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Closet Queens

Martin Stow

homosexual is not too exact but the designation is frequently applied in a derogatory manner.

One often experiences the angry rejec-
tion of prominent members of the homophile community when the subject of the commitment of all homosexuals to the homophile movement is discussed. Persons with a high homosexual profile are particularly incensed that professional men do not publicly declare their sexual orientation and confront public opinion. However, there appears to exist a gentle-
men's agreement that revelation is an in-
dividual responsibility and decision. I, for
one, concur with this agreement as the realities of life indicate that most of society is, at least, "up-tight" about homo-
sexuality and a man's possible martyr-
dom to the cause should be a personal choice based upon one's own sense of values rather than those imposed by other individuals or groups.

We are most likely to think of the Closet Queen in sociological terms: a person whose social position makes it man-
datory that he not reveal too extensively his homosexuality. There is, however, a more important psychological considera-
tion. That is, the effect of the perception which the Closet Queen has of himself. One encounters with great frequency homosexuals who themselves hold a low opinion of homosexuality. Some of us see this as the problem underlying gay mili-
tancy. If you can't love yourself then you'll get everyone else to dislike you through hostile behavior. The Closet Queen is also subject to low self-esteem which is related to his homosexuality. One well-known lawyer expresses it: "If I defend a murderer, no one accuses me of being a murderer; if I defend a homo-
sexual, everyone accuses me of being a homosexual." Obviously, this man does not want to be known as a homosexual. In fact, everyone knows that he is a ho-
mosexual. His statement is simply an attempt to keep separate his professional and his personal life. They appear to him to be incompatible.

I can hypothesize, without much fear of contradiction, that among Closet Queens, physicians continue to have the highest rate of suicide and drug addiction. Much of this can be attributed to their inability in reconciling personal and pro-
fessional roles. Inheritor of a superior

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**The Editor Comments**

**SIR of Ohio**

Your editor is angry.

A group in Columbus, Ohio had adopted the name "The Society for Individual Rights" and "SIR of Ohio" in order to capitalize on the hard-earned reputation of the organization that publishes this magazine.

The president of "SIR of Ohio" is Tom Lewis and he claims that the name "Mattachine" which they had at first adopted wasn't too popular and "did not draw the straight, professional people we wanted" so they lifted the name of another popular organization, S.I.R.

Mr. Lewis claims, in a telephone interview, that no one in Ohio "ever heard of S.I.R." but then goes on to state that there have been inquiries as to whether they are affiliated with S.I.R. in San Francisco. He said that such people are told "not directly."

In your editor's four years on the Board of S.I.R. we have never heard a request for the use of our name by this Ohio group. They did correspond with our organization AFTER adopting the name, however.

It is the feeling of the active members of S.I.R. that we have a large community center, 1,000 members, and a reputation for being responsible and honest because of a bellwether lot of hard work and deliberate effort. For another organization, new on the horizon, to adopt the name of this corporation in order to gain fame for itself is highly unethical. "SIR of Ohio" even sells Vector magazine in Columbus, which further confuses the matter and further gives the implication that they are affiliated with our organization.

The legal counsel of S.I.R. is not too sure what action we can take. The incorporation laws of Ohio are being studied. Since the new group incorporated as "SIR of Ohio," it may be within its legal rights. But we do not see this as a legal problem.

President Bill Plath has written the new group, which has its own "Society for Individual Rights" stationary, politely requesting its name change so that the new group might start from scratch as we did... and built its own reputation, rather than adopting ours.

The claim that "no one ever heard of S.I.R." by Mr. Lewis is ridiculous. Three hundred of our 1,000 members are scattered throughout the United States. S.I.R. has gained publicity as a responsible organization in Time, Look, The New York Times, and The Wall Street Journal. We have our own "Society for Individual Rights" and "SIR of Ohio" is no competition. We urge the Columbus group to adopt its own name and to begin to build its own reputation for honesty, integrity and service.

-- George Mendenhall

**Church Awakens**

A study of 280 Catholic priests and nuns under psychiatric care has found that a large portion (75%) were involved in chronic masturbation, homosexual and heterosexual activities.

Dr. Robert McAllister, in his report to the American Psychiatric Association, states that the most common behavior was homosexual.

Quoting Dr. McAllister: "The fact that some fail in their vow of celibacy does not establish the fallacy of such a manner of life, but only the truth that some do not have the personality structure to live it."

**Service Men Caught-in-Act**

Homosexuals who engaged frequently in sex both before and after entering the service were more likely than frequent sex participants to be caught in the act by military authorities, according to Colin J. Williams and Martin S. Weinberg of the Institute for Sex Research at Indiana University. They were also more likely to engage in sex with other servicemen. "It seems reasonable to say that their discovery was mainly due to inexperience in a deviant role," the investigators said, pointing out that inexperience would lead to "ignorance of, or disregard for, the safest ways in which to engage in the behavior."

The researchers will include these and other findings from a large-scale study on the homosexual in the military in a book, *Less Than Honorable*, to be published by Harper & Row.
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V.I.P. Bar . . . T r y  D a v e ' s  V .I.P.

We will be holding off for awhile on travel articles, but we will cover London, New Orleans and Rome eventually.

Editor, Vector:

Thanks for the Future Shock review by Frank Howell. This book by Alvin Toffler has been reviewed elsewhere and it was great to see your reaction.

Dear Editor:

First of all as a reader of Vector for the past two years, I want to welcome you as Vector's new editor. The first issue under your editorship (September) proved to be superior. Please let me commend you on handling the matter over those controversial nude covers. If one desires to visualize the naked male body (at least for "cover-boys"), one should just purchase one of the many "Picture Books" published for that purpose. But if one expected the finest of current events in the Community, with good photography, stories, anecdotes, etc., one should most definitely purchase, beg, borrow, or steal Vector.

I especially enjoyed the new "fashion" layout and I am pleading for more of same. Continue the good work and I foresee the once again proud Community monthly.

Sincerely,

Tamara Ching
San Francisco

Dear Editor -

Just read your review of the book, Future Shock, in which the author concludes that courts may one day decide that "homosexuals might make decent parents." Then there's . . . the question of what the courts will think of members of the gay community who are . . .JUDGES. It's a wonder any of us is sane.

Tom Eckternacht
Sacramento, California

Dear Editor -

Nudity is a phenomenon attracting a small segment of both straights and gays. To most of us it is a complete turn-off erotically. Your presentation of male nudes are like Playboy picturing scenery, underdeveloped teenage girls with unfamiliar hair patterns on their bodies and their crotches showing. It is neither esthetic nor stimulating. The average gay, though he may have to settle for a "little girl" boy wants a MAN. And he carries as idealized pictures in his mind which certainly doesn't include some particular man's defects, unless he first heard that man. Clothes serve a purpose or the race never would have been progressed up to the discovery of the camera.

One-exposure nudity in camera work de-feats itself—unless you WANT people to sicken of it. The photographer should leave something for the imagination.

Also, after reading the idealistic Prelude of the S.I.R. constitution proclaiming "Responsible action by responsible people in a responsible way," one is given pause about the hypocrisy or double standard which is apparently alienating many of your readers.

Of this I am certain, the medium and occasional thrust which interdicts the intuition will NOT win over the straight who hold the power of sympathy and legislation.

So my question is . . . What is the REAL purpose of Vector and of S.I.R.?

No Signature

Dear Editor, 

Yes, the Amsterdam article was very much enjoyed and PLEASE do print an article on London, the male nude as well as your articles are most enjoyable.

A subscriber, J. Laurence

Dear Editor, 

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Best wishes,

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Important to those of us living at a distance, we need it to keep us informed and to give us a feeling of belonging.

Thanks for your ear, William L. Johnson
Lynchburg, Virginia

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Some months ago, in an unguarded moment, I made a statement before a group of very astute people to the effect that there are gay novels, and novels about gay people, and that the two should never be confused. The implication that only writers who are homosexual themselves can be expected to write with any kind of sensitivity or truthfulness on the homosexual condition. Shortly thereafter, I was confronted with a number of Somerset Maugham, reputedly a man who had his moments but who still wrote with feeling and insight concerning the many varieties of heterosexual entanglements. It was a very good question, the problem of Tennessee Williams at the time, and my instinctive reaction was to investigate further, and if I ever find that guy who asked me the question about Maugham I'd like to wring his neck, (which I hadn't read at the time), in which Paul Henreid at the end lifts the blanket from her name's face, sees that she is dying of soupçon of her name's face, sees that she is dying of soupçon of her name's face, and thus Ms. is to make a bitchy practical joke on the most overwritten thing Maugham ever wrote, and the most phony-fraudulent, and boring. At any rate, he has this beautiful Chicago boy named Larry, thin - 5 Razor's Edge - Madea's worst novel, (not to mention Mr. and Mrs. for the moment), and thus Ms. is to make a bitchy practical joke on the most overwritten thing Maugham ever wrote, and the most phony-fraudulent, and boring. At any rate, he has this beautiful Chicago boy named Larry, thin

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BY RICHARD AMORY

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and finely chiseled and wiry and trim-waisted and with intense, deep-set eyes, go out and find God. In between the beginning and the end of the novel, Maugham has Larry do various things — he rejects a clitoris or two, reads several arcane books, tries to save Sophie from the degradations of dope, and generally puts down all sorts of vaginal go-hithers. Sex is a real bore to him because ... and one has to realize that the flesh is mud and the spirit Mazda. Naturally, this doesn't help the gals in Larry's

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think of it, I am sure that if Maugham had been born in the Middle Ages, he would have subscribed mind, body and soul to the old Maughamesque pattern of misogyny emerging even here, in spite of his apparent objectivity. One notes that the kid's sex. He has probably combined two experiences into one, and fooled a great many people for years. And one has to realize that the flesh is mud and the spirit Mazda. And one has to realize that the flesh is mud and the spirit Mazda. Naturally, this doesn't help the gals in Larry's

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“unseat the prevailing scientific appraisal of homosexuality as the living-out of sick and stunted emotions.” The homosexual cannot indulge in a "play-stiff" manner or even assume that "the thing is done". It is a matter of the Christian's role in the secular world.

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Maugham, John Giles

Catholic Morality

240 p., Doubleday, $5.95.

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is accused of unethical and unprofessional behavior or some form of public sexual expression is strongly condemned. Among Closet Queens where we might have expected the most rigidity we find the most flexibility. One notes that church authorities have a divinely appointed role to "command" and the loyal opposition is ready, when commanded, to comply. — Joseph A. Boisse, Lawrence University Library, Appleton, Wisconsin.

Author John Giles Milhaven makes his position quite clear also when he states that church authorities have a divinely appointed role to "command" and the loyal opposition is ready, when commanded, to comply. — Joseph A. Boisse, Lawrence University Library, Appleton, Wisconsin.

Theological bigotry continues to exist, in discussing, rejecting, or attacks on behavior unaccounted for. For too long a time we have used "straight" society as a scapegoat to justify the Closet Queen; we need to look into the area of self-evaluation and interpersonal relationships to find a better answer. You project upon society your perception of self; let's not be surprised by a negative reaction if we project a low opinion of ourselves, our homosexuality, or our relationships.

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PROBING THE HOMOSEXUAL MIND

By John Callahan

The homosexual dilemma seems to be more of a dilemma for the psychiatrist than for the homosexual. While more and more homosexuals are beginning to accept their sexual propensity as normal and good, the psychiatrist is determined to condemn homosexuality as unnatural and deficient. Not to mention attempting to "cure" anybody he can get his hands on.

It is natural, of course, for a penis to enter a vagina and create offspring. Why is it not possible to accept a variation? It might be argued that the human being during his evolution has done many things that are not strictly "natural." For example, consider the organs which create speech. They have a primary, natural function: eating and breathing. Some perverted primeval primate developed the ability to communicate using these same organs. He even had to master a difficult new breathing pattern to accomplish this. And it must have been truly perverted when he adapted this process to sing arias. If all human beings conformed only to the natural and obvious functions of their bodies and minds we would babble and crawl in a world that is unrewarding and unbeautiful. The ability to love is itself a deviation from the basic instinct to live, reproduce, and survive.

It is pointless to become obsessed with the reason why people become homosexuals. Just as it is pointless to figure out why people develop completely different tastes for food. What is looked upon as a delicacy in various human cultures might be nauseous to us. Why will the psychiatrist not admit that homosexuality can be rewarding to the homosexual?

Dr. Marcel Saghir recently admitted that homosexuals are learning to accept and enjoy their new interest in homosexual books and motion pictures. He also admits that homosexuals are becoming less anonymous and quite vocal in their demands. He further points out that "there is no evidence to indicate that homosexuality can be produced by reading about it or listening to its advocates." Where then is the great threat to anybody's society?

The doctor is the Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Washington University School of Medicine. His views appeared in a recent issue of Medical World News.

He says that the homosexual propensity is established at a very early age. And he does not believe that homosexuality is on the rise. Something is on the rise, however. That is the ability of the homosexual to accept himself. Isn't that the real purpose of psychiatry? Like the dentist who lives in constant fear that someone will discover a cure for cavities, the psychiatrist is not particularly anxious for homosexuals to become diseased. And he does not believe that homosexuality is on the rise.

He points out that homosexual men are usually involved in short-term relationships. He does not point out that the "institutionalization" of love is a positive factor in helping straight people to keep the faith. The average heterosexual can lose a lover without going through a tremendous psychological shock. I think that the homosexual has learned to cope quite well with life's problems and might be superior to the heterosexual in an unfortunate love relationship.

Dr. Saghir says that the "treatment" of homosexuality has not been very effective... this attempt to make us feel dirty and sick has not been very effective. The homosexuals of the mind have not been doing too well in getting us to play guinea pig.

The most "shocking" part of Dr. Saghir's article is his description of "aversion therapy." I had been under the impression that this was a bad joke (like the square needle in the ball) or something that was once practiced at Dachau. But this is standard treatment in widespread use. I am grateful that we do not have enough insane homosexuals to volunteer for the Pavlov's dog treatment by electric shock. "The patients who respond most successfully to this treatment (he tells us) start with no significant personality disorder." I would venture to say that the patients who respond to this treatment also start with no significant homosexual tendency. The medical profession recognizes "homosexual panic" as a common hospital emergency.

There has been so much hate-fear publicity about homosexuals that even heterosexuals are working up a cold sweat over some real or imagined homosexual tendency. And some are committing suicide over it. Others are committing another kind of suicide by subjecting themselves to cruel and senseless psychiatric treatment.

Dr. Saghir describes an interesting variation on a theme being practiced by the proponents of aversion therapy. Young boys from poor backgrounds are shown pictures of men and then administered apomorphine to make them vomit. Then they are shown pictures of women and are hit with a massive dose of male hormones.

I should like to suggest an original aversion therapy for Dr. Saghir and his colleagues. Show the psychiatrist a picture of Sigmund Freud and feed him a powerful laxative. After enough of this shock treatment he may leave us alone or assist in helping others to adjust to their life style.

Mr. Callahan is the Public Relations chairman of the S.I.R. organization. In the February issue of the Vector he will present Part II of "Pornography in San Francisco: Movies Are Better Than Ever."
THE QUEST MAN

By Peter Lorenzo Abinan

San Franciscans are given an opportunity to react to the proposed "take over" of Alpine County by Los Angeles Gay Liberation Front. None of these people have read the accompanying article....

PHILLIP

The problem will come when all the present public officials are recalled from office. The town will be temporarily left with no qualified mayor, sheriff, or authority figure in a leadership position. The result will be chaos, law breaking and violence. Will the LAGLF be able to handle that?

I don't know if they will ever be successful in moving up there. There will be a lot of problems about that. If they do take over Alpine I'd like to visit but before I move up there I'd want to see what it would be like.

The Indians have Alcatraz so I guess LAGLF can have Alpine County. It would be our own place, where we would not be discriminated against. Although they are looked down upon as sickles and discriminated against, most homosexuals do not hate straight people so I think straight white people would feel a fair break there.

LORI

I don't think that the gay chicks and gay cats can get along good enough to get anything done. They should try it so they will have a good idea how these things work.

Maybe there should be two communities up there: one for gay guys, one for gay girls.

I'd like to move up there. I'll try anything just once... I'd like to really get into it if I ever went up there... maybe run for office... Let's give it a try.

DOUG

No, we shouldn't do it. To try to take over another community by radical action to gain influence, is not wise. What the gay community needs is more understanding from the majority. This Alpine County affair is not going to prove anything.

If those who go up there run into enough obstacles then they may learn a lesson; that there is a better way to gain acceptance.

I think it's time we did "Wonderful Town," "Bye Bye Birdie" or the high camp musical, "Little Me." Also, with the next show, audiences may see the "just plain Chuck" blossom forth into a "lady in waiting." Speaking of Chucks, after his ultra-nelliness routines in "Little Secret" in Capades, can a dress be too far off in the future of "the Other Chuck" — Poor Nancy may lose an escort but gain a sister???

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PHILLIP

The problem will come when all the present public officials are recalled from office. The town will be temporarily left with no qualified mayor, sheriff, or authority figure in a leadership position. The result will be chaos, law breaking and violence. Will the LAGLF be able to handle that?

I don't know if they will ever be successful in moving up there. There will be a lot of problems about that. If they do take over Alpine I'd like to visit but before I move up there I'd want to see what it would be like.

The Indians have Alcatraz so I guess LAGLF can have Alpine County. It would be our own place, where we would not be discriminated against. Although they are looked down upon as sickles and discriminated against, most homosexuals do not hate straight people so I think straight white people would feel a fair break there.

LORI

I don't think that the gay chicks and gay cats can get along good enough to get anything done. They should try it so they will have a good idea how these things work.

Maybe there should be two communities up there: one for gay guys, one for gay girls.

I'd like to move up there. I'll try anything just once... I'd like to really get into it if I ever went up there... maybe run for office... Let's give it a try.

DOUG

No, we shouldn't do it. To try to take over another community by radical action to gain influence, is not wise. What the gay community needs is more understanding from the majority. This Alpine County affair is not going to prove anything.

If those who go up there run into enough obstacles then they may learn a lesson; that there is a better way to gain acceptance.

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POLICE SHOOTING - A FOLSOM UPROAR

By Don Collins

Mr. Collins is a freelance writer. His article, "Alpine County," appeared in last month's Vector.

Recent police harassments in the Folsom Street area culminated in December with the event described in this article. Ironically, the STUD bar, where the incident took place, is one of the few gay bars in San Francisco that does not belong to the mutual protection group. The Tavern Guild of San Francisco.

Witnesses who volunteered their services are identified in this article by their first names only at their request.

"It scared the shit out of me. I thought, My God! They're shooting real live guns!" This is how Jim described his first reaction as he saw what he described as "bursts of sparks" coming from a policeman's gun being fired into the night sky.

"I heard the police officer shouting, "Police, police," and the car turned on its headlights and started patting him on the back, like - "Wow! You're great." Then he said that the crowd was dispersed - at gun point.

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Gene Hilton, manager of the Stud, was still in the bar at the time of the shooting. He said that he heard "what sounded like a shot fired by a shotgun" and "heard a shout, "Shoot the mother-fucker.' "

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"I saw two squad cars drive by and one turned around and came back and parked in front of the bar and turned on a spotlight. "

"Two more cars... started out onto Folsom and cops jumped in front of the car." Don explained that it appeared that the officer was motioning the driver to leave. "He (Christman) started out. Then a policeman was brushed by the car and he heard the shout, "Shoot the mother-fucker.' "

"When that car came to rest, it didn't look to me that anyone in the car would have been able to get out and run," Jim said. "I was unable to see the driver at all."

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"I got him." Hilton says that he went immediately back into the bar and called the San Francisco newspapers asking that they record the incident. A group of representatives from the homosexual community met with Police Chief Nelder on December 22 concerning the incident. The basic content of Stokes' statement was that the police had used very inappropriate action upon one of the most peaceful minority groups, the gay minority. "It is his feeling that if the police were attempting to alienate support, they couldn't have chosen a surer path.

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PHILLIP

Vector's Man of the Month!

Photos by Gary
Phillip was born and raised in San Francisco. He travels a great deal, enjoying swimming and surfing in the warmer climates. Seattle, Washington is his favorite city... fond memories from his Navy stretch. Recently Phillip was S.I.R.'s Mr. Mid-Winter Fair. He models for Eddie Van Agency and was photographed for Vector by Gary.

By Don Collins

L.A. Gay Lib's announcement of plans to take over Alpine County has created some interesting reactions. The most immediate result is, of course, in the county itself. It has made the people of this remote area consider homosexuality and Gay Power. They have not been able to pass it off, as they might a protest in L.A. or San Francisco. It has come to them.

More far reaching, the news media have taken Alpine's situation into homes across the country via newspapers, television and magazines. The entire country has had to consider the homosexual condition in a new light. The fact that the plan is apparently legal and possible has created this unique situation.

If Alpine does become a Gay county, it will be the most dramatic example of Gay power and organization ever. It will give a sense of identity to homosexuals across the country. Homosexuals will no longer be passed off as a bunch of "foolish fairies."

This situation has been created without violence, within the legal structure. It is an example of what can be done within the system. The project recognizes the principle that government is the means which the people have chosen to execute their will. It goes beyond challenging that will it is getting into the means to become part of expressing that will.

The manner in which Gay Lib has approached this plan may be questioned. It could be that it would have been far better to quietly move into Alpine and avoid the ample warning given that county. But the publicity has also made recruitment easier for the Alpine Project. Gay Lib could be more organized in their approach. But it has been their ballgame and they have the option of playing it their way.

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Del Martin has been for over 15 years in the homophile movement. She was one of the founders of The Daughters of Bilitis and worked diligently within several homosexual organizations. In October of this year she resigned as a Vector columnist ("Police Beat") and in a dramatic statement in that issue announced her withdrawal from the homosexual movement.

The purpose of my article was, of course, to provoke some homosexuals into thinking about the status of Lesbians in the homophile movement, to get them to realize that there are so few women up front is that homosexual men have been just as oppressive to Lesbians as heterosexual men have been to women in general. Sexism pervades the culture and is just as rampant in the homosexual subculture. Where both societies women are inferior, subverted, or invisible.

Consequently most Lesbians found their commitment, not to the homosexual movement, but to the Lesbian — and more recently to the women's movement. The warning was there before. The Daughters of Bilitis, with its exclusive Lesbian membership, was created fifteen years ago to fill a need that was not, and has not since, been met by homophile organizations that claim to be "open" to both men and women.

Yet the DOB has always joined with other groups on specific projects geared to better the lot of homosexuals in general. We have supported our homosexual brothers in attempts to counter the evils of harassment and police harassment. At the recent meeting of the Homosexual Action Committee, DOB's 1966 Convention the program was devoted to tackling the administration of the city of San Francisco and its treatment of its homosexual citizens. It was the first time that the homosexual community had been able to pull out all the stops — getting an official representative from the mayor's office, the public health director, a police officer assigned by the police chief, an assistant district attorney, a public defender, a judge and a member of the Board of Supervisors to meet with us publicly along with representatives from other civic organizations and the church.

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"Abnormal" Library Listing Attacked

Is homosexuality an "aberration," an "abnormality"? It's in the card index files of thousands of libraries in this country. This has contributed to the idea that homosexuality is something weird and undesirable.

The liberal forum of the American Library Association is now concerned about the counterwith this problem and a special group of librarians have formed, "The Task Force on Gay Liberation," to deal with the problem in libraries.

The new group will also protest library hiring practices that could deny homosexuals employment and make available to the public the best resources available on homosexuality. Many libraries now have limited, out of date, and one-sided resource materials, making it impossible for the student, researcher, or casual reader to gain an objective knowledge of homosexuality.

Do you still speak of Lesbians as dykes, "the girls," as butches and femmes? If you do, then you're certainly out of touch. You haven't been paying attention or aren't getting the message. Just as the male homosexual community is undergoing change, so is the female community. Women are fed up with role play. They are rejecting pseudo caricatures and becoming themselves. Women are fed up with being the victims the public defender, a judge and a member of the Board of Supervisors to meet with us publicly along with representatives from other civic organizations and the church.

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I was intrigued to note that Sue Born, a member of FREE’s Coordinating Committee in Minneapolis, recently was quoted as saying “women are being just as completely victimized as men” and that we should “accept that reality. It would really help us.” I couldn’t agree more emphatically!

Where I disagree is in her additional comment that there is no need to relearn what’s been learned. Sorry about the corny sound of the drums, but that just doesn’t sit right! Male chauvinism is a wrong but it won’t be corrected by female chauvinism.

The homosexual movement is a young movement — after all, just begun twenty years ago in this country. But apparently like all youthful things, those of us in the movement are going to have to relearn some ancient axioms. There is too much worth while to be done for that kind of nonsense to go on much longer. Tom Maurer

Instead of having a Christmas party with food and gifts for the street gays of the Tenderloin and Skid Row, S.l.R. had its “Members Only” party. Would that, when I had the terrifying experience of slowly discovering that I was not what mummy, daddy and society wanted me to be,” there had been a Gay Liberation Front! Youth does indeed have the ability to see truths and contradictions with brilliant clarity, when they’re obvious. Many people lose their ability to grasp simple obvious truths as they grow older. While some form better, more flexible concepts and solutions (because problems are seldom simple), others become almost totally blind and forget the problems, remain to be seen how many of today’s young people will keep them the same as older gays, who now have little intellectual viability, ever see them at all.

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Female sexuality bothers the shit out of him, as it did Lawrence, except that Lawrence was apparently able to cope and Maugham wasn't. In a truly mind-blowing climax, she calls all men filthy, dirty pigs, spitting "Pigs! pigs! All of you!" at poor Dr. Macphail, who doesn't have it coming at all, since he hadn't the slightest interest in her brand of cunt either. But Sadie is right, for the purposes of the story. Her whole relationship with men, including the Reverend Davidson, has been supremely, filthily, whoorishly piggish; experience has taught her and taught her well that when it comes to sex, man is what she and Maugham choose to call utterly swinish. (But whose term is it, by the way, herough to漸i:Maugagesuch a pig after all, just because he once bit his finger and we would call it liberation, not pigishness.)

**MAUGHAM'S JOY SPOT**

What Sadie doesn't realize, and Maugham does, is that Davidson is not a pig per se, but a personified, an intellectually limited hetero (making him dully damned to a person of Maugham's kidney), who hadn't the sense or the integrity to keep his mind on God and off women. Maugham intended the story to be read as a strong condemnation of Victorian masculinity. He said it does make sense on that level, there's no denying it, but I read it also as a disguised, particularly vicious put-down of heterosexuality. Sadie has a cunt and stupid Davidson a cock in spite of everything. His gets into Her and she slits his throat, the denaturing dummy, and end of story. Maugham doesn't much care for preachers, but one surmises here and there from his descriptions of Davidson that the man was physically attractive to old M, in a gaunt, hightension way, so the thought strikes me that it is Davidson's fall from grace that pines Maugham off, not his preaching or hypocrisy. All very well for Maugham himself to be turned off by a voracious cunt; then he started again at the beginning, backfilling with all of the man's stupidities and weaknesses in order to justify and make inevitable his final tragic punishment. He dismisses heteros like Davidson and Dick and Jane, or "beaky" (Lawrence), or présumptuous (Maugham), and then come on boys, let's climb the buckeye tree, leaving the cunts at home to worry about Eve and Original Sin.

**HOMOSEXUALITY - UNDER THE RUG**

All this is very bad advice to heterosexual women, especially since the writer usually fails to mention the part about climbing the buckeye to begin with. That's how I think a daughter and I don't believe in censorship, but if she ever gets around to reading Maugham instead of Jane and Dick (now there's a title for you), I hope she does so with the full realization that Maugham's view of men and women together was deeply informed by his homosexuality. He is not, as he pretended to be, a dispassionate or even insightful observer of heterosexual love in any of its forms. Joseph Epstein in the September Harper's says that a person is of no more consequence than his choice of cigarettes or shaving cream, and I completely agree, particularly in the case of influential artists like Diaghileff, of whom he was speaking, and Maugham. Homosexuality is total, and although Maugham swept a lot of it under the rug, his floor is still lumpy to walk on and makes me slightly queasy in the stomach. I doubt, however, that any of my children will read Maugham, unless they become omniscient and develop a taste for such writers as, God forbid, Lloyd C. Douglas, William Saroyan, and John Steinbeck. Maugham outlived his own reputation by quite a few decades, and even so, he was always an arriere-garde writer.

In all fairness, it must be remembered that Oscar Wilde's sentence to two years at hard labor for lewd and obscene homosexual conduct was handed down only a year or so after Maugham had finished the Wolfenden Report, which recommended decriminalization. Two years later, when Maugham was in his middle twenties, and that the Wolfenden Report...
THE SEXUAL REVOLUTION

Customs and Laws are Changing

by Tom Stockman

In this rapidly changing of City all aspects of law are undergoing scrutiny, but few more so than the laws governing and regulating sexual behavior. A society in flux is characterized by new laws, or at least by proposals for new legislation and overturning of the old. In the area of sex, law does not take the leadership in suggesting and implementing changes in morality, attitudes, and behavior patterns. Instead, social and sexual matters legislative are led to legal change when they are aware of social changes that have already occurred.

This article is an excerpt of the analysis of Sex, Law and the Changing Society by Dr. Edward Sagarin, the Assistant Professor of Sociology at New York City College.

The laws and official moral sanctions, the latter usually not codified into law but nonetheless binding on members of a society, have frequently been circumvented. In few other aspects of a society is there so clearly an ideal and a real culture, a public presentation and a private drama, as can be seen in sex. Fornication, prostitution, adultery, the so-called unnatural acts between men and women, statutory rape, homosexuality, and now overtly distributed pornography have long been condemned and have long been common. Nor is there any evidence to show that litigation has ever led to their diminution. This is not to assert that such expressions of human sexuality have flourished in all societies and in approximately the same degree, and that social sanctions, discouragement, and punishment have no effect on their prevalence. But regardless of whether these forms of socially disapproved sex behavior are increased in quantity and extent over recent years — as is the manifesto of those who proclaim with joy their newfound freedom, and is the dire warning of those who are concerned that the social disapproval itself has undergone change. Indubitably, the overt espousal and defense of formerly forbidden sex behavior is a new phenomenon. The acceptable, if not the ideal, and the real have moved a little closer together. And fewer and fewer people care. In the period between the First and Second World Wars, not many years ago at that, Margaret Sanger was pilloried for advocating birth control. Bertrand Russell was banned from the classrooms of City College as a spokesman for "free love," and Judge Ben Lindsay created a sensation because he suggested that people in love should try living together for a while before they make their bonds legal and thus avoid the tribulations of a divorce should their honeymoon come to a quick end. Whatever people may have been doing at that time, they were not doing it openly, but covertly, discreetly — and not merely privately but secretly.

In certain cases, the laws restricting sexual behavior were functional; they served to preserve a sense of morality, aided the socialization of the child so he was convinced that eventually sex should be directed to fulfillment within marriage, and channeled enough erotic expression into marital relationships to keep the family intact as an institution. At the same time the lack of enforcement of the laws and the ease with which they were circumvented permitted frequent erotic release in essentially harmless manners.

OPENNESS ABOUT SEX

Whether certain forms of sex practices (or all forms other than the traditional mode of intercourse within the conjugal relationship) have increased in frequency and have large number of practitioners than ever before, is a moot question. (The existence of any organized group advocating any other type of sexually other than the normal norm is a direct answer to this "moot question." I tend to answer it in the affirmative, although further research is needed to provide clear-cut answers. What is new, however, is that those practices have become frequently discussed, have overt defenders, and even self-appointed practitioners. Some people, perhaps, are more distressed at the absence of shame than at the practices themselves. On television and before college assemblies, in legal circles and before churchmen, people are speaking out against any and all restrictions on sex behavior except those involving the use of force, the exploitation of children, and behavior which constitutes a public nuisance.

On the campus of America, male and female students have taken apart together without the secrecy that would have a short time ago accompanied such actions. Also, it is taken for granted that if a couple are seriously involved with one another, and have a bond of affection, they are probably linked together in sex. Further, many young people believe there is nothing wrong with any of everybody's business and that even if nobody's business but their own and believe there is no reason to subject them to pressure, stigmatize them, or to have their peer, parents, and authority figures pry into their lives.

The sexual revolution is one of the problems of society. Taboos have to a large extent disappeared from verbal and written expression. That this must have come about at least in part because of changing sex practices would seem likely. That it must set the cycle in motion and result in such changes seems at least equally likely.

LEGAL REFORM — PITFALL?

For some years now, particularly as a result of the findings of the Kinsey Institute for Sex Research which revealed the prevalence of many proscribed acts, and as a result of the pressures of various organized groups, a movement toward liberalization of the sex statutes has been underway. A Model Penal Code has been adopted by the American Law Institute, and the State of Illinois has incorporated many of its salient features into its own new penal law. While not all penalties for deviant sex behavior have been removed in Illinois — most notably adultery and fornication remain crimes — the general effect is to remove private adult sex behavior from the scrutiny of the law, which is perhaps the general direction in America and in most of the western world.

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"When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus..." (Luke 2:21). January first is the celebration of the Feast of the Circumcision." Born into the Hebrew faith, Jesus had to conform to its ritual. "God said to Abraham... this is my covenant which you are to maintain... when they are eight days old all your male children must be circumcised... my covenant shall be marked on your bodies as a Covenant in perpetuity. The uncircumcised male... such a man shall be cut off from his people; he has..."

The operation decreases the sensitivity of the glans and thereby makes sexual activity less pleasurable. There is simply no evidence that supports such an argument. Masters and Johnson, in one of their experiments, recorded a severe-end sensitivity of the glans in 35 uncircumcised males with that of 35 circumcised males at the same age. There was no difference whatever.

There are six legitimate instances where I believe circumcision is indicated:

1. Inability to retract the foreskin. In this case it is impossible to perform adequate hygiene. Smegma and urine are trapped, inflammation and infection occur, and the possibility of cancer is increased.

2. Recurrent infection of the foreskin (phimosis, periphimosis) and the adjacent and subjacent penis (balanitis). This can, obviously, be cured by circumcision.

3. Venereal warts (Condyloma Accuminata) of the glans or prepuce. Recurrent recurrences of these painful lesions can be stopped by circumcision.

4. Circumcision — Health and the Hebrew God

5. Studies which indicate a high degree of susceptibility of the uncircumcised male to infection and even cancer. Daily hygiene, which includes pulling back the foreskin to completely free the glans, will obviously be of primary importance in these cases.

6. Finally we arrive at the "ugly complex" then circumcision is a lot less trouble than keeping this up.   

Mr. Buckley is associated with the monthly magazine, California Scene.

Los Angeles Scene

By Jeff Buckley

The gay "nude" bars were all raided on Halloween. The only redeeming factors were that no customers were arrested and some of the bars were alerted by the police beforehand. Most of the bars involved continued to show color action sex movies but authorities are now turning their attention to the gay bar scene. Meanwhile, the go-go boys in bikinis grind away but few customers will watch them when the action sex movies start whirring away at the other end of the bar.

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One of the classic procedures calculated to achieve this end is labeling such an individual and ascribing specific modes of behavior (symptoms) to him. Witches were said to possess the ability to weave spells and curse people. Drug users in our own time and place very frequently are held guilty of criminal activity. In any historical period there lurks an intense desire to cast demons out of those who offend the majority. Various forms of witchcraft can be claimed as a worthy motive for exiling the deviant personality into a hopeless corner. Whatever he does is wrong. Confinement is the penalty for failure to cast out the demon. The label (diagnosis) is vital to the survival of the uniformity of the social group. As our rebel mind-doctor puts the matter, "to the zealous psychiatrist all men are mad, just as to the zealous theologian all men are sinful."

Chapter 11 and 13 merit close examination. The history of "masturbatory insanity" is a chilling narrative of man's psychic cruelty toward his fellow humans. The conception of masturbation as a sign of mental and moral degeneration initially reared its silly head via a piece of well-meaning prose known as "Onania or The Heinous Sin of Self-Pollution," published about 1710. Unfortunately, the author remains unknown. Dr. Szasz explodes his "I reject the assumption that homosexuality is a medical illness and the view that accepted methods of psychiatric examination are a species of medical examination."

One experiences a nagging doubt at this juncture. Within the confines of Dr. Szasz's revised structure, how will the homosexual fare? Since a moral framework is now embraced, will he be accepted or condemned? If the deviant is no longer "sick," do we reverse attitudes and consider him "normal" once more? Or is he really a new and different but even more uniquely valuable person? Our new prophet remains enigmatic. Does he conceive of a new moral evil or of the old homosexual placed before the bar of stark moral justice?

Like all of the Szasz articles and books, The Myth of Mental Illness is gradually placing the traditional psychiatric jargon in doubt. Medical terminology is steadily divested of its professional airs. The conventional therapist and his client are referred to as the Contractual Psychiatrist and the Contractual Patient. In his own office, Dr. Szasz would call these individuals the Non-Contractual Psychiatrist and the Non-Contractual Patient.

The Contractual Patient is seeing the therapist for himself (as well as the institutional setting). He acts and reacts in a passive and helpless manner. The doctor represents the institution or the system. He is there to purge the patient of his sickness. To Dr. Szasz, the client is not mentally ill, but has certain moral or social problems. In the Non-Contractual relationship, doctor and patient each play an active role. The homosexual, for example, still controls his own destiny.

Szasz tells us the gay person is all too often viewed as the Jew was during the 15th century in Germany. The Jew was considered subhuman, and he did not believe in Christ. So, "the homosexual is considered not fully human because he is not heterosexual."

One, a gay person is always in a quandary. Within the confines of Dr. Szasz's revised structure, how will the homosexual fare? Since a moral framework is now embraced, will he be accepted or condemned? If the deviant is no longer "sick," do we reverse attitudes and consider him "normal" once more? Or is he really a new and different but even more uniquely valuable person? Our prophet remains enigmatic.

What a person decides is his own choice, of course. Yet there are some facts worth considering. There is no such thing as solving the problem on your own. It doesn't work. You may switch from hard liquor to beer, leave it all alone for as long as two or three years, take vitamins or olive oil when on a binge or when hungry. No matter what is done, alcoholism is progressive. Do what you will, it will come after you one day or another over the years. The "go it alone" technique does not work as well as many A.A. members can explain who have tried and failed miserably.

Interested parties in the San Francisco Bay Area may call MA-6246 for more information about the local group. It has been functioning some time successfully. "Flitting" does not mean that you are an alcoholic and it will be the beginning to your understanding and solving of a serious problem. This is no frivolous matter, as alcoholism is the third major cause of death in this country.
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Dateline: ST. PAUL

The Dispatch editor, William Summer, here says editorially that he doesn't understand why two guys should want to get married. "May he be love, pure and simple," he guesses. "Maybe these two males can execute their contract merely by finding the right date and the right motel."

Dateline: AMSTERDAM

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Dateline: MILWAUKEE

A recent issue of Donut published irregularly by the Milwaukee Independent School, a free school of the hip community, urged its hip readers to throw off exclusive heterosexuality and become bisexual. The article called the inability to express sexual love for one's own sex "one of the many middle American hang-ups that oppress people and one that"...""They seem to be saying, 'Treat us as individuals and don't focus on our devia­tion. Everyone has some kind of devia­tion."

Dateline: BERKELEY

Gay Lib has two factions here . . . One supports the big move to Alpine and shows. The other says it is "racist" and "impractical." Funds are being solicited by some for the Alpine trip (still unscheduled).

Dateline: LONDON, ENGLAND

The London Daily Sketch has named its "WORLD'S TEN SEXIEST MEN." Mayor John Lindsay of New York City topped the list, followed by Alain Delon, Frank Sinatra, Mohle Dayan, Warren Beatty, Pierre Trudeau (Canadian prime minister), Paul Newman, Mick Jagger, Tom Jones and actor Calvin Lockhart.

The Daily Sketch said of Lindsay: "He is boyish, handsome, with long dark curls that caress his eyes, a neon smile and normally a lock of hair falling over his forehead."

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This is an organizational problem that would have to be discussed with the Post Office, part of it is changes in circulation managers and the result is getting advertisers to submit their copy early.

We are working on the problem. Please be patient with our complaints and with our volunteer organization and most of the people who give hundreds of hours to S.I.R. have full-time jobs also.

Dear Editor Staff:

This is the last issue of Vector which has shown a great increase in polish and professionalism. You have shown a great increase in polish and professionalism. Your attractive and discreet covers are matched by the stimulating quality of the material inside... We are not sure WHAT we believe in at this point. We do believe in... We think that Christ would like S.I.R. if he did...

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Editor, Vector:

You state clearly that S.I.R. is a homosexual organization dedicated to giving and being open to the homosexual male and female. In addition, it is a community... in addition to that neither of these statements is valid. I have purchased Vector for 9 months and have not seen any open to the homosexual... there is not a single woman listed among your contributors... Instead of two articles in a single issue about S.I.R., we would like to see one general one about containing the possibility of the article for the public... We think most women who are aware of the homophile problem are WELCOME.

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