by many homosexuals in the San Francisco area as houses were going at fairly low prices. These queens grabbed up homes everywhere, many of them found old and in still good condition Victorian structures, and they began to really fix them up. Tile floors were laid in many rooms and careful landscaping was planned. The walls, both inside and out were given new coats of paint; antique crystal chandeliers were appropriately hung, and beautiful paintings were hung on the walls, and voila! The homes took on new beauty, and of course, it followed that the value of the property went up and up and up. Many of these individuals were able to later sell these homes at a considerable profit.

This is still, being done a great deal today, although it is a little more expensive to perform. But real estate people in this area still know that when a group of queens buy a home, it's going to be "done up just right" and the phrase of a home being "queenized" is most appropriate.

A lot has to be said for these individuals, for as was

often the case, they bought property in what might have otherwise have been blighted areas of the city, and they brightened up these sections with their bright colors and giddily fru-fru'd to give new life to the buildings.

Probably a great deal of today's rentals can be attributed to the above. Landlords in this area generally are happy to rent to homosexuals because they know that more often than not, these tenants are going to paint, decorate, and arrange in such a way so as to increase the value of the property, frequently, at no extra cost to the landlord. But this is true in San Francisco.

In many other areas of the country there is rental discrimination against homosexuals, and landlords are not so eager to have "fairies" renting their premises.

The following questions were asked of the VECTOR readers. Is there rental discriminations against homosexuals? Is it more difficult for homosexuals to find housing than for heterosexuals? What discriminations have you run into over housing? Do some landlords prefer homosexuals because they know they will fix up run-down places and then the landlords will be able to up the rent with no investment and little work?

Due to the fact that VECTOR came out late last month, we did not receive but a few letters in order to make this month's deadline, and they are reprinted here.

VIEWS OF AN AGING LANDLORD.

There are two sides to this landlord-tenant controversy, and I'd like to speak from the side of the gay landlord who makes it a practice to rent to gay tenants.

I have had and still have the same tenants for as long as five years, and I would be unhappy if they found it necessary to move. These boys have taken a rather ordinary two bedroom flat and made it into a decorator's model show place. They have not torn down any walls or done any major alterations to the apartment, but with reasonable rent, and no one to bug them, they have done some painting and papering, and what with their excellent taste in furniture and ar-

rangement, the apartment looks like a million.

They couldn't care what happens to the yard or walks along the side of the house, because they live INSIDE the house and take excellent care of it. They are in my opinion beautiful tenants, and there is a fine relationship between us which has built up from landlord-tenant, because we did not know each other before their moving into my property.

The fact that they have elected to remain a tenant for so long a time, they must consider that they are getting a fair deal, at least one with which they are satisfied.

....Aging Landlord

THAT NICE LITTLE OLD LADY

Having had experience with both straight and gay landlords, I feel that each has his good and bad points. I have been evicted from an apartment because the landlord suspected that I was gay. On the other hand, I have been coddled and catered to because I was gay.

Like most gay people I tend to take very good care of the apartment that I am in, and I feel that I improve an apartment while I live there. I do think that many landlords take advantage of gay renters knowing that they will paint and fix things whether the landlord pays for it or not.

My experience with gay landlords has not been entirely pleasant, I must say! Currently, I live in a lovely house owned by gay people. This letter would run off the page if I tried to list all of the minor repairs that should be done! As I pay a rather high rent, and the repairs are needed on permanent fixtures of the house, I feel that the landlords should pay for these repairs. They seem to feel no responsibility toward getting these things done, but do I hear about it if my rent check is one or two day's late!

Considering all things, I think that I'd rather rent from "that nice little old lady" who doesn't give a damn what I do or who I do it with.

....Steve

MONEY TALKS

In 30 years of renting the only time I have been refused

occupancy was by an aged closet-queen who rented exclusively to gay boys. Presumably (since I had several gay personal references), he just didn't like my looks. If anything, I have found that most real-estate people and apartment managers prefer bachelor males (singly or in pairs) to any other group, and no one has ever questioned my sex life unless they had a personal interest.

Landlords are interested primarily in money, and to the extent one's behavior or appearance do not drive out other tenants, or cause unnecessary expense to the owner, all are welcome.

The only problem I have encountered is a general lack of accommodations in the single person's price range that one could consider an adequate home. Some enterprising builder should specialize in offering efficiency apartments for single men with lots of community facilities, social rooms, hobby shops, sun deck, and so on.

....Pierre

GORGEOUS SPEAKS AGAIN

What do you mean, discrimination against queens? I've never met a male landlord who didn't want me to stay. . . . and stay. . . and stay!

....Gorgeous

OPEN A NEW WINDOW

I think each case of landlord and tenant warrants a facet all its own.

Whereas I have had excellent tenants, who have considered me an excellent landlord I have also had the irresponsible kind, who while paying the rent (many times late), let the stove get into such a grimey mess, that when he moved, it was necessary to replace it with a new one.

Apart from never cleaning the oven, he refused to pay his monthly fee to the scavenger service, and would put his garbage into the garbage cans of other tenants in the building late at night, hoping they would not see him.

When he finally vacated the premises (owing 2 month's back rent), I finally went in to clean up the place, and there was an accumulation of garbage and beat-up and broken furniture which not even the Goodwill would take. It cost more than one hundred dollars to have the garbage

removed and the place cleaned up and ready to show to a new tenant.

He had put silverware down the garbage disposal and broke it, and never said a word about it. He took out two chandeliers, one a quite good crystal chandelier in the dining room, and loaned it to a friend from whom I have not yet been able to retrieve it. Needless to say, this person is no longer in town, and if he were, how could you get "blood out of a turnip", as he works just enough to get by and no more. It took two days airing to get rid of the pungent smell of acrid incense and stale pot smoke.

I have nothing against people smoking pot and burning incense, but I wish they would air their homes out once in awhile. It stinks!

....Annoyed Landlord

In conclusion it is seen from the example set by homosexuals in the San Francisco area that housing to these individuals can be profitable to the whole community. This is certainly one of the facets of modern society that should be emulated in other communities that have homosexual contingencies.



The topic for next month's OPEN FORUM (see Gold Sheet) is: "The Homosexual In The Tenderloin." What are some of the problems that confront the homophile community with the Tenderloin situation? What is life like in this area for a homosexual? What types of homosexuals dwell in the Tenderloin? What can the homophile community and organizations like S.I.R. do to better the situation in the Tenderloin? Comments on this subject are deadlined for April 18, 1968. Mail all letters and comments to Larry Carlson: VECTOR, 83 Sixth Street, San Francisco, 94103.

The topic for the June VECTOR is: "THE HOMOSEXUAL IN LEATHER." Questions for thought on this subject will appear in the May VECTOR. The deadline for copy on this topic is May 18, 1968.

Plug In, Turn On, And Buzz

by Larry Carlson

Drug addiction is a state of periodic or chronic intoxication, detrimental to the individual and to society, produced by the repeated consumption of a drug, either natural or synthetic. Its characteristics often include (1) an overpowering desire or compulsion to continue taking the drug and to obtain it by any means; (2) a tendency to increase the dose; (3) a psychic and sometimes physical dependence on the effects of the drug, which frequently makes it difficult for the person involved to discontinue its use.

Coffee, tea, cola beverages, tobacco, and alcohol in moderation may be merely habit-forming for some persons, but the continuous and excessive use of these can lead to addiction. The most overpowering addiction, however, is to cocaine, opium, heroin, and morphine and to synthetic substitutes for morphine such as demerol and methadone.

Strictly speaking, narcotic drugs are those which produce sleep. The word "narcotic" comes from the Greek word which means "making numb." Thus, depressant and sleep-producing drugs are literally "narcotic" in effect. But other drugs such as cocaine, which has a stimulating effect, are usually included among the narcotics. Rather than call these substances "habit-forming" it is better to call them "addiction-producing."

Addiction-producing drugs, psychologically addicting as well as biologically addicting, can be divided into depressants and stimulants. The depressants, which have a numbing effect and produce sleep, include opium, morphine and its derivatives, the synthetic pain-relieving drugs, the barbiturates, marijuana, and others. Alcohol, a most potent drug, should also be listed high in this group. The stimulants, which bring about excitement and sleeplessness, include cocaine, benzedrine-type drugs (amphetamines), and mescaline.

The use of drugs in this country today has become an overwhelming problem, and one of particular concern to the many parents who have children who are experimenting with LSD, STP, "pot", methedrine, and others. It has become very difficult to talk about drugs due to the "hysteria" and excitement it induces to just talk about them. There were recently over 70 research projects in this country involving tests on LSD, and now there are probably less than 15. The vigorous enforcement of the Harrison Narcotic Act has attempted to make it more difficult for drug users, yet the surge goes on. In 1965, LSD was prohibited; in October, 1966, a law was passed which made LSD possession a misdemeanor.

Once addiction is established the victim is no longer his own master. These powerful drugs give rise to an abnormal craving which will not be denied and which can be satisfied only by more of the drug. No matter what the cost in money, reputation, or professional advancement the drug addict must have his customary doses of narcotics. If the supply is interrupted, the addict will sink into poverty or crime to satisfy his craving.

Withdrawal causes such severe suffering that few addicts have the moral courage and strength to discontinue the habit.

The word "psychedelic" has rapidly crept into our everyday colloquial expressions. It means actually "mind altering" or "mind manifestive." Drugs which fall into this category are supposedly expected to expand the conscious mind, but in actuality they diminish it. A person under LSD is incapable of concentrating his attention, and his filtering mechanisms are wiped out; there is a rapid onrush of sensory capabilities such as amplified reactions to sound, light, and other sensory mechanisms. Although LSD reportedly produces more awareness of the inner self, it actually distorts outer and inner perceptions to varying degrees. LSD has been proven not useable in psychotherapeutic practices because the unconscious is distorted, and the ego gives false information.

The range of "trips" depends upon where and for how long you wish to go. Marijuana is relatively inexpensive, and the effects of "grass" usually last for an hour or two. Then there is "hashish" (a more potent form of marijuana) which lasts a bit longer. Depending upon how many micrograms taken (250-350 normal dosage) of LSD, the trip may last anywhere from 6-8 hours, and sometimes from 12-18 hours with increased dosage. DNY (often called the "businessman's LSD") lasts about 3-4 hours. For those who desire "long vacations" there's STP which provides an even longer trip, sometimes lasting between 3-4 days.

LOOK Magazine, March 5, 1968, reports the horror of growing drug abuse. "Methamphetamine hydrochloride. Brand name: Methedrine. Street name: "speed". In castoff corners of our society, kids in growing numbers sniff, eat or inject speed. Kitchen labs bubble it up for \$30 a pound, and underground dealers sell it at \$20-\$25 a spoon, about a gram. Dealing is big business despite the hippie button that warns: "SPEED KILLS!"

The multimillion drug distribution business is incredible. LOOK reports that one Eastern methedrine dealer deposited \$11,000 in the bank in a six-week period, and deposited \$5,040 during a single week in another bank. Grass is even greener. Most marijuana enters from Mexico through Tijuana/San Diego or from Ciudad Juarez/El Paso channels. It crosses the border in the upholstery of cars, is dropped by private plane or stuffed into cement trucks, camping trailers, or ambulances. Narcotic officials estimate that Americans spend \$100 million a year on marijuana.

It appears that LSD is being used less today, and the increase is on other drugs. Some of these stimulatory drugs ("uppers"), such as speed, marijuana, amphetamines, methedrine ("crystal"), and amyl nitrite ("poppers"), are among the most common. Tolerance develops quickly with methedrine useage, and the user must progressively use increasing quantities of the drug to get the same "high" and there-

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upon develop a more expensive habit. This increase in dosage often affects the kidneys, causes heart disorders, and elevates blood pressure. The so-called "speed freak" often loses much weight, and when he "comes down" is often irritable and disturbed. "Yellows" (pentobarbital, nembutal, and others often show up I.V. (intravenously), and frequently the result is death.

Why are there so many drug users today? The reasons are many. One factor is that many individuals, frequently teen-agers, are searching for an "identity" and a motivational ambition; their own confusion and frustration frequently induces pillibility and subsequent drug useage. They are very sensitive to the existing social hypocrisies--they are told by their parents that drugs are bad, but yet, Mother takes her "diet pills" daily, and Dad uses his "tranquilizers" and probably both parents smoke and/or drink; no wonder the confusion. Some youngsters are emotionally disturbed; others have other serious problems which sometimes lead to drugs as a means of escape and "mind expansion" in the quest for self-identity. Student leaders, often with very good grades, have experimented with pot, as the social pressures of the group are often upon them to try it as "part of growing up."

Psychedelic art forms spread the drug gospel. It appears that everything you see in

movies, TV, and magazines is drug-induced. The psychedelic advocates are urging people to turn on and drop out of productive society. The entire culture is becoming affected with respect to drugs. Perhaps, it is a searching for love, and its deprivation that leads many people to drug useage. The "love" of the "hippies" only tends to create the illusion of love; massive use of drugs are necessary to keep the "family" living together. Could these individuals be really searching for one's self?

While the drug types and the law enforcers have at each other, the rest of us in the middle have a different job. We are well into the chemical age, and the mind-benders are just one wave. A while back, the book, SILENT SPRING, split people into those for and those against powerful insecticides. More battles will follow. Among scientists, there's a general belief that a surge of discovery has suddenly hit biochemistry. Pill-downing man will even control heredity through DNA lotions. Society, already neck-deep in problem-solving, now has to learn how to swim in dangerous solutions.

The next generation? I seem to foresee the prospects of living in an era of 110 volts, A.C. or D.C., with a little black box which can be attached to the scalp with two little electrodes that can be inserted under the skin, and then press a small switch. Perhaps, our motto might be, "PLUG IN, TURN ON, AND BUZZ!"



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BY JULIUS

We were never more broke than one day last week after having paid off the last half installment of our property tax and settled up with the Federal and State Income Tax people. Whew! If we were going to recuperate from this financial bite we decided that we would have to bring to a halt, those fancy dinners in our more glamorous San Francisco restaurants.

Perhaps there is a silver lining to this annual dark episode in our financial life, because it got us to recall the reports of economies in the mysterious East Bay and the bargains offered by it's most popular restaurant - VOLUME ONE, Berkeley.

We called up a friend whom we knew would spring for the bridge toll, and invited him to join us in discovering the truth or fallacy of VOLUME ONE'S 99¢ dinners. Like ourselves, my friend was delighted to learn that one could still eat out in an attractive atmosphere and not have to go in hock to do it. If you have not been to VOLUME ONE, let us tell you that it is as close to downtown San Francisco as most of the better eating houses in the city. In fact, in less than twenty minutes from the time we left downtown San Francisco, we were having our first drink at the attractive "wrap-around-bar" at VOLUME ONE. Whereas every Wednesday and Sunday nights, VOLUME ONE comes on strong with a big bargain - like Prime Rib of Beef au Jus and Yorkshire Pudding for only \$1.99 - (the place is usually packed we hear), their every day menu is like something out of the 30's. Imagine a delightfully served dinner of Beef Stroganoff, or Shrimp Creole, or Extra Large Raviolis, or

Cannelloni, or Swordfish for only 99¢, including an oversized salad with VOLUME ONE'S own Italian dressing.

The menu has other taste tempting dishes but we want to stress the 99¢ specials which are available every night. Should you feel you want to splurge there are such goodies as Terriyaki Beef en Brochette for only \$1.49 while grilled centercut Pork Chops are only \$1.99, if you feel like a spendthrift. On the other hand if you want to shoot the works and live extravagantly, VOLUME ONE is copying a well known famous steak house in San Francisco, and is offering New York steaks by weight. You can order one of them weighing anything from twelve ounces for \$2.99 to a whopper of twenty ounces for only \$4.99. Imagine anyone eating such a big piece of meat. Mercy!

To go with your dinner the wine list is equally popular because of its budget prices. It's the only restaurant we found where Lancer's Crackling Rose is only \$2.75, or Chateau neuf du pape, Calvert is only \$2.50.

But let me tell you exactly how to find VOLUME ONE in just twenty minutes from any place in San Francisco. Cross over the Bay Bridge and take the East Bay Freeway to the University Ave. - Berkeley off ramp. At San Pablo Ave. turn to the right for a few blocks and on the left hand side of the street you will see a not-too-brightly lighted sign reading VOLUME ONE. That's 2329 San Pablo Ave., the home of the 99¢ dinner specials.

While we are on the subject of budget restaurants let us tell you about Mr. B's at 54 Second Street, right here in San Francisco. We are

sure that Mr. B's fame has travelled world wide if not for his noontime menu, at least for the friendliness of his former night time clientele. Mr. B's is no longer open at night, but is still open every day serving his friends who work in the vicinity of Market or Mission Streets, between First and Powell Streets.

What with the subterranean digging for the BART construction right underneath Mr. B's, the California Safety Commission deemed it unsafe for Mr. B to continue his fantastic crowds that gathered every weekend at this popular after hours coffee spot. Thus, in deference to SAFETY FIRST, Mr. B is no longer open at night. For a long time, BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) had Second Street torn up, and immediately in front of Mr. B's was the biggest and deepest hole of all. Spectators and sidewalk superintendents came from all over to see the deep hole and the construction gangs working in it. No one learned what the hole was dug for, or what they found when they reached a depth of 75 feet, but like by gypsies in the night, the hole disappeared-all covered up again and traffic almost normal again. They say that when "one door is closed to you, a window somehow gets opened" and this is what happened at Mr. B's. No sooner had he lost his night time patrons, when mobs of yellow helmeted hard hat wearing workmen descended upon his restaurant for his famous low budget lunches. Today and everyday from Mondays to Fridays, you will find pile driver operators, pole climbing linesmen, steel riveters, concrete mixing operators, truck drivers, and heavy crane operators and every other type of construction workers, eating their lunch at the still famous Mr. B's, and they'll be wearing all sorts of weird and interesting protective clothing and boots in colors the CASUAL MAN hasn't heard of yet. We suspect that some of them buy their clothes at that famous Polk Street establishment, they're THAT colorful and exciting.



ASK MME. SOTO-VOCE

Mme. Aida Soto-Voce is now a semi-retired star of the opera and concert stage who, during the apex of her career was the romantic toast of three continents. VECTOR is honored to have her on our staff to answer your questions on "Matters of the Heart." Address all correspondence to Mme. Aida Soto-Voce, 83 Sixth Street, San Francisco, California 94103

Dear Mme. Soto-Voce,

Although I am 37 years old I seem to have more and more trouble trying to make friends and kindle a romance with people in their early twenties. I don't think my problem is physical appearance as I have all my hair, a youthful face and I lift weights to keep my physique. I dress in a youthful way (not like a hippy or a teenybopper) but my friends tell me I'm out of step with the younger generation.

Madam, there must be some truth in what they say because I always get the feeling I'm still an "old man" in my late thirties to these early twenties types.

Please advise,
Outa Date

Dear Outa,

There seems to be an obvious conflict in what you think is youthful and what is youthful. Over the years the tastes and styles of youth change drastically. Bear in mind if you are 37, then you were in your early twenties in the mid nineteen-fifties. Ask yourself if you are a 1968 youth image or a 1955 youth image. Someone in penny loafers, argyle sox, hip slung blue jeans, a gaudy Hawaiian shirt (Harry Truman type) and a "hero" type jacket with a school letter and '52 on it and to all of this add the crowning touch of a "flat top with fenders" haircut and it is no surprise that the early twenties type of person would shy away. You look youthful but like you were dressed for a costume party. Your problem reminds me of a dear friend of mine who had the same problem under more pronounced circumstances. I remember I hadn't seen this friend in years but when I was singing Barbara in an open air festival production of Victor Herbert's opera, Natoma, in the gold rush town of Fish Camp, California, I decided to visit her. the once famous Republic Picture star, Lola Brewster, in her mountain retreat home. As I approached her curved wall and glass brick hideaway I saw her custom built Frazer convertible in the driveway and I knew she was in. When I saw her she was elated that someone (anyone) had come to see her. She was very depressed and told me nobody calls and her love life is defunct. She went on to say that when she was a big star at Republic all men much younger and older had adored her but, alas, the studio had not called lately and neither had the admirers. She lamented that she still had her face, figure, and beautiful orange hair

that photographed so vividly in Republic's Anscochrome color film, and yet she was being ignored by youthful romance. The rare men callers she ever did have were all as old or older. I immediately saw the problem and told her "Lola, look at yourself. Ankle strap platform high heel shoes, a padded shoulder leopard skin coat, a shoulder strap purse, and a knit snood on your hair and here you sit in this out of date Roosevelt Modern house with that strange car in the driveway waiting for the studio to call that went out of business years ago and you wonder where all the young admirers went." I told her young men were not interested in pretty time capsules of the nineteen-forties. They want a today's woman today. They don't want to listen to reminiscence of your triumphs on Lux Radio Theater---they never heard of it. If you feel you must be surrounded by young people and can't be happy with your own age group and you are convinced they will only accept you on their terms, then don't emulate the youth styles of the wrong era and make a bizzare joke of yourself. I told Miss Brewster that ideally she would look like a young thinking person tastefully attired in the non-fad clothing of today.

Well, Mr. Date, Lola Brewster bought a new wardrobe, gave up waiting for Republic to call, threw away her snood traded in her Frazier, read up on Zen Buddhism, Karate, and the Viet Nam war and she is now a must at all the cocktail parties. I've even heard she has a mother's part in an upcoming "surfer" type movie and two of Hollywood's gossip columnists have her engaged to two different young star hopefuls. If the pursuit of youthful company and lovers is so essential to you and you don't think you can convince yourself to pursue love in your own age group, then don't date your idea of what youth is - know what it is.

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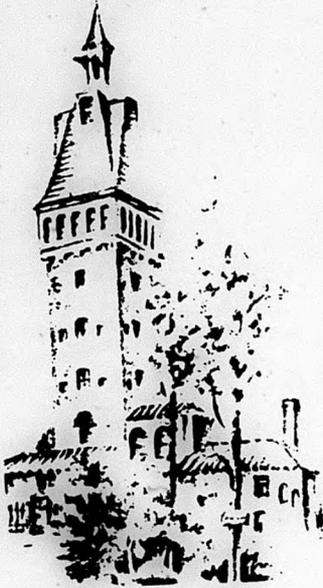


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<p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <p>Membership Work- shop 7 P.M. L.M.S. Rehearsal 7:30 PM</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">31</p> <p>Monday May 6th S.I.R. auction at 524 Club Monday May 13th S.I.R. auction at Dalt Club</p>			

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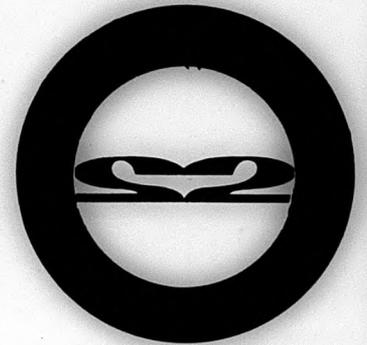
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THE Bar Tour

By Tequila Mockingbird

We have all sorts of new items for the bar going public this month. New bars, activities in old established bars, Tavern Guild activities even a new bar publication. And so, all aboard for the bar tour which is now going in its second year.

First we have the new bars entries for this month. We welcome "THE MEET MARKET", and "THE MISTAKE" into the fold and wish them well. "THE MEET MARKET" on Mission St. just off Van Ness, combines the warm personality of the small neighborhood bar with the crowd atmosphere of the large downtown bars. It is the type of bar that you go into for one drink and wind up staying until closing. "THE MISTAKE" uses a backward "S" on its name that would give the VECTOR typewriter indigestion. It may have been a mistake for the former owner but it certainly is succe\$\$ for Max Sloane the new owner. "THE MISTAKE" is on 18th Street and Noe and is a neat tidy little bar with very personable bartenders.

About the same time that this issue of VECTOR goes to press a new bar - oriented paper "THE SWINGER" is due to come out. This paper will be available free in most of the gay bars in town. The VECTOR staff along with the bar going public, looks forward to the first issue of "THE SWINGER", which in time may develop into a gay issue of "THE SHOPPING NEWS".

Subsequent to last month's bar tour of the East Bay the TAVERN GUILD held its East Bay meeting at the VOLUME ONE in Berkeley. Impressive representation from the beverage industry, three County Health Departments, and bars on both sides of the Bay and even as far as Monterey, turned up to hear the President and Secretary of S.I.R. speak of mutual goals and future activities at the

S.I.R. Community Center.

It is auction time again! Benefit auctions are scheduled for the OPERA CLUB on Sunday April 28th by the 524 on Monday May 6th and by the "DALT CLUB" on Monday May 13th.

Auctions on the past have been great fun and have successfully raised funds for many worthwhile causes. These three new auctions merit your full participation. Bring your donations to the bars before or during the auctions. All sorts of things have been auctioned off at these bar auctions; records, books, pictures, objets d' camp and even a live lizard that bit the auctioneer. Remember the dates and locations. Get rid of last year's unwanted gifts and do some of this year's Xmas shopping early.

Now for some short items to conclude this column. Wrestling matches at the "WATERHOLE" are a big hit. Budd the fancy bartender at "THE LUCKY CLUB" is getting around to some of the other bars. "THE PRESIDENT ROOM" is no longer. Naomi from the "PALMER HOUSE" is active on the S.I.R. membership committee. Whisky and The Wild West at the "OPERA CLUB". Big crowd at the "BIG BASKET" after the bars close. Outstanding dinner wines at the "2 'til 2". Jim Awalt is back at "THE TOWER". Movies of Shirley in Reno are due. New rock combo, Mark De Noel and The Soul Searchers at "THE 524". "GILDED CAGE" in Monterey carries VECTOR again. D.O.B. brunch had a big turn out from S.I.R., girls say thanks. Phone Company is in a teasy over proposed new listings in yellow pages under "HOMOPHILE ORGANIZATIONS". The Yucatan Girl rehearsals take place in the basement of the "LIBRA".



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PART 4 NEXT MONTH

BOOKS·BOOKS·BOOKS

Michael Campbell, Lord Dismiss Us, Putnam, NY, 1967

The introduction of the homophile personality into the mainstream of literature seems to run in cycles or fads. During the late 1950's and the early 1960's we were exposed to the hustler or the nelly fagot. A number of writers justify their excursions into this realm by portraying gay life as some branch of degenerate mankind. By small steps the contemporary novel is inching its uneasy way toward showing the homosexual as he really is, searching for fulfillment and emotional release like all the other mammals on the planet.

Another genre is about to appear: the English boarding school where teacher and student alike are frequently acting out the joys and limitations of the all male environment. Latent homo-eroticism hangs heavy in the air like the scent from a perfume factory.

The homosexual component has been skillfully integrated into a meaningful portrait of this ancient British institution. The headmaster and his wife, the students and teachers all receive their due. The headmaster has been sent into the school to clean up the chronic scandals that are as much a part of the place as the trees and grass. The visit by the girls from another near-by school is a near disaster and the mass purge is on. Heads roll, both pupil and faculty.

The sexual and romantic affairs are developed in masterly good taste and are central to the story. The English school system for upper class children could not function as it does without the stamp of such a pre-occupation. This is the legacy and irony from the Victorian mode of life. And Michael Campbell has conceived the interpretative saga of this curious sub-culture. A stroll through the

"gentlemans blackboard jungle" is an unforgettable tour for any discriminating reader.

R.E.L. Masters Sexual Self Stimulation, 1967, Sherbourne Press, Los Angeles.

American culture has long cherished taboos that steadily nourish an undercurrent of sexual tension. Homosexuality as a secret way of life has received its due in recent years. But masturbation remains one of the last holdouts in the erotic literature. In this regard incest is doubtless its only rival.

Masters, the author of numerous works on human sexuality, has finally lifted the black curtain by his editorship of this collection of essays from a diverse and fascinating range of authors.

Part one provides a studied appreciation of the roots of Victorian prohibitions. As a sample, the reader will shudder at reading the nineteenth century doctor F. R. Sturgis' account of how to cure children of "self-abuse." One wonders how our grandparents managed to mature at all! Treatment ran from enclosing the body of the offender in a wire cage to literal castration.

Part two is predominately the modern views of psychoanalysts with their Freudian bias. The selection by Edward Sagarin, "Autoeroticism: a Sociological Approach" stands out from the tired, shop worn jargon of the medical establishment. Dr. Sagarin, believes self stimulation provides a needed outlet for those persons who are unable to establish sexual release until marriage. But he also points out that society prohibits this ancient practice because it constitutes sex pleasure only and the "seed must not fall upon the ground."

Albert Ellis in his article, "Masturbation by Sexually Isolated Individuals"

expands upon the literal view of this subject.

Part three concludes the book with materials which examine the anthropological aspects of masturbation. Here we find a diverting anthropocornucopia of information on various auto-erotic practices around the globe. "Self-stimulation among Arabs and Jews" by Allen Edwards is representative.

Masters has selected his material wisely and arranged it in a manner which contributes to an understanding of a subject which has long been considered too private for scientific inquiry. Perhaps scholars will be goaded into analyzing the deeper waters of self-stimulation in the spirit of Kinsey.

Frank Lowell

Richard Amory, Listen, The Loon Sings. (Greenleaf Classics, San Diego, 1968) \$1.50.

Read this one slowly, or else you'll miss the subtle wit and poetry of what is probably the best gay novel ever written. Then read it a second time.

Advertised as the last of Amory's Loon Trilogy, it takes Hank (a rakish, uneducated cowboy introduced as a minor character in SONG OF AARON), journeying from someplace in California into a wildly beautiful metaphor of sex and love--from near-prostitution to an almost visionary, mystical concept of love--traveling through some of the most frantically erotic situations ever described outside of Amory's previous novels. On the way Hank picks up with, lays, is laid by, some new characters and some old ones, notable Cyrus from SONG OF THE LOON. Interspersed with this is a series of episodes such as the Crabtree/Tsi-Fokha story, a clever denunciation of purely mechanical sex, and the Jess-Mac series, shrewdly describing the prostitute-client relationship.

The by-line of the Sexual Freedom League is "People are not things", and Amory is saying precisely this on every page of his novel. But given the naturally semi-promiscuous nature of males, how do you strike a balance between jealous, possessive

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Vigil's Views

BY JOE VIGIL

SO, WHO'S THE "LADY"?

If you're ready for ROD STEIGER in drag, then you're ready for "NO WAY TO TREAT A LADY", the murder yarn with just the right degree of comedy to keep it from dragging between Rod's appearances in different disguises.

The action deals with the track-down of a New York strangler by the police headed by GEORGE SEGAL. Since there is no surprise in who the killer is (STEIGER), the suspense comes from the question of how he will be caught. Helping and hindering the case are LEE REMICK as George's erstwhile girl friend and EILEEN HECKERT as his Yiddish Momma. Miss Heckert gives a very funny, if somewhat stereotyped, performance as she is forever entreating son George that he should eat a little something and try to be more like his brother, her son the doctor. Segal provides a more than adequate foil for Steiger, while Miss Remick does little except model the marvelous

clothes of Theoni Aldridge.

The film, directed by JACK SMIGHT, gives Steiger a chance for a brilliant tour-de-force which includes characterization of an Irish priest a German plumber, a NY policeman, the above mentioned female attire, and a very campy, effete hair dresser. Donning a platinum beetle-type wig and large sunglasses Steiger swishes into the apartment of cat loving BARBARA BAXLEY under the guise of presenting her with a complimentary wig. Before he can "give it the finishing touches", her sister interrupts and what ensues is one of the funniest "bitch" fights on film, ending with the dyed red sister (You're no Cleopatra yourself, sweetie) hurling the tag "homo" at the departing "Dorian Smith", to which "Dorian" draws himself up to deliver his final remark, "That doesn't mean I'm a bad person". This episode provides the film with some of its funniest moments, which are not lost on the "normal" audience attending the screening.

Also in the film, a bit of irony is provided by the fact that the woman Steiger murders while in drag is played by KIM AUGUST, a femme mimic, who is never disclosed as such in the picture.

Although the ending is inevitable, the film is wholly entertaining in both its comedy and suspense.

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monogamy at one extreme (Afam), and unfeeling, mechanical promiscuity (Crabtree) at the other? The two extremes are either undesirable unworkable, or both, Amory says, for neither involves love, the touchstone of any meaningful relationship. He defines "love" broadly enough to include plain mutual liking and respect, but condemns anything less---prostitution, mindless promiscuity, and selfish possessiveness. This view of love is both mature

and exciting.

An interweaving of the "Indian-poetic-ideal" of SONG OF THE LOON with the "white-ironic-realistic" of SONG OF AARON. More songs and poetry as usual with Amory. And somebody must write his Spanish for him, or else he's Spanish himself---the line "hasta nunca pendejo" is indescribably funny.

A masterpiece of homosexual erotica, head and shoulders above anything else in the field. Frank Suarez

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Letters to the Editor...



Dear Bill:

You have named a police officer and accused him of brutality. Then you have given us the names of several officers--one of them the head of Police-Community Relations--and implied that they do the same thing, when it comes to homosexuals.

You present no details, no dates, no verification of your accusations. It is hopeful that if you have such information that it is now on the desk of Chief Thomas Cahill, who reads all such reports, and that a report has been filed with the police and Citizens Alert. I know for a fact, that a series of such complaints does result in action by the Chief including the removal of the officer from his position.

Those of us who work long hours trying to cooperate with the police in the Police Community Relations program become discouraged by broad attacks such as yours. As you know, S.I.R. and other local groups have been instrumental in changing much of the antagonism that once existed between the police and the homosexual in this city.

The police are not gods... they live in a ghetto of uniforms and passed-down prejudices and hang-ups. They are the victims of the limited training they receive and the regulations they are supposed to obey and that they think keep them from "combating crime"... We should be working to make this a better and more effective force by trying to gain knowledge of how it functions and by attempting to change it. General attacks are not useful.

George Mendenhall
PR Chairman

Dear George:

Sullivan is no longer on the force because of his flagrant misuse of his position. If anyone does not know of his abuses to homosexuals, that were extensively publicized in local papers, then I do not really believe they

have the knowledge necessary for the establishment of sound relations with the police. And so on to the others--we know the problem of proof, and of support of your men, right or wrong, etc. etc. You are doing good work, but it is good to see you finally say that the "police are not Gods."
W.E.B.

Editor:

As an avid reader, oft times critic, but, none-the-less an individual who sincerely supports the expressed aims of the Preamble to the S.I.R. Constitution, I feel compelled to express my profound displeasure with the covers and their possible ramifications of the January and February issues.

You do not gain adherents to our cause by lowering your standards to those of the Tenderloin smut vendors. Au contraire, you merely add fuel to the fire of the religious oriented straight laced moralists who can cry with fervent vigor that we are obsessed with the sexuality of the human body.

I am disturbed by this trend in a magazine which has with but few exceptions, maintained an image of social consciousness and civic decorum.

You ought not need to lower yourselves to the mire of the "girlie and muscle men books" which appeal only to those who must depend upon vicarious sexual stimuli. Your writers abound with talent, and your format is usually refreshing and eye-catching. You cover a wide variety of provocative and stimulating topics, and your forums elicit a great variety of reader-interest.

Why, then, become part and parcel of an image of which we should divorce and divest ourselves?

With due consideration,
T.M.E.

Dear T.M.E.,

Both VECTOR covers and the January picture of a penis

were journalistically sound and were anti-pornographic in concept. We are sorry that some persons have not taken our approach at its intended evaluation. Read the following letter.
W.F.B.

Dear Mr. Beardemphl:

Congratulations for the article on pornography in the January issue and especially for the photo of the natural male penis on the same page as the medical diagram of the male sexual parts. I am sure that I grasped your intent and purpose in presenting both pictures along with the commentary and letters, and the effect was brilliant!

One has but to read the critical letters and overhear the highly indignant reactions in the bars over the inclusion of this graphic art to gain an insight and knowledge of the subject of not "pornography" but of the persons who devise and perpetuate the fallacy that such a thing exists, i.e. that any work can be relegated to this non-existent but convenient category imagined by the hypocritical.

As the pseudo-civil rights liberal is exposed when he gasps at the sight of the racially mixed couple on the street, your presentation shocks and boggles the VECTOR reader who will pay ten times the value for a Market Street paperback or a hazy photo depicting what he could be enjoying with his lover at no financial cost, you have unmasked us all.

To make my point, or rather to prove your point, may I ask of all those who criticized the inclusion of the photo of the naked boy (and I understand this included several board members) of all the critical letters written and the indignant expressions of our friends who applaud controversy but are so upset by an honest picture of what they will spend thousands of

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GAY SOLDIER (Continued from page 5)

men are trained in facets of homosexuality so that they may obtain information that will be beneficial to the security and position of our government.

Society is rapidly approaching the point where homosexuals no longer need to be ashamed of their orientation. We may even live to see an age where every individual may serve his country in the way that will best fulfil his nature. Certainly all persons are not killers anymore than all persons are nurses.

What the individual must be aware of is that nearly all homosexuals who serve in the armed forces, serve without any difficulty. But, homosexuals do have a choice of whether or not they wish to serve.

REFORM IS NEEDED.

As the excellent draft brochure of S.I.P.'s Community Service Committee states:

If a young man who is homosexual enters the service, thus indicating his willingness to face death and injury side by side with his heterosexual fellow-citizens, and is

"discovered," he is told by service investigators--who for the occasion assume the airs of offended moralists--that he was a liar and a perjurer for not declaring himself, he suffers serious discrimination in employment as a result of hiring practices, that, in the Civil Service at least, make a mockery of the government's claims to be fighting discrimination as it affects minority groups. The homosexual minority (numbering some ten to fifteen million men and women, at a conservative estimate), is one of the most significant minority groups in the United States but one whose rights the government contemptuously denies on factitious moral grounds. In the light of these facts, common sense and common justice would require, at a minimum, that:

(1) Selective Service procedure be revised so that no questions about sexual orientation appear on induction questionnaires.

(2) All answers to questions about homosexuality, whether positive or negative, now on file, be expunged from the records.

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man-hours seeking, how many were equally critical of the picture of the medical chart shown on the same page? What percentage of your critics even commented about the second illustration, and aren't they both the same except that the medical chart "goes further" by not only focusing the reader's attention to detail, but actually in explicit graffiti announces the medical-scientific name for each part and its functions? (Horror of horrors!)

Therein lies the crux of all discussion over what is and what is not 'pornographic', namely the reactions of those who were offended by one picture and not the other. The Supreme Court would do well to venture where you have successfully tread. G. G.

Dear Mr. Beardemphl:

I would like to add, better late than never, another approval of the penis shown in the January issue of VECTOR.

Need I point out that to those so inclined, the most exciting thing about the female are the breasts? Has the exuberance of publications like PLAYBOY offended the entire community?

I propose that those who succumb to delicacy of feelings stop kidding themselves and buy HAPPER'S BAZAAR, since they acquiesce in their own destruction. Hail to thee, Blithe Spirit! Bird thou never wert.

P. B. S.

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