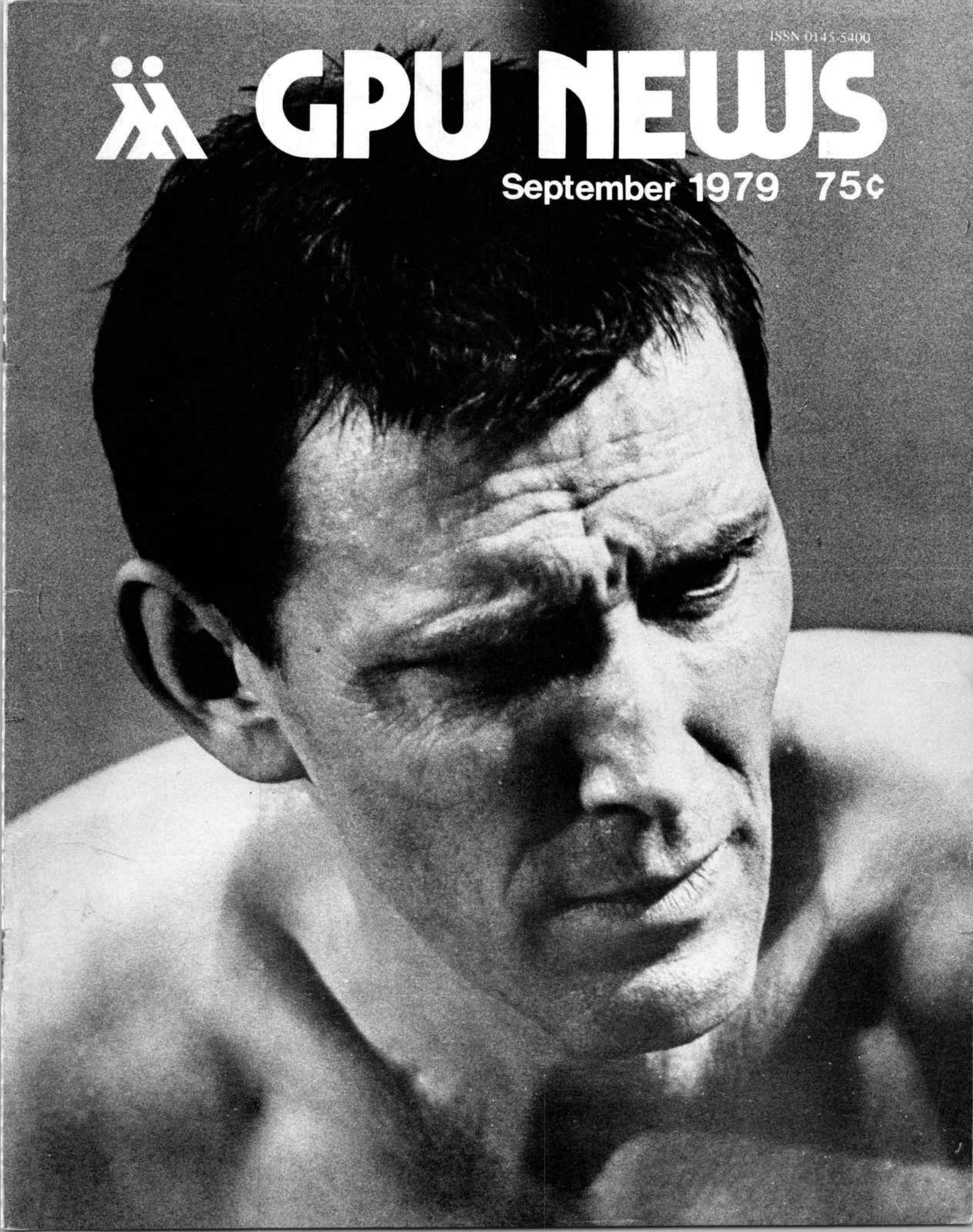


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HAWORTH SERIES

New York, NY—The Haworth Press, Inc., publishers of the *Journal of Homosexuality*, has announced the forthcoming appearance of a new series of books, "Research on Homosexuality." The new series will be editorially based at the Center for Homosexual Education, Evaluation and Research (CHEER) at San Francisco State University, and will be under the general editorship of John P. DeCecco, Professor of Psychology and editor of *JH*.

The first volume of the series, **Homosexuality and the Law**, will

ND GAYS

Fargo & Minot, ND—Two chapters of Lutherans Concerned, the Lutheran gay caucus, have been organized in North Dakota, according to an announcement by Coordinators Diane Fraser (Montgomery, MN) and Howard Erickson (Los Angeles, CA). North Dakota has only one gay bar and, until now, no organizations to provide any form of social interaction and gay consciousness-building. But fully 36% of the state's 600,000 residents are members of Lutheran churches, according to church figures. This makes the state the most heavily Lutheran state in the United States.

Organized at the end of 1978 with gay Catholics in Fargo, the state's largest city, was Dignity-Lutherans Concerned of Fargo-Moorhead. Its address is Box 83, Moorhead, MN 56560. Convened in 1979 was Lutherans Concerned/Missouri Valley, at Box 2091, Minot, ND 58701. The group, which now counts 13 members, was profiled at length in a recent feature article appearing in the *Minot Daily News*.

Both Chapters include gays and nongays, men and women, and include several clergy. Lutherans Concerned, founded in 1975 and now with 20 chapters nationwide, has its central address at Box 19114A, Los Angeles, CA 90019.

be a special hardbound double issue of *JH* under the guest editorship of Donald Knutson, J.D., Director of Gay Rights Advocates (San Francisco) and Professor of Law at the University of Southern California. To be published in the fall of 1979, the volume will provide a comprehensive review of legal problems, court decisions, and historical perspectives and prospects for future civil liberties litigation. The volume will be oriented to the needs of legal scholars, practicing attorneys, and social scientists.

The second volume in the series will be **Homosexuality and Sexually Transmitted Diseases**, a special volume prepared under the editorship of David G. Ostrow, M.D., Ph. D., Medical Director of the Howard Brown Memorial Clinic in Chicago, and Terry Alan Sandholzer.

Future volumes in the series now in the planning stages include the areas of sexual assault in men's correctional facilities, and substance abuse (alcoholism, narcot-

GRA CHALLENGES OK LAW

Oklahoma City, OK—A year-old Oklahoma law which requires dismissal of any school teacher who publicly advocates gay rights or becomes known as a gay person has been challenged in the federal court system. Gay Rights Advocates (GRA), a California-based public interest law center, and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Oklahoma have filed suit in the Federal District Court of Oklahoma.

The complaint alleges that the law "chills" the exercise of First Amendment rights of speech, association, and religion by gay and nongay teachers supportive of gay rights. It further claims that the law violates rights of due process and equal protection under the law. The suit requests a declaration judgement that the law is unconstitutional and an injunction

prohibiting its enforcement. To be placed on the mailing list for further information on the series, individuals and institutions may write to Haworth Press, 149 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10010.

SCHOLARSHIP

Milwaukee, WI—The Board of Directors of Gay Peoples Union has announced that the deadline for filing an application for the Jay Garland Memorial Scholarship is September 17. To qualify for the semi-annual \$100 award, the applicant must be over 17 years of age, a resident of Greater Milwaukee, and enrolled in a college, school, or university in courses leading to a degree, certificate, or license. The person need not be a member of GPU, nor need she/he have declared his/her sexual orientation.

Interested persons may contact Paul DeMarco, vice president, at 276-0246 or 342-9955 to arrange an interview before the Board.

prohibiting its enforcement.

GRA and ACLU have filed the suit on behalf of anonymous plaintiffs who "expressed fear that if their true identities were known they would lose any opportunity for continued employment in the Oklahoma public schools." The attorneys have filed *in camera* (anonymous) affidavits in which gay and nongay teachers explain how the law adversely affects their utilization of First Amendment rights and why they must maintain anonymity.

Bill Rogers, chairperson of Oklahomans for Human Rights, noted that no one had been dismissed yet under the law to his knowledge, adding: "I am aware that people have left the teaching profession or not entered it because of this law, and in fact, some have migrated out of the state."

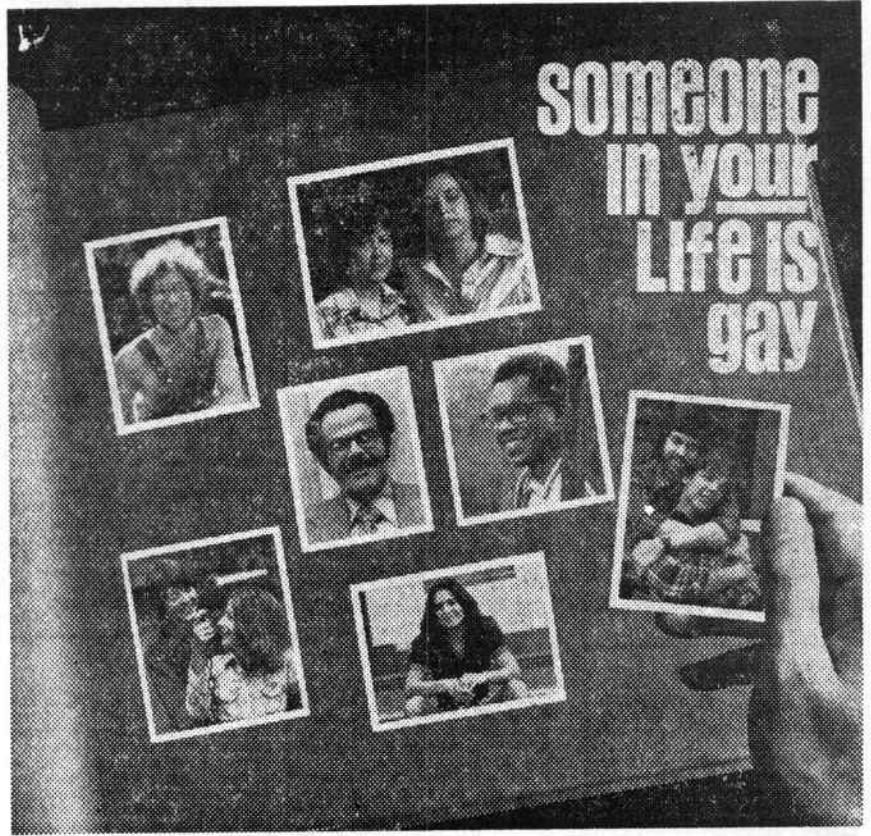
GAA WINS METRO SUIT

Washington, DC—The Metro Bus and Rail System must accept advertising on a wide range of controversial political and social topics, or else accept no ads at all, according to a ruling by Federal Judge John H. Pratt. Metro officials announced that they would not appeal the ruling, which attorneys said expanded First Amendment principles governing cases involving advertising on public transportation.

The Supreme Court has ruled that transit systems have the right to bar all political advertising. Metro officials could have done the same; but, according to Judge Pratt, it was Metro's selectivity that was unconstitutional. Pratt's ruling came in response to a suit filed by the Gay Activists Alliance here. Metro twice rejected the GAA's proposed ad on the basis of regulations which enabled it to ban ads which might be "Objectionable to a substantial segment of the community. . ." Assisted by the ACLU, GAA filed suit claiming that Metro had violated the First Amendment.

Judge Pratt noted: "Although we are sympathetic to Metro's interests in raising advertising revenue and its natural desire to protect its riders from offensive messages, and to avoid public controversy, we are nevertheless compelled to hold that Metro has run counter to the requirements of the First Amendment in its pursuit of these interests and desires."

Attorneys for GAA argued that Metro, a public agency, was in a different position, since it had already accepted advertisements from nuclear groups, religious organizations, anti-abortion groups—and, as Judge Pratt noted in his opinion, "even. . . Madame Bogard, a soothsayer." Though many riders would take issue with some of the ads, Pratt ruled that the transit agency could not ban some ads once it had accepted others.

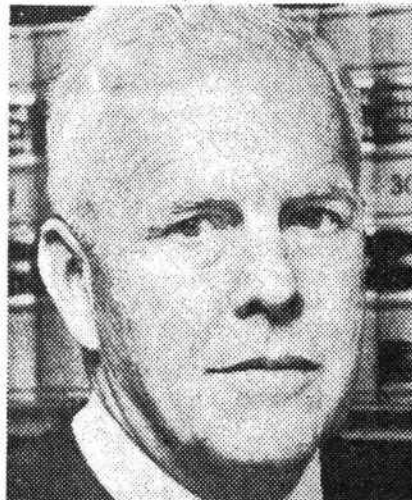


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Dr. Franklin Kameny said that the purpose of the ad was to "generally get across in a tasteful way that we [gays] are everywhere and we're not really the monsters we're supposed to be." The ad depicts what appears to be a family photo album superimposed with pictures of individuals and same-sex couples, captioned with the announcement, "Someone In Your

Life Is Gay."

ACLU attorney Ralph Temple said that he was most pleased by the court decision, because Judge Pratt had resisted what Temple called "Metro's temptation to cut little holes in the Constitution." Dr. Kameny, meanwhile, announced: "We are very much looking forward to seeing the posters on our Metrobuses."



JUDGE JOHN H. PRATT

UK REPORT

London, UK—The Church of England's Board for Social Responsibility has announced that it will publish its long-delayed report of the working party on homosexual relationships "as soon as practicable." Rather than publish the report "naked and unadorned," as was requested by the Church's Synod, it will be printed with a critical preface by the Bishop of Truro and followed by a statement of criticisms. The report in its sandwiched form is expected in September.

MARCH OFFICIAL KIDNAPPED

New York, NY—Tom Abrams, an unemployed nurse and a member of the New York City Committee for the National March on Washington, was kidnapped, drugged, and held hostage for several hours in July in an apparent effort by kidnapers to prevent the Washington march. Abrams received a call at his home from a woman claiming that she believed she was gay and asking him to meet her to talk about it. When he arrived at the selected meeting place, he was invited into her car. Upon entering the car, Abrams discovered that a man hidden in the back seat was holding a revolver on him. He was pushed forward, struck several times, and apparently drugged with a sharp needle. Though he lost his sense of time, he recalls being driven around.

When Ron Alheim, a coordinator for the October 14 March on Washington, answered the phone at the committee's New York office, a voice on the phone asked if there was a man named Tom Abrams on their staff. When Alheim responded affirmatively, the male voice said: "We have Tom Abrams. Unless you go on national television within 24 hours and cancel the

GLORIOUS NAMED

New York, NY—Ed Glorius has been named Executive Director of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., replacing Barbara Levy. Glorius recently graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, and comes to Lambda from the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union. He has been an active participant in the dramatic growth of Pittsburgh's gay movement for several years, and also assisted in the formation of the ACLU Gay Rights Committee there, as well as the broad-based Pittsburgh Committee for Human Rights.

National March on Washington, we will assassinate him." The caller then hung off.

Meanwhile, back in the car, Abrams remembers the man instructing his female accomplice to pull the car over, and seeing a beach out of the corner of his eye. When the male abductor left the car, Abrams eased his door open and kicked the man between the legs from behind. The man screamed and fell down, Abrams ran toward the beach, and the car pulled away. Abrams crawled to the beach, located a phone, and called the march headquarters, where the staff immediately notified the police, who had been alerted earlier and were carrying out their own search. Following brief hospitalization and followup questioning by police Abrams was released.

March organizers were baffled and angry by the attempt to harass

MAGER RESIGNS

Detroit, MI—The Administrative Board of the Michigan Organization for Human Rights (MOHR) has regretfully accepted the resignation of their Executive Director, Donald Mager. The MOHR Executive Director is responsible for coordinating the volunteer efforts for members and of representing MOHR to the media and other organizations as an advocate for gay and human rights in Michigan. Mager has served since the position was established in June of 1978.

The MOHR Administrative Board has appointed a Selection Committee which is actively soliciting applicants for the vacated position. In the interim, MOHR Legislation Officer Phil Greene will serve as Acting Executive Director. Those interested in further information about the position should contact: MOHR Selection Committee, 940 West McNichols, Detroit, MI 48203, or phone (313) 863-7255.

march plans. Security measures have been improved at the march office, and the committee has sent notices to other organizations participating in the march plans to take special precautions.

ABORTION RIGHTS

Cincinnati, OH—The Reproductive Rights National Network (R2N2) and the local Abortion Rights Committee (ARC) rallied over 1,200 persons on June 23 to protest the national Right-to-Life Convention and to support women's rights. Keynote speakers at the rally decried the covert funding of anti-abortion groups by Catholic churches and right-wing political organizations. "Right-to-Life has declared war on women. They've



taken on the Equal Rights Amendment, child care for working mothers, their own personal view on women's proper role in society," said Celia Petty of ARC.

Lesbian recording artists Meg Christian and Therese Edell entertained the crowd in the amphitheatre on the banks of the Ohio River overlooking Northern Kentucky, where the Right-to-Life convention was held.

LESBIAN CUSTODY VICTORY

Seattle, WA—A seven-year battle in Seattle which involved a lesbian couple and their six children has reached a happy conclusion. Sandy Schuster and Madeleine Isaacson, who have waged an arduous fight to keep their children, have now won undisputed custody. Their victory came when their ex-husbands failed to file a final appeal to the United States Supreme Court.

One factor which made the case unusual was that the women made an effort to publicize their circumstances. They have done over 600 speaking engagements in the past eight years, and have appeared on television talk shows both locally and nationally. The two are currently engaged in writing a book dealing with their experiences, entitled **A New Covenant**.

The original custody decision, which permitted the two women to retain custody only on the proviso that they lived apart, was made in December 1972 as part of their divorce proceedings. A modification

MARCH UPDATE

Washington, DC—Mayor Marion Barry has signed a petition here which states: "We the undersigned residents of Washington, D.C., Virginia, and Maryland, support the March for Lesbian and Gay Rights to be held on October 14, 1979." Barry, who says he has been attending Gay Pride Day celebrations since 1970, signed the petition at this year's Washington celebration, where he was a featured speaker. Barry is the first Washington elected official to endorse the march.

The march is opposed by the Gay Activists Alliance/DC. At the Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference in May, support for the march was also withheld by a vote of delegates representing Delaware, West Virginia, Maryland, Northern Virginia, and the District of Columbia.



Madeleine Isaacson (l) and Sandy Schuster (r): awarded custody

hearing took place in August of 1974 because the husbands complained that the women were in fact living together, and that the publicity which they courted would be detrimental to the children. Judge Norman Ackley then ruled that the children's interests would still best be served if they remained with their mothers.

Further appeals were made by the former husbands, and finally, in 1978, the Washington Supreme Court ruled by a vote of 6-3 that the mothers should retain custody. The ex-husbands then announced that the case would be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. The Ameri-

can Civil Liberties Union had already agreed to represent the women in this final appeal, and both the Lesbian Mothers National Defense Fund and the National Organization for Women were also preparing to file **amicus curiae** briefs in their support.

The decision of the ex-husbands not to appeal means that the ordeal is over. Both women described the experience and publicity, including a recent article in **People** magazine, as strengthening their relationship and their family; though they noted that the long battle had caused a considerable financial drain on them.

CHARGES UPHELD

Montreal, PQ—The **Conseil de Presse de Quebec** (CPQ-Quebec Press Council) has upheld several complaints charging two leading Montreal daily newspapers with anti-gay prejudices. Filed by the **Regroupement National des lesbiennes et Gais du Quebec** (RNLGQ), the first complaint cited an anti-gay headline in **La Presse**, as well as this paper's decision last

summer to refuse a classified ad from Gay Youth of Montreal.

Finally, the CPQ ruled on a complaint filed by **Les Productions 88** (a gay media project) following the January publication of the headline, "Stabbed to Death by a Homo," in the **Journal de Montreal**. The Council agreed that the word "homo" tended to ridicule and put down gay people.

FBI PROBES POLICE RIOTS

San Francisco, CA—According to a by-lined story in the **San Francisco Chronicle**, the FBI is now investigating the police attack on Castro Street's Elephant Walk bar on May 21 following the riots which occurred in the wake of the Dan White decision. Assistant U.S. Attorney Drew Davis, head of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, requested the official probe; and a local FBI spokesperson has confirmed that the investigation was begun in July.

The FBI has been furnished with a list of more than 100 citizens who testified that they witnessed countless unprovoked police assaults on the night of the White verdict. The Castro riot police were under the command of Mission Station Capt. George Jeffereys, who, according to journalist Warren Hinckie, "behaved as if he were directing a search and destroy mission." According to many observers, much of the Police Officers Association's subsequent uproar over SFPD Chief Gain's participation was designed as a smokescreen for the criminal activities of many of its own member officers.

The FBI said that the investigation would be completed in September. Once the report is submitted, Justice Department officials will decide whether to prosecute.

In the meantime, SF District Attorney Joseph Freitas (pictured) is throwing the book at the 28 persons arrested during the gay riots on May 21 at City Hall. Most have been charged with multiple felonies (throwing mace or rocks at police). Ironically, if convicted, the accused could draw longer prison sentences than did Dan White for the double murder which incited the riots.

A coalition of lawyers, many from the National Lawyer's Guild, has organized the May 21 Legal Defense Committee to combine the defense of all persons charged. Their initial strategy has been to



COMMUNISTS BACKTRACK

Paris, France—The French Communist Party, in reversal of earlier policy announcements, is attempting to avoid open discussion of homosexuality by resorting to the bogeyman of child prostitution.

Responding to pressure from French gay organizations, the party established a commission on sexuality in 1977, thanks to whose work several positive articles appeared in the party newspaper, **L'Humanite**. Although the paper was unwilling to carry news of the French gay movement, it was interested in anti-gay discrimination cases; and communists in the Senate and National Assembly supported the move to repeal two anti-gay articles in the penal code.

In January, 1979, however, the rightist newspaper **Minute** accused the communist municipality of Saint-Ouen of being behind a child-prostitution ring. **L'Humanite** responded to the accusations by defending the municipal government and leveling similar accusations against a municipal employee,

move to disqualify Freitas as prosecutor, on the grounds of prejudice; since the riots were due in part to his own poor prosecution of Dan White. When Judge Beroldingen ruled favorably on an evidentiary hearing for the motion of recusal (disqualification), the prosecution filed a motion to disqualify the judge on the ground that she was prejudiced against the District Attorney.

Activist Charlie Hinton noted: "The DA's strategy is to prosecute the cases to the limit. It appears that Freitas is using this trial to save face for his inept prosecution of Dan White."

The motions and countermotions made by defense and prosecution indicate that the court battle will be a serious and protracted one.

Jacques Dugue, in similarly homophobic language.

Marc Croissant, founding member of the communist's sexuality commission, was shocked by the tone of the **L'Humanite** article, and has written a letter of protest to his fellow communists. Soon after making the protest, Croissant was labelled an "advocate of perversion and vice" by party regulars, and trounced out of the party.

Croissant feels that the anti-pedophilia rhetoric now being taken up by the party is an attempt to avoid any discussion of homosexuality and sexual morality at the upcoming party congress. "Now that the party is trying to become 'respectable', it is also becoming more conformist," he said, adding: "It is useless to raise the bogeyman of pedophilia with all its distortions. . . The party leadership is using these scare tactics to make sure that pedophilia and homosexuality remain private problems and not political questions."

EUROPEAN HEARINGS

Ulster, No Ireland—Ulster gays have been dealt a bitter blow by Northern Ireland Secretary Humphrey Atkins, who announced that the Tory Government has decided to shelve a draft order to reform the laws against homosexuality in the province. As a result, male homosexuality will remain completely illegal there.

NIGRA (Northern Ireland Gay Rights Association) reports that its members are furious at the decision, and say that the Government has no right to prevent Parliament from voting on the measure. "Our reaction is one of total anger and dismay," said NIGRA representative Michael Workman.

"It's our only hope now," declared a weary Belfast man, Jeff, en route home to Northern Ireland from his appearance before the European Human Rights Commission. With backing from NIGRA, Jeff had lodged a complaint against the British Government, asserting that his human rights are being violated by the current anti-gay laws which the Government has permitted to exist in Northern

Ireland.

Jeff appeared before Commissioners from 15 states in the Palais d'Europe in Strasbourg, accompanied by his own barrister, Kevin Boyle, and his solicitor, Francis Keenan. The British Government sent four representatives, one each from the Foreign Office, the Attorney General, the Home Office, and the Northern Ireland Office. The Government's case was weakened by the fact that anti-homosexual laws had already been rescinded in other provinces, and by the fact that the international tribunal had already declared in a similar German case (1972) that complete illegality of homosexuality was unjust and a violation of rights.

The Commission's decision is expected within a few months, and NIGRA officials expressed considerable optimism. Jeff's morale was boosted by the German gay movements. They sent Eckhard Prinz, a gay activist involved in the German case of 1972, who travelled from Heidelberg to bring the German greetings and to present Jeff with a large bouquet of blue irises.

TONY'S BACK

London, UK—Tony Whitehead emerged victorious following a three-hour meeting with his bosses, and gave the message: "If you're picked on because you're gay, fight back."

Fighting back is not a new thing for Whitehead. In 1976 he was forced to resign from British Home Stores, where he was a management trainee, because he came out on a television program on gays. He lost that fight, but learned a lot.

During Gay Pride Week, he was threatened with the sack from his present job as a teacher with the Berlitz School of Languages. This time he knew what to do when his Berlitz manager suspended him without pay because he had seen Tony's "offensive" CPW badge.

Tony was given immediate back-

ing by his union representatives. Gay organizations also cooperated with the union and swung into action, initiating petitions, marshalling support from other Berlitz workers, chasing publicity, and finally picketing Berlitz. Backed by their union, Berlitz teachers at the Portland Square Language School, where Tony teaches English to foreign students, all wore Gay Pride badges to work, **regardless of their own sexuality.**

Management conceded, and Tony was reinstated. "I feel great. It is good to have defeated an attempt at anti-gay discrimination. It is also good for the union to have tackled the management so firmly and to have won," said Tony. It's also good, we add, to print a story with a happy ending.

MCDONALD

Washington, DC—Congressman Larry McDonald (D-GA) has prepared a measure which is designed to put Congress on record in support of the right of employers to discriminate against gays. The measure would not be a law, but is intended only to express the will of Congress; and is being prepared with the support of "Christian" Voice, the newly formed fundamentalist lobby in Washington.

In an interview published in **The Blade**, CV lobbyist Gary Jarmin said: "We're not saying gays shouldn't be allowed to work. What we're against is the government making it possible for any gay person to sue an employer for discrimination."

When introduced, McDonald's resolution will probably be referred to the House Judiciary's subcommittee on civil and constitutional rights, which is chaired by Don Edwards (D-CA), one of the 46 co-sponsors of the National Gay Rights Bill. Committee aides expect no action on either the rights bill or the McDonald resolution during this congressional session.



OFFICER CHARGES BIAS

Fayetteville, NC—Robert Coronado, an officer in the U.S. Air Force, is currently facing a court martial here, charged with "conduct unbecoming an officer" and specifically accused of sodomizing a fellow officer. Coronado has accused the USAF of unfair actions and prejudicial attitudes during the proceedings.

In August of 1978 an airforce paratrooper charged that he had been attacked, drugged, and raped by two men, one of them Coronado. Civilian authorities broke into Coronado's house seeking evidence, since sodomy is a felony in North Carolina. Later investigators and the prosecuting attorney concluded that the paratrooper making the charges "was lying and any acts [which may have been] committed were of a consensual nature, and not worthy of seeking prosecution for."

Meanwhile, the USAF instituted court martial proceedings against Coronado. Coronado's military attorney persuaded him to make a statement which would implicate him in consensual sodomy with the

RSL OUSTED

Chicago, IL—The Chicago Chapter of the National March on Washington Committee has expelled the Revolutionary Socialist League. Joseph Murray, current chair of the Chicago Committee and Illinois State Co-Ordinator for the march, introduced the motion at a meeting on June 26, and it was carried by a 2-1 margin.

The RSL, which was similarly expelled from gay organizations in New York, was cited for having added its own politicly-oriented literature to official mailings for the Washington March. Also discussed at the meeting was an incident last year in which several RSL members provoked police action and arrests during a demonstration to protest the appearance of Anita Bryant.

promise that this statement would result in a discharge from the USAF and termination of the court martial proceedings. The attorney was discharged from the USAF during the proceedings, and is now being summoned to testify for the prosecution in the court martial.

Coronado's new attorneys, T. Hutchens and W. Waple, have filed a writ for "extraordinary relief" with the Court of Military Appeals (COMA) claiming invasion of privacy and prejudice on the part of the military tribunal trying the court martial. COMA subsequently stayed the trial, and ordered the

SCOTTISH TEACHERS

Ayr, Scotland—Scotland's largest teachers' union has held its first open debate on homosexuality. At the annual convention of EIS (Education Institute of Scotland), held in June, Tom Fenton, Convenor of Lothian Secondary Teachers, told the 400 delegates that gay teachers in Scotland "lived in fear of being forced to leave teaching if they were found out." Children, he added, were no more at risk from gay than from nongay teachers.

Fenton was in fact moving a motion requesting the General Teaching Council of Scotland to declare "that a teacher's known homosexuality is not a ground for refusal or cancellation of registration." Among the speakers in opposition to the motion was George McFadsean, Chairman of the General Teaching Council, who announced: "Our genuine homosexual teachers can write to the GTC and I assure you that they will be given every sympathy." The motion lost by a vote of 230-130, but Scottish Homosexual Rights Group (SHRG) representatives were heartened by the debate and support they received.

SHRG had lobbied and leafleted the 400 delegates, representing

Air Force to show cause why it should be permitted to continue the case.

Coronado's attorneys are also looking to the civilian courts to hold that no branch of the armed services may invade the privacy of its service members when they are off-duty, off-post, and not engaged in military activities. The civil courts are being asked to declare that military courts have no jurisdiction over such matter. The outcome of the case could affect future court martial decisions in all branches of the military, since every branch is governed by the same code.

Coronado is an officer with an outstanding eight-year record of service. The military took no action against the paratrooper despite the investigative conclusions that he was guilty of false swearing, which apparently is not "conduct unbecoming an officer."



Ian Dunn

48,000 members, and urged EIS members who were gay to declare themselves. Not one did so. Ian Dunn, a member of SHRG's Executive Committee, has used this fact in a letter to **The Scotsman**, citing it as evidence of indirect discrimination, fear of which prevented gay teachers from coming out.

Following the conference, Dunn addressed the Lothian Labour Party's Education Working Party.

REACTIONS TO FBI FIRING

Washington, DC—The May firing of file clerk John Caldaza (reported in the June issue of GPU NEWS) because of his gayness has prompted the chairman of a Congressional panel to request clarification from the FBI of its employment policies on gays. Representative Don Edwards (D-CA), chairman of the House Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights, has requested that the FBI submit a full and detailed statement and explanation. The subcommittee, which is an arm of the House Judiciary Committee, has jurisdiction over the FBI.

In a report published in *The Blade*, Rep. Ted Weiss (D-NY) called the dismissal "an outrageous example of discrimination and bigotry," and urged FBI Director William Webster to review the case "immediately." The Congressman, who is also a chief sponsor of the national gay civil rights bill on which an update also occurs in this issue of GPU NEWS, announced that he will bring the FBI firing to the attention of House colleagues on the floor of the House.

Dr. Franklin Kameny, who is representing Clazada in the firing case, has also announced that the Washington chapter of the ACLU has agreed to represent Calzada in a civil suit challenging the firing. The Gay Activists Alliance also held a demonstration outside the FBI Building to protest the action.

The apparent conflict in policies between the Justice Department and the FBI over the hiring of gays, which came to light following Caldaza's firing, also remains unsolved. A spokesperson for the Justice Department reiterated the earlier statement that there is "no rule or policy that disqualified a persons from the Department because he or she may be homosexual." The FBI, which falls under the jurisdiction of the Justice Department, appears to believe otherwise.

Employees leaving the FBI building at 10th and Pennsylvania



Avenue were greeted in June by nearly 100 gay rights demonstrators protesting the FBI's firing of

Caldaza. The protest was sponsored by the Gay Activists Alliance and endorsed by Mayor Barry.

CANDIDATES NIXED

Champaign, IL—Champaign City Council political factions succeeded in rejecting the first six nominations made by Mayor Joan Severns to a variety of municipal boards and commissions. A Severns supporter, at-large council member Robert Dodd, has attributed the action to "a combination of political revenge and pro-conservative feelings" on the part of the nine-member council.

Two of the rejected nominees were Owen Fabert, a member of the Champaign Plan Commission until last month, and long-time Human Relations commission leader George Pope. A third was gay activist R. Michael Doyle, whom the Mayor had nominated to the Human Relations Commission. Doyle, former head of the campus-based Gay Illini, was a moving force behind the adoption of a gay rights clause as part of the city's strong 1977 human rights ordinance.

Doyle noted that Mayor Severns has always been a strong supporter of gay rights and is also strongly committed to getting a gay person appointed to the Human Relations

Commission. In cooperation with local gay groups, she is now seeking a prospective appointee willing to be open, but who is not yet known to the conservative factions on the City Council as gay.

Following its rejection of Doyle, council representatives said that they wanted "to keep open the options for reducing the size of the Human Rights Commission." Mayor Severns was asked if she believed that the rejection of Doyle was the result of his open gayness. "Of course," she responded.

CHIEF AXED

Irun, Spain—Several police officers have been arrested and a senior officer has been fired in the wake of the slaying of a gay man in this border town. The Civil Governor of Guipuzcoa in the Basque region announced that police officers responsible for the killing have been placed under arrest. The police commander disrupted and tried to prevent a town meeting which was called to protest the killing; and he was subsequently sacked by the Governor.

BISHOP BACKS GAYS

London, UK—Mervyn Stockwood, Anglican Bishop of Southwark, has told clergymen and laypersons in his diocese that gays are "as capable of achieving a pure and glorious relationship" as heterosexuals. The Bishop, writing in the June issue of **Southwark News**, which is circulated throughout his diocese, says: "I hope the Church will rid itself of this obsession with physical sex and concentrate on 'wholeness' in personal relationships."

Celebrating his 20th anniversary as bishop of Southwark, he goes on to say: "When I first became a bishop the laws of the land and the attitudes of the Church were unhelpful, as they reflected a well-intentioned but pre-scientific view of sexuality. . . Now we realize that the sexual make-up of a person is more complex."

"People are capable of loving and caring relationships with both sexes; such relationships may be necessary if fullness of life and true happiness are to be obtained. . .

DC CLINIC FUNDING

Washington, DC—Mayor Marion Barry, fresh from his participation in Gay Pride Week festivities in the nation's capital, has promised to find \$25,000 for the gay Men's VD Clinic following a U.S. Senate committee's rejection of a special supplemental appropriation for the Clinic in June. If Barry is successful, it will be the first District funds provided for the Clinic since it opened in 1973. District funding for the Clinic had been approved in 1975, but was then blocked in Congress after former Department of Human Resources head Joseph Yeldell retreated during Congressional hearings.

City support was sought this year after the federal Center for Disease Control in Atlanta informed Clinic officials that a promised grant-in-aid would not be provided. The Gay Men's VC Clinic is part of the Whitman-Walker Clinic. The



INS STRIKES AGAIN

Minneapolis, MN—Karl Winder, 32, a resident of Frankfurt, West Germany, has been prevented from entering the United States by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service in Minneapolis. Winder flew into Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport on his way to meet his fiancée in Los Angeles. He was subjected to a routine inspection there by customs officials, who discovered a copy of **Der Stiefel**, a German gay magazine, in his luggage. When asked by them if he

CDC had provided a \$15,000 grant last year under a three-year program submitted by the Clinic to expand its services to include treatment and further outreach programs. The original plan called for a \$25,000 grant this year, and a \$5,000 grant in the third year.

"We're going to be aggressive about finding the money because the Mayor has made a commitment to do that," said Marie Dias, Mayor Barry's aide for gay community relations. Competition for such funding is likely, however, to be quite keen, since the Senate action trimmed the D.C. request from \$76.5 million to \$53.1 million. While the request was for supplemental funding for the remainder of the year, ending in October, District officials fear that it may have a major impact on a wide range of social services inside and outside the gay community.

How such relationships are to be expressed is a matter for the persons concerned to determine in accordance with their consciences."

Bishop Stockwood's remarks followed the publication of the Methodist Church's working party on homosexuality, which proposed the recognition of stable gay relationships as compatible with Christianity.

were homosexual, Winder said that he was not gay, but rather bisexual.

In denying Winder permission to enter the United States, INS officials cited the Immigration and Naturalization Act of 1952, which declares that persons "afflicted with psychopathic personalities" may be denied entry. The U.S. Supreme Court has declared all homosexuals "psychopathic" under the intent of the law, and INS insists that bisexuals are also "psychopathic."

When told that he must either leave the country or appear before an Immigration judge for a hearing, Winder responded: "I never heard of such a ridiculous thing. In Germany gay is legal since 1969. This is crazy."

Bob Vink, INS deputy district director, explained that Kinder's situation was "not unusual" and added: "This happens to aliens all the time." Questioned about how many gays were turned away by INS officials, Vink quipped, "We don't keep count."

Winder's case is like that of Carl Hill, reported in last month's issue of GPU NEWS, except that the INS decision now extends the precedent to cover bisexuals as well as gays. Kinder boarded a plane and returned to Germany. Prior to his departure he stated, "They say this country is free and everything. I feel like a criminal, but I've done nothing wrong."

ROBINSON HOME FROM TOUR

London, UK—Following the conclusion of his seven-week tour of the United States in June, Tom Robinson has returned to England. The U.S. tour ended with Robinson's celebration of his 29th birthday before an audience of 3,000 at the New York Palladium. Robinson returned to London in time to participate in the Gay Pride Week events. In addition to taking part in the march, Robinson performed before an audience of 2,000 over five nights in a show called **Just Good Friends**.

Robinson's newest single, "Never Gonna Fall in Love . . . (Again)," was recently released in England by EMI Records. It is a semi-disco song co-written with Elton John. The backing singers jeer "Sexist, sexist" through the song. The second side contains the Hot Peaches anthem, "Getting Tighter." In an interview appearing in London's **Gay News**, Robinson expressed guarded hope that the drug culture was subsiding among rock fans. "1977 was the year of the tranquilizers," he announced, "1978 was the year of speed. And 1979 is the gear of GSF. GSF? 'Good Stiff Fucks,'" he



Tom with his boyfriend, Danny

cries in the spirit of the new single, which British censorship has kept off the airwaves to date.

About the gay movement, Robinson expresses both courage and pessimism. "There's a long way to go. The double standard still oper-

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MEDEIROS SPEAKS

Boston, MA—Humberto Cardinal Medeiros, leader of the Roman Catholic Church in Boston, has laid down specific guidelines for priests concerning counseling and conducting services for gays. The action was apparently precipitated by the controversy surrounding the Cardinal's recent firing of Father Paul Shanley from his position as the local Church's minister to sexual minorities, and in response to an appeal from Dignity/Boston.

Medeiros, citing the Declaration on Sexual Ethics which was issued from Rome, claims that "this judgement of Scripture does not. . . permit us to conclude that all who suffer from this anomaly are personally responsible for it, but does



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attest to the fact that homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered and can in no case be approved of."

The Cardinal's guidelines are

simple. First, there will be no special minister for gay persons in his archdiocese. Second, gays are to be dissuaded by local pastors from joining any gay organizations. Third, gays should not consider candidacy for the Roman priesthood.

Father Paul Shanley remarked that the Cardinal's guidelines came as no great surprise, since "he told me for eight years that he would not consult with any gay people because he did not believe in talking with people as gays." Shanley added: "The Cardinal says that all priests will welcome gay people; I would like for him to indicate one parish in the country where they are welcome. . ."

ACLU RIGHTS PROJECT

Washington, DC—The recently concluded biennial national conference of the American Civil Liberties Union here has voted to establish a national gay rights project and to make gay rights a "high priority in litigation, education, and lobbying by the organization." Under ACLU policy, the resolutions now go to the national board of the organization for final approval. The board is expected to act on them either at its September or December meeting.

John Shattuck, director of the ACLU's Washington office, announced that the project could begin as soon after the board vote as funding could be raised, and noted that the project, if approved, would "have a high priority in ACLU fund raising." Shattuck predicted that final ACLU passage would have a "substantial effect" on the struggle for gay rights "because it would bring a major civil rights organization into league with a lot of people who have been working on the single issue [of gay rights] and broaden the constituency."

The text of the resolution reads as follows:

"Whereas, the assault on the fundamental rights of gay people not only continues but has substantially increased recently, and;

Whereas, ACLU policy existing since 1975 mandates the defense of civil liberties for gay people;

"Be it therefore resolved, that a national ACLU gay rights project be established to accelerate the implementation of existing policy, and;

Further be it resolved, that the National Board instructs the national staff and urges all affiliates to give gay rights a high priority in litigation, education, and lobbying."

SAN DIEGO CHARGES

San Diego, CA—The Gay Alliance for Equal Rights, established earlier this year, is holding meetings with the Public Service and Safety Commission here as a result of its charges that law enforcement agencies in the city are guilty of "selective enforcement" in their prosecution of gay citizens.

The Gay Alliance has also submitted a list of specific points of selective enforcement. In one case, "a patrol car parked outside a [gay] bar with its spotlight shining on the door for one half hour." The list also noted that "fifteen minute interrogations in which citizens are subjected to hostile questions about their sexuality" are common as well as "substantial detention of citizens who object to such treatment on charges of public drunkenness." The Alliance points to the fact that these detentions result in

charges being dropped as an indication of selective enforcement of laws against gays.

In response to their request for more information on police budget allocations, the PSSC ordered the San Diego Police Department to provide policy statements and a summary budget for their enforcement priorities. In its meetings with the PSSC the Alliance has insisted that the police are delegating far too much money and effort to the apprehension and prosecution of people engaged in "victimless criminal activity." They point to the fact that San Diegans are plagued with 65,436 felonies annually, while an annual mean of 10,748 arrests are made. "San Diego is well on its way to becoming the second most crime-ridden city in the state," commented an Alliance representative.

BOOKSTORE EVICTED

Philadelphia, PA—Giovanni's Room, Philadelphia's only gay and feminist bookstore, has been evicted by its new and homophobic landlords without prior notice. When the building in which the bookstore was located was sold, the new landlords expressed dismay at having a gay-oriented bookshop in the building and insisted that all signs be removed from the walls. Ed Hermance, co-owner of Giovanni's, said: "None of the new owners would look at me or even say hello. One day they turned off the electricity for a day without warning—and we lost our phone."

The owners began searching for a new location for the bookstore, but several realtors informed them that they would not be able to assist them in finding a location because of "the nature of your business." Philadelphia has no gay rights ordinance of any kind, and landlords are permitted to discriminate with impunity. With the assistance of members of Philadelphia's gay community, a building



GIOVANNI'S ROOM

at 12th and Pine Streets was finally purchased.

The owners are happy that the bookstore is now located in its own building at the center of Philadelphia's gay community, but worried about the problems which gays may continue to have in renting. Hermance noted: "I'm worried that this will be a fad. They might try to kick gay people out of town. But we should fight. I'd really like to see people have to answer for having done something like this."

WISCONSIN HEARINGS - PRIVACY BILL

Madison, WI—Hearings were held in August on AB 514, the sexual privacy bill introduced into the Wisconsin Assembly earlier this year by Representative David Clarenbach. The bill would make consensual sexual activity between adults illegal only when performed in public or for anything of value. Extensive lobbying by The United, a Madison-based gay-rights organization, has also taken place since May.

"The government has absolutely no business investigating what goes on in the bedrooms of our state," Rep. Clarenbach told members of the Assembly Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee. Clarenbach cited one case (reported last year in GPU NEWS) where Waukesha police, investigating a burglary report, arrested an unmarried (heterosexual) couple involved in an act of intercourse. "This can destroy peoples' lives,

BOOKSTORE ARRESTS

Milwaukee, WI—Police arrested five men at the Lib Bookstore, 601 N. 5th St., on the night of August 2. A vice squad officer alleged that one of the men arrested had made sexual overtures to him while he was working undercover in the bookstore. Allegedly, when the officer attempted to arrest the man, he became unruly and a fight ensued. Another patron joined in the battle against the undercover agent. When other officers finally arrived, they arrested five men, including the bookstore clerk, who allegedly refused to summon additional police when ordered to do so by one of the undercover police. Those arrested claim that the undercover police did not identify themselves. One officer suffered minor facial cuts.

their reputations," Clarenbach noted. "Everybody has a right to live and let live, to love and let love. That's what this bill is all about."

AB 514, which is similar to bills introduced in previous years, would change the state's archaic criminal laws on sodomy and fornication. Though it does not mention homosexual activity, it extends to all consenting adults regardless of their sexual or marital status.

Rev. Richard Pritchard, who led opponents of the bill in the August hearings, conceded that the present archaic laws are enforced only in a discriminating fashion, and that "the practice of intercourse between unmarried consenting adults in private is prevalent"; but went on to suggest that discriminatory enforcement and unenforced laws were preferable to legalizing the right of consenting adults to make up their own minds. "It isn't enough," he added, "to say that these are consenting adults."

The bill is given a fair chance of passage by the Assembly; and, if it goes to the Senate later this year, political observers suggest that its chances of final passage are excellent. Governor Dreyfus' office has made no comment on the bill or hearings to date.

SIPPLE SUIT

Chicago, IL—Oliver W. Sipple, the San Francisco man who grabbed a pistol from a would-be assassin of former President Gerald Ford, has filed suit against the Chicago **Sun Times** for invasion of privacy. The suit was filed in Cook County Circuit Court, and seeks \$9 million in damages from the newspaper for printing a story on the assassination in which Sipple was identified as a homosexual. The story appearing in the **Sun Times** was written

by a **Los Angeles times** reporter, according to **Sun Times** attorney A. Daniel Feldman. A trial is scheduled for the fall in California on a similar suit by Sipple against the **Los Angeles Times**.

PHS POLICY

Washington, DC—The government announced in August that it no longer will detain homosexual aliens entering the United States because homosexuality is no longer considered a "mental disease or defect". The announcement came in a memo from Surgeon General Julius Richmond, the nation's chief physician, to agencies in the Health Education, and Welfare Department, the State Department, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service(INS).

INS detention of Carl Hill, a British citizen, was reported in last month's issue of **GPU News**. The September issue also carries news of INS actions against a German citizen. Carl Hill's suit against the INS is still pending in court, and INS officials will still prevent gays from entering the U.S. on other grounds. See the commentary on these decisions appearing elsewhere in this issue of **GPU News**.

SKATING PARTY

Milwaukee, WI—An all-gay roller skating get-together and party will be held at the St. Pius Roller Rink, 75th & Wright Streets, on September 29. Sponsored by Dignity-Milwaukee as a benefit, the party is open to all gay Milwaukee adults and their friends. Skating is from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m., with skates, beer, and soda available. Tickets (\$4.50) can be purchased by phone (414-961-1965), by mail from Dignity (see Directory), or at the Monday meetings of Gay Peoples Union. Door admission is \$5.00.

HBB FOUNDED IN NORWAY

Bergen, Norway- Gay liberation began here in 1950 with the founding of DNF-48 (**Det Norske Forbundet av 1948**). The organization remained small and low-profile, but its membership increased rapidly with the decriminalization of homosexuality in 1972. Branches were set up in several towns, though most of the members were still from Oslo, where DNF-48 still runs a disco-club, "Metropol."



Growing discontent with DNF-48 led in 1976 to the formation of three splinter organizations: AHF (Working Groups for Gay Liberation), **Lesbisk Bevegelse** (Lesbian Movement), and the **Homofil Bevegelse li Vestfold** (Gay Movement of Vestfold) in the south-eastern part of Norway. In November of 1978 the leadership of DNF-48 began to expel from the organization members who were also members of AHF. The expulsions, allegedly due to the "left wing" nature of AHF, led to further controversy within DNF-48.

The **Homofil Bevegelse i Bergen** (Gay Movement of Bergen) is a gay rights organization founded in May of 1979. The liberationist aims of HBB are those of internal and external education, legal reform, and the promotion of solidarity and friendship among gays. The organization is independent of political parties and platforms. Presently HBB is sponsoring Saturday night get-togethers in Bergen for gay women and men. The HBB Information Group provides speakers on gay liberation for Norwegian schools, distributed leaflets, and provides a gay information service

for local newspapers throughout Norway. HBB established this summer a Consciousness-Raising Group, a special women's group 9" sappho"), and the Open Church Group for Gay Christians, as well as a Sports Group.

In June of 1979 a convention was held in Bergen attended by representatives of all the Norwegian gay organizations. Topics taken up by its working groups included legislative reform, campaigns in the mass media, and additional inter-organizational projects. The convention concluded with the formation of the **Fellesradet for homofile organisasjoner i Norge** (Joint Council for Homophile Organizations in Norway), which is continuing work on joint organiza-

CRUISE ARRESTS

Atlanta, GA—Television Station WXIA (Channel 11) concluded a documentary series about male prostitution called "Boys for Sale" with an appeal for citizens to "stamp out" this situation. In one of the segments dealing specifically with child pornography, the documentary pictured a scene from the offices of Cavco, Inc., publisher of **Cruise** and **Score**, gay publications which feature nude males. The station attached a disclaimer indicating that Cavco staff had permitted them to film the segment, and that Cavco was not involved with minors, "as far as they knew."

In June Atlanta police arrested three members of the Cavco staff and charged them with sale and distribution of obscene materials. Cavco President Robert Swinden announced legal suits against both the TV station and the Atlanta Police Department. The Atlanta Gay Center has also announced that it will assist Cavco by sponsoring benefits to assist in paying legal fees for the suits.

tional projects at the national level this fall.

In order to remain in touch with gay organizations worldwide, HBB is presently in search of contact persons and publications from foreign countries. Foreign-language editions of its own newsletters are promised for 1980. HBB's address is: Box 4260, N-5013 Bergen-Nygaardstangen, Norway. Their telephone number is: (05) 31-21-39.

BERN PROTEST

Bern, Switzerland—On June 23 about 300 gay women and men took part in the first national demonstration for equal rights for gays. They demanded the abolition of the police lists of gays (up until now, only Zurich has done so) and lowering of the age of consent from 20 to 16 years old. With placards like "We don't want to have to hide anymore" and "Being gay means defending oneself" the demonstrators protested against the discrimination which is still the rule here.

Other demands made at the demonstration held at the Barenplatz (a gathering point of the city) were: Gays should have the same rights at their jobs and homosexuality should not be seen as an illness to be treated by a psychiatrist. Lesbians further demanded that the "coercion toward heterosexuality" be abolished. This coercion would not concern only gays, for it also means that women direct their lives only according to the man and see themselves as decoration for the man's world and not as autonomous beings and that women believe they can be happy only in marriage and with children.

After the demonstration, the gays gathered in a park for a party because the hall they had rented in the "Burgerhaus" restaurant had been denied them at the last minute.

EDITORIAL

In the previous issue of GPU NEWS we presented news of the mail campaign against gay rights by the fundamentalist lobby, "Christian Voice." Our present issue carries news of the efforts of Congressman Larry McDonald (D-GA) to put Congress on record in support of the right of employers to discriminate against gays. McDonald's resolution ends with the ominous paragraph: "Be it, therefore, resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring) it is the sense of the Congress of the United States that homosexual acts and the class of individuals who advocate such conduct shall never receive special consideration or a protected status under law."

Gay Rights National Lobby Executive Director Steve Endean has warned of the serious situation posed by the anti-gay resolution. "The real importance of the legislation lies not in its chance of passage but in creating the climate for action on basic civil rights for this nation's lesbians and gay men. I am sure that 'Christian Voice' will use this legislation to mobilize anti-gay sentiment around the country and stop the progress of our civil rights struggle. I envision 'Christian Voice' turning on their 100,000 supporters to deluge Congress with anti-gay mail, and not-just-incidentally raising massive sums of money by appealing to the ignorance and hatred of many persons around this country."

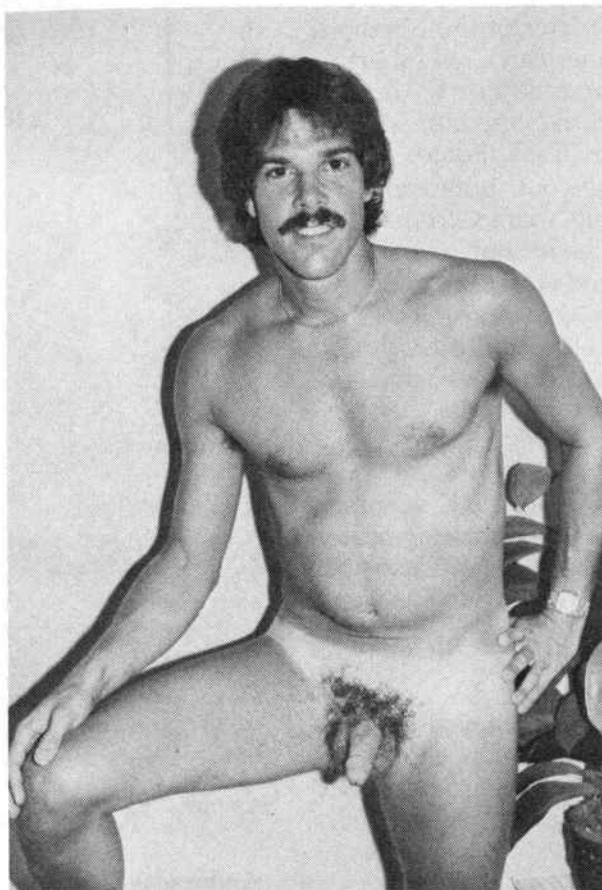
The GRNL has established a five-point plan to combat the threat posed by CV. (1) Write to your Congressman and Senators to oppose the McDonald Bill (House Concurrent Resolution 166) and in support of H.R. 2074 (the gay civil rights bill). If you don't know who your congressman is, contact GRNL at 1606 17th Street N.W., Washington, DC 20009; or phone them at (202) 462-4255. (2) Contact

at least ten of your friends and ask them to write their Congressman and Senators also. (3) Contact your local gay organizations and urge that they make this their fight also by helping to generate constituent mail. (4) Ask local nongay organizations and community leaders to join the battle for basic civil rights for gays. (5) Last, but not least, support GRNL in any way you can.

This is not our first editorial in support of GRNL, and it will surely not be our last. GRNL is our lobby —yours and mine—and it needs

more than passive assistance and applause. Within the context of its present extremely limited funds and resources, GRNL is doing everything it can, but it requires the assistance of every gay and nongay person with a commitment to justice and human dignity. Of first priority is the building up of a constituent network. There will surely be other anti-gay bills and/or amendments, and GRNL will be able to fight these most effectively only if such a network is developed immediately.

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Dear Friends:

As our newsletter describes in detail, we have taken on several major cases since we last communicated with you. And, I am pleased to report, GRA's financial condition is healthier than ever. We are grateful for your confidence and support.

I am especially pleased to announce the election to our Board of Directors of four new members: Bill Barnaby, M.D., one of the founders of Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights; Steve Bomse, a partner in the San Francisco law firm of Heller, Ehrmann, White, and McAuliffe; Dorothy Ehrlich, Executive Director of the Northern California American Civil Liberties Union; and Jean O'Leary, the former co-executive director of the National Gay Task Force.

If you have contributed to GRA in 1979, many thanks from all of us. If you have not yet joined us, please send your tax-deductible contribution today. We look forward to a fruitful and busy period in the last half of 1979. Your continued support will make that possible.

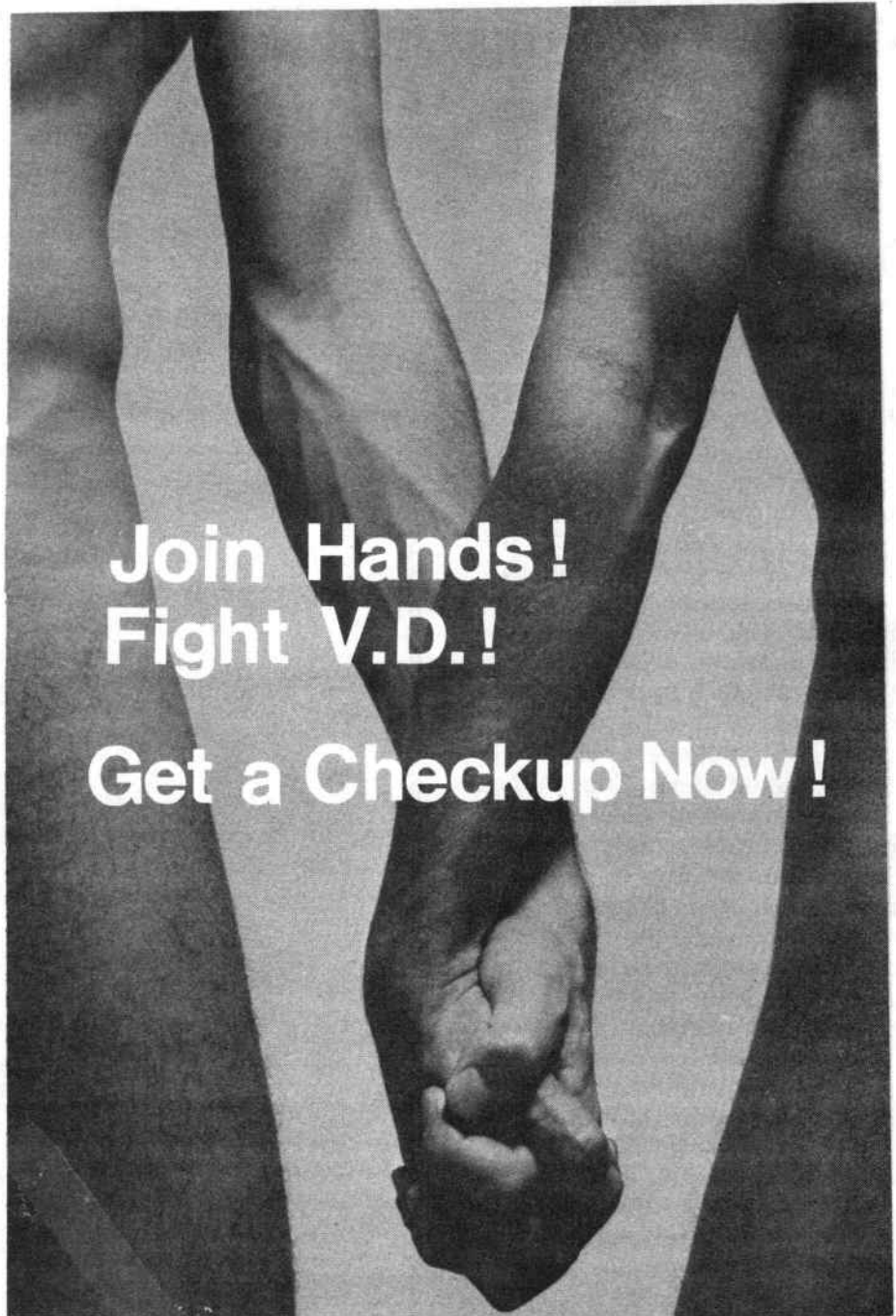
Yours sincerely,
Donald C. Knutson
Gay Rights Advocates
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CA 94114

Dear Friends:

Enclosed is my renewal for another year of enjoyment. I'm glad to see that the nudes are back. My work forces me to remain partially closeted, but my mind will always be gay.

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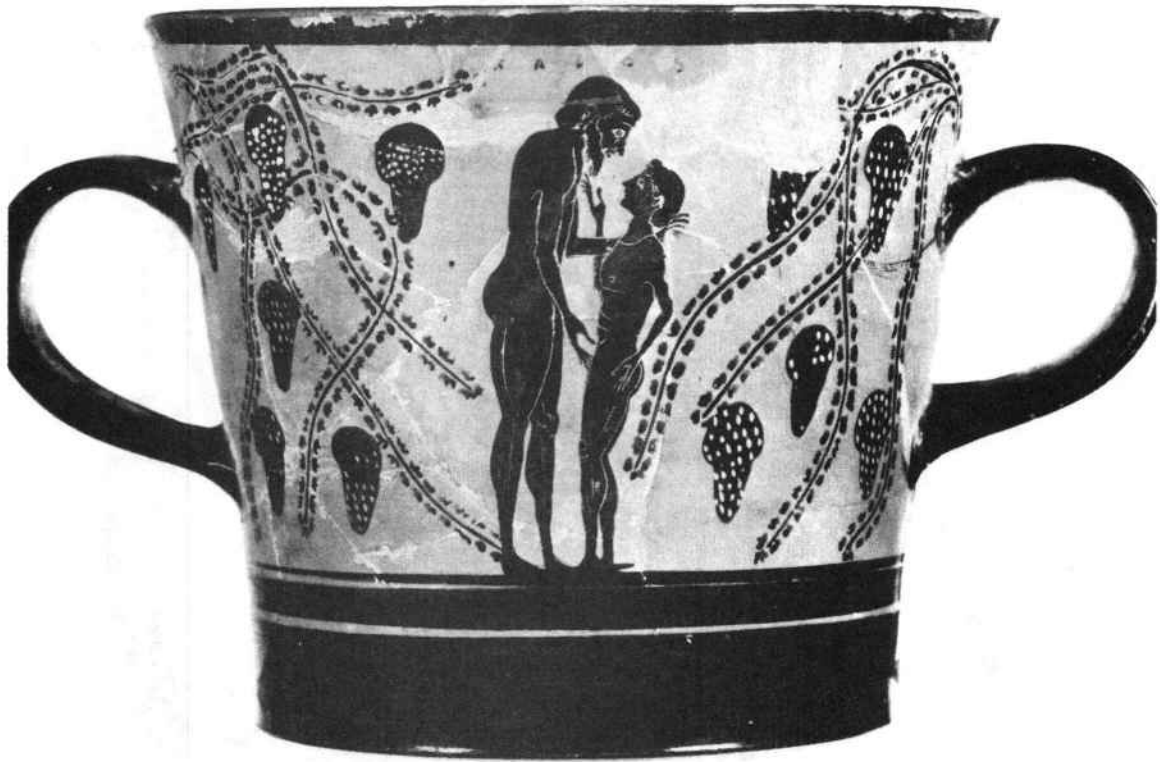
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BY MICHAEL VATER, PH.D.

Greek Homosexuality by K.J. Dover, Harvard University Press, Cambridge, 1978, 244 pp., \$22.50.

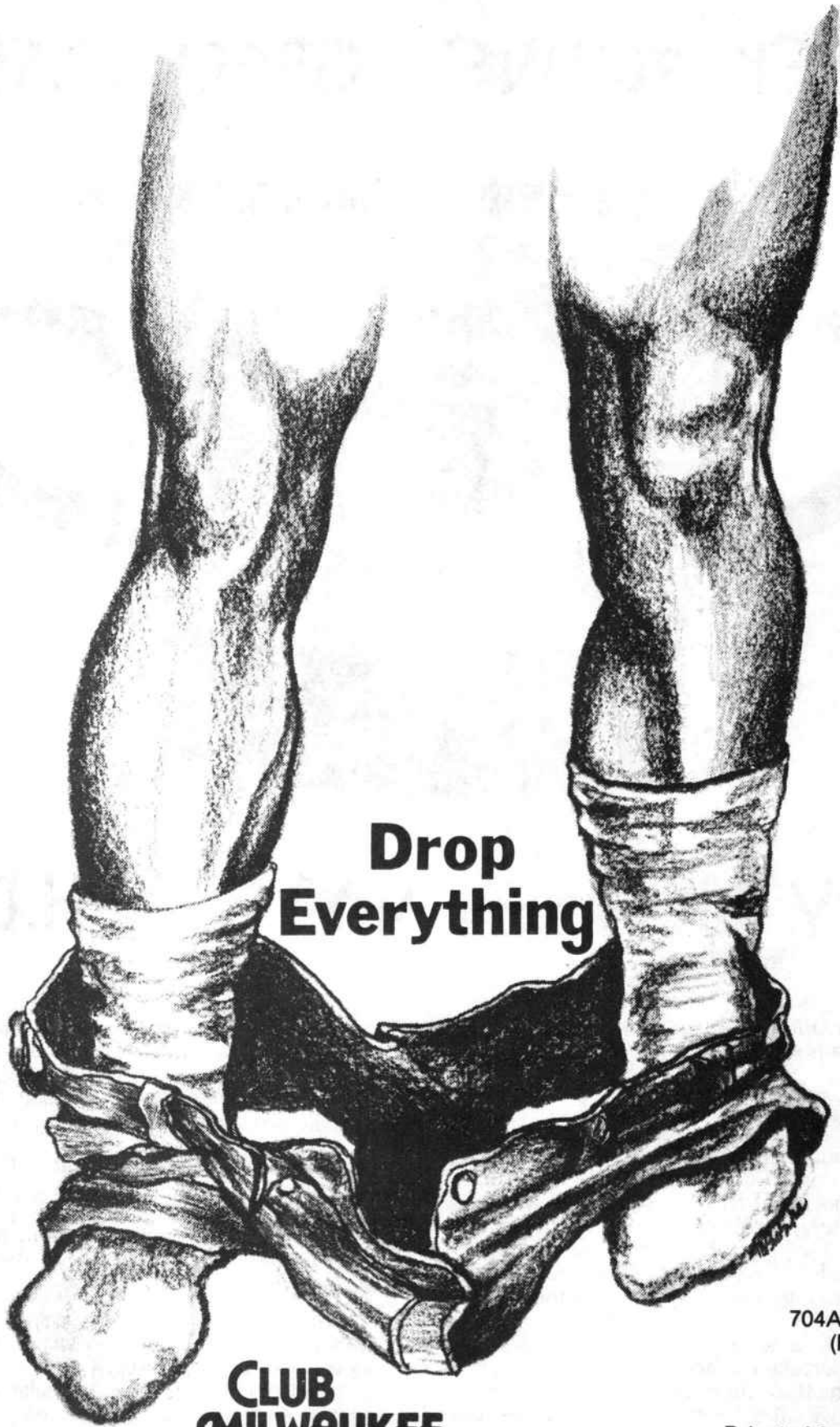
The world of the ancients has come down to us interpreted through Christian and puritanical eyes. A good deal of such interpretation has been done even by the scholars of the last century or so, who while (presumably) relishing the full flavor of ancient texts in their private studies, pass along to the reading public coy or expurgated translations and heavy tomes suggesting a Pollyanna innocence. Sir Kenneth Dover, President of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, and an accomplished classical scholar, has undertaken to bring his discipline out of the closet with this thorough, scholarly, witty, urbane, but above all tolerant study of homosexual practices and attitudes among the classical Greeks.

Dover announces his own sexual preferences (or prejudices) right at the start, but in a manner that sounds a little ominous:

Established linguistic usage compels me to treat 'heterosexual' and 'homosexual' as antithetical, but if I followed my inclination I would replace 'heterosexual' by 'sexual' and treat what is called 'homosexuality' as a subdivision of the 'quasi-sexual' ... [p. vii]

This attitude is so close to that of the objects of this study that it is impossible to discern whether its voicing is fully candid or merely prudential. Dover continues, however with a 'manifesto of tolerance'—an attitude which every page of the book evidences as deeply held:

No argument which purports to show that homosexuality in general is natural or unnatural, healthy or morbid, legal or illegal, in conformity with God's will or contrary to it, tells me whether any particular homosexual act is right or wrong. I am fortunate in not experiencing moral shock or disgust at any genital act whatsoever, provided that it is welcome and agreeable to all the participants... Any act may be - to me, or to any other individual - aesthetically attractive or aesthetically repulsive. Any act may be



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committed in furtherance of a morally good or morally bad intention. Any act may have good or bad consequences. No act is sanctified, and none is debased, simply by having a genital dimension. [p. viii]

Though Dover's approach to his subject is usually serious—none of the notes nor terminological discussions one expects of a classical scholar are lacking—I must confess this reviewer takes delight in footnotes such as, "On big buttocks which go with big thighs, Cf. p. 70" (p. 125). One might even say that Dover warms to his subject as he proceeds, for he frankly discusses things such as the physical attributes of the ideal Greek boy (big thighs, small penis), the use of **olisboi** or leather dildoes by Greek women, sexual positions (most favored, anal or intercrural copulation; least favored, **fellatio**) and furnishes some very forthright translations of Aristophanes' bawdiest lines about the practice of buggery among the genteel. The book includes nearly 60 pages of black and white plates showing the range of erotic experience depicted by the vase-painters during the classical (c. 480-350 B.C.) period. While Dover's interpretation of the sexual and aesthetic content of the vase-paintings seems tenuous at times, these discussions are, on the whole, entertaining and engaging.

Certainly no one could accuse Dover of being less than thorough in his examination of Greek literary and artistic sources. But, to make certain important sociological and moral points, he has chosen to focus on materials unfamiliar to the general reader. While a venture into the homosexual content of archaic and

classical lyric poetry or Aristophanes' comedy or even into reflections of a homosexual ethos in Plato's dialogues might attract the non-scholarly reader, Dover confines his attention almost exclusively to vase-paintings and a careful interpretation of a speech by Aiskhines, **The Prosecution of Timarkhos**. Though his examination of the latter is lengthy and necessarily complicated—since it involves the discernment of attitudes somewhat hypocritically voiced—Aiskhines' speech is an important document, for it most clearly reveals the attitudes of the ordinary Athenian citizen toward homosexuality and draws the dividing line between what was regarded as natural, commonplace and quite acceptable (viz. to seek out another male for sexual purposes) and what was regarded as unnatural and unacceptable (viz. to willingly submit to another male). That the Greeks managed to maintain strongly contradictory attitudes towards homosexual practices testifies to the weakness of one of their inventions, logic, in the economy of human conduct.

Timarkhos was an ally of Demosthenes. In the ordinary rough-and-tumble conduct of democratic political life, important men's lives were often at stake. Dissatisfaction over a treaty with Philip II of Macedon brought Demosthenes and Timarkhos to prosecute the envoys who had conducted the negotiations, among whom was Aiskhines. Aiskhines countered by bringing suit against Timarkhos, citing a law which forbade the exercise of political rights by anyone who had prostituted himself to another citizen. Aiskhines' speech shows just how far a respectable Athenian could go in voicing homosexual

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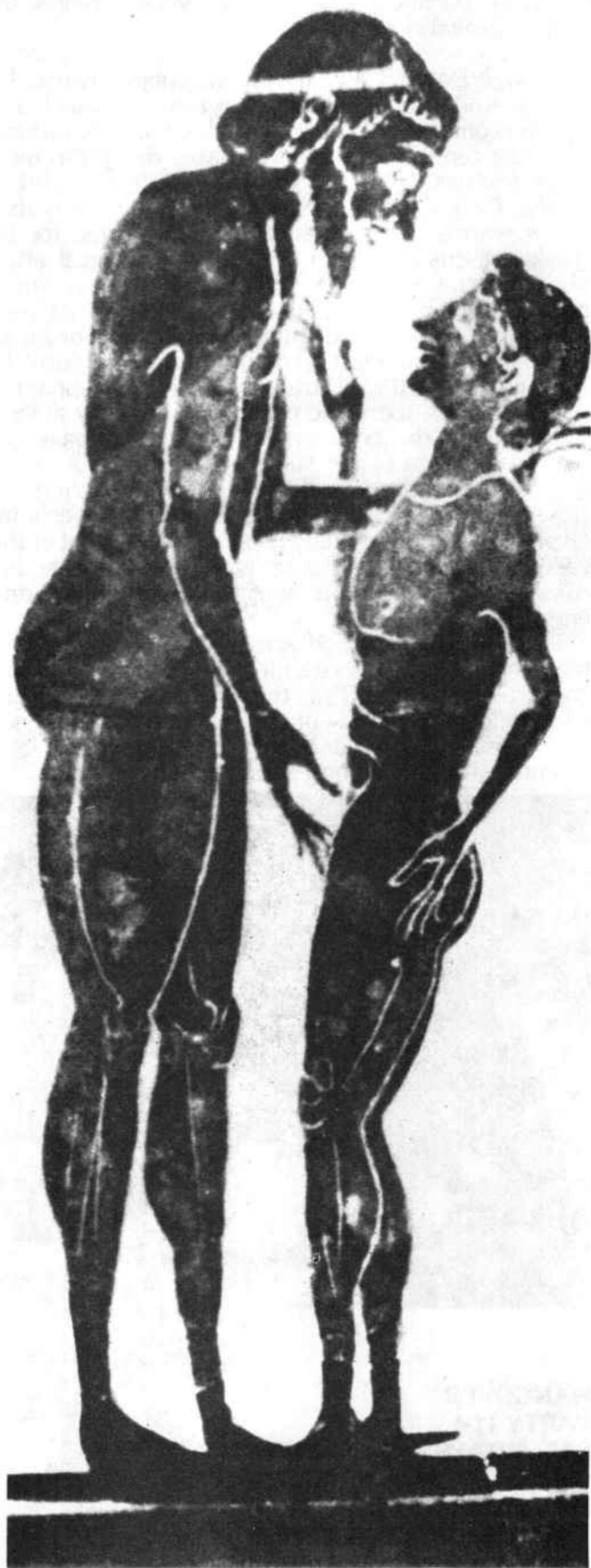
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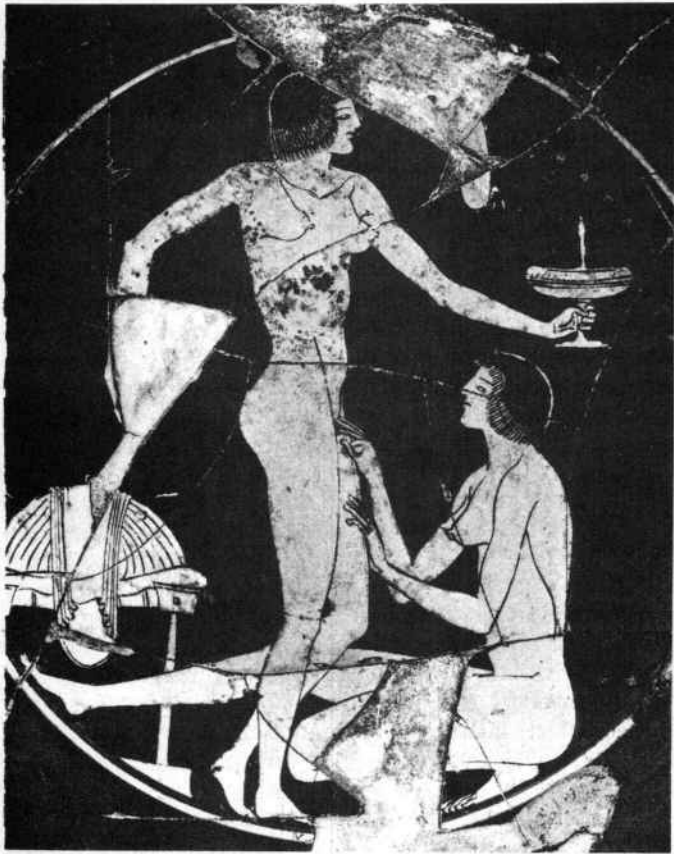
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sentiments, for it attempts to draw a sharp line between acceptable homosexual behavior and practices regarded as excessive.

The content of **The Prosecution of Timarkhos** will indeed sound strange to modern ears, particularly to the ears of a modern gay. Aiskhines contends that Timarkhos prostituted himself in seeking after and enjoying homosexual activity in an eager, thus unbecoming manner, while a youth. Well of course Aiskhines and all of the jury were quite familiar with homosexual eros; they knew how to respond to a boy's beauty, how to conduct a proper 'courtship' and how to obtain the sexual end they desired. Timarkhos was clearly not prosecuted for **being gay**.

Even a casual reading of Aiskhines' speech makes it evident that the Greek attitude toward homosexuality was indeed very complicated and that there were conflicting strands of values involved in the practice and in its social assessment. We might baldly state these values and attitude, which Dover develops subtly and at length, in this way: (1) The Greeks regarded as perfectly obvious and natural one male's sexual response to the beauty of another. (2) It was typical (and socially acceptable) that the satisfaction of such an attraction be totally one-sided. The **erastes** or aggressor, always a mature man, was to be stimulated by the physical beauty of the younger man, while the **eromenos** or younger man was not supposed to be sexually enticed at all. Dover makes clear that in the consummation of a typical homosexual romance among the Greeks, the **eromenos** remained perfectly passive and sexually unsatisfied, while the **erastes** played out his sexual and aggressive role to the fullest, the usual means of satisfaction being anal penetration. (3) The younger man, supposed by custom and romantic imagination not to be excited by the prospect or the performance of sexual commerce, had to be enticed into the act through a courtship of sorts—the provision of gifts and educational/social benefits. It is supposed to be the character of the **erastes** alone, including what he can offer in the way of social contacts, that provides the attraction for the passive younger male. Custom dictated that the younger male be shy and reticent, and that he avoid or postpone actual sexual contact until it was inevitable. If, contrary to this idyllic picture produced by the romantic imagination, a young man willingly sought the advances of an **erastes** and (Heaven forbid!) actually enjoyed submission to his sexual aggression, it is not hard to see how his conduct was regarded as prostitution. (4) It becomes obvious, then, that the psychodynamics of homosexuality among the Greeks was more agonal than sexual, that it was almost exclusively a game of aggression and submission. (Dover mentions, however, examples of tight pair-bonding founded on such psychodynamics—love-relationships, publicly admired, which involved great self-sacrifice and affection). Universally the Greeks admired the pursuit of the active homosexual role, while at the same time they thought it disgraceful to submit to penetration by another man. To put it bluntly, old Athens fostered a double-standard: Fucking was





approved masculine behavior; being fucked meant loss of masculinity.

Thus we can come to see the 'logic' behind the law under which Timarkhos was prosecuted: For any youth to willingly pursue sexual gratification, which of course would be passive, entailed the loss of citizen's rights, since loss of masculinity in sexual conduct suggested the loss of ability to dominate, persuade and lead other men in the political arena. Dover argues that there is nothing in all this which amounts to what we could call moral condemnation; there is simply a set of social customs and political sanctions directed against passive homosexuality. And though we moderns must find it odd (at best) to find a culture on one hand wholeheartedly advocating aggressive homosexual practices and on the other hand severely penalizing the inevitable counterpart, still, we must admit, this is as close as the Greeks could come to any kind of moral disapprobation of homosexuality as such.

Dover summarily expresses the masculinity hang-up hidden in the institutions of Greek homosexuality in the following way:

It is not only by assimilating himself to a woman in the sexual act that the submissive male rejects his role as a male citizen, but also by deliberately choosing to be the victim of what would be, if the victim were unwilling, hubris. The point of the fierce sanctions imposed by Attic law on hubris was that the perpetrator dishonoured (**atimazein**) his victim... To choose to be treated as an object at the disposal of another citizen was to resign one's own standing as a citizen. If it is not yet sufficiently obvi-

ous why the male prostitute's choice was regarded this way, it should become so when we recall circumstances in which homosexual anal penetration is treated neither as an expression of love nor as a response to the stimulus of beauty, but as an aggressive act demonstrating the superiority of the active to the passive partner. [pp. 103-104]

If homosexuality in general is accepted, and encouraged, but in practice is always thought to involve some sort of contest about masculinity, it is easy to see how Aiskhines' speech reveals,

...an antithesis between two groups of motifs: on the one hand, acceptance of payment, readiness - even appetite - for homosexual submission, adoption of a bent or lowered position, reception of another man's penis in the anus or mouth; on the other hand, refusal of payment, obdurate postponement of any bodily contact until the potential partner had proven his worth, abstention from any sensual enjoyment of such contact, insistence on an upright position, avoidance of meeting the partner's eye during consummation, denial of true penetration. In Greek eyes (and whether they saw straight or crooked each of us must decide for himself) this was the antithesis between the abandonment or maintenance of masculinity. [p. 106]

Now it is Dover's main emphasis, writing for the scholars and for the straight public in general, that, despite this rather schizoid attitude toward masculinity, there was a general readiness to highly value homosexual eros itself, that is, no Greek writer ever condemned the response of one male to another's beauty or the desirability of performing homosexual acts, if the performer were in the active role. He generally avoids psychological or philosophical reflection on his subject-matter, so he raises no questions on the psychology of sex, the connection



between sexuality and aggression, and the connection between the private nature of the sexual act and a person's public standing within the community. All of this, however, ought to give the gay reader pause for thought. The Greek ethos tolerated and even warmly accepted homosexuality, but a narrowly specified and hyper-macho sort. Finally, the distance between Greek sexual attitudes and practices and our modern (supposedly liberated) notions of mutual sexual fulfillment, personal involvement, and enduring relationships is obvious, but who is to judge which is better—especially when we realize our modern attitudes are affected both by the Christian/puritanical devaluation of sexuality as such and by the (historically recent) ideal of romantic love?

Dover's attempts to explain the origin of Greek homosexuality are minimal, though judicious. In the book's concluding pages he argues, and I think plausibly, that it is the political nature and the political fragmentation of Greek society, the devaluation of the woman's role, and the need for intense personal relationships outside of the home and outside of the family that developed and encouraged the Greek's positive attitude toward homosexuality. Dover reminds us that the Greek city-states were fundamentally military-political organizations, that only property-holding males were citizens in any true sense of the term, that women were barred from public life, and that heterosexual and familial relationships had absolutely no political or social significance. All of this explains, at least to some degree, why the Greeks could foster attitudes of

tolerance for, and even frank approval of, homosexuality—at least among males.

Dover's concluding comments on the spirit of individuality and innovation among the Greeks, on their freedom from the rule of the past and from mass-societal organization might be taken as a suggestion for the modern world, not only to adopt an attitude of tolerance, but to develop a genuine acceptance of cultural plurality:

The modern sentiment which I have heard expressed, more than once, in the words 'It's impossible to understand how the Greeks could have tolerated homosexuality' is the sentiment of a culture which has inherited a religious prohibition of homosexuality and, by reason of that inheritance, has shown (until recently) no salutary curiosity about the variety of sexual stimuli which can arouse the same person or about the difference between fundamental orientation and episodic behavior at a superficial level. The Greeks neither inherited nor developed a belief that a divine power had revealed to mankind a code of laws for the regulation of sexual behavior; they had no religious institutions possessed of the authority to enforce sexual prohibitions. Confronted by cultures older and richer and more elaborate than theirs..., the Greeks felt free to select, adapt, develop and - above all - innovate. Fragmented as they were into tiny political units, they were constantly aware of the extent to which morals and manners are local. This awareness also disposed them to enjoy the products of their own inventiveness and to attribute a similar enjoyment to their deities and heroes. [p. 203]



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IN SEARCH OF A VOICE

by francesca jenkins

I am an editor working for an industrial publication that is sold throughout Latin America. I was born in Bogota, Columbia, to an American father and a Latin American mother. I am gay, and twenty-five years old.

My recent job has renewed my interest in my first language—Spanish. Now, as a lesbian from a rich cultural background, I search for identification. I decided to attend the gay march and rally commemorating Stonewall in New York City June 24th—to stand up and be counted, to find out more about myself.

My feelings ran the gamut; and the facts, what solid evidence I might find of the movement, were not there for me.

So much occurred and yet very little substance remains with me. Still swirling are: the disco beat from Sheridan Square to the park to Christopher Street; the banners flashing so many facets of the gay and lesbian movements—(Are not lesbians gay?); the scattered chants; pamphlets promoting every imaginable group—the Spartacist League, Radical Women, the Lesbian and Gay Caucus of Youth Against War and Fascism, to name a few; speakers who spoke dispassionately and sketchily about individual rights, Stonewall, gay and lesbian, black and white rights,, Washington; interruptions by unknown, not impressive performers, set up it seemed, in a patronizing way for the less politically concerned, or the more music and party-oriented gays—I heard frequently, "Where's the politics?"; later—the drug and sex and disco soaked insanity in the Village. A party? A commemoration? A gay cultural festival? Who was who? Who stood for what? What were we there to do? What am I fighting for?

One leader, a few minutes, stand out solid and strong, hinting at a direction—perhaps, for me? All but lost, drowned, in the superficial mayhem and often meaningless collage of June 24th, she is the reason I now try to make sense of it all.

She represented COLA—the Committee for Homosexual Latin-Americans. I did not hear her name at the rally, and afterward, none of the many people I spoke to knew it.

She addressed the crowd in Spanish, speaking with a passion and eloquence that either the other speakers lacked or were hesitant to share. My eagerness for identification alone was not what drew me. I was struck by both the fire and substance of a speech whose power and meaning were soon after butchered

by an American translator.

She communicated, perhaps, because Latin Americans have suffered much in their own countries the pangs of selfish governments and ignorant reaction—their history is littered with cause after lost cause; perhaps, because Latin American women are only beginning to surface from a macho society, to take a stand culturally and politically; because last on the totem pole must be the Latin American lesbian, knowing fear and hate and futility more closely even than her own people. This woman's face, her fire, her words, remain. And I am left writing this letter, thinking, perhaps, that in the midst of so many questions, there might be a direction, an answer for me.

I have never suffered—enough to take a stand—the pangs of political, or sexual, or cultural oppression. I have lived most of my life in this country. I know that most of my adult and thinking years, I have spent looking for a cause, something to fight for with a sense of conviction.

It occurs to me, that this may be a universal problem among those, especially of my generation, and in this country—that we do not know enough suffering, that we have, most of us, spent lives too comfortable, not wanting to look outside of ourselves even, where we might find others' suffering and help to alleviate it.

I was not looking for hope on June 24th. I know little of hope because I have rarely needed it. But I wanted to find rage, fire, to know what it means to be in or near battle. I do not know how to fight. I do not know what to fight.

I am left, again, after so many searches, with the harder choice, my own individual quest, after which I may find my place among the rest of the human race. I think the best soldiers are those that first find and conquer, or attempt to conquer conflict in themselves. The truth is also that as I move outside of myself I must discover solid ground, facts, with my comfortable life, my comfortable society and government distort. I must see reality, which can be so subjective these days that life as it truly is, was meant to be, is hardly visible—before I take a stand.

As I take my first step, I feel a yearning, close to hope, that out there among the many battles and causes, especially in those that reflect my own private struggles—in the gay movement, in some movement—there will be a stronger, sounder voice to guide my own.

THEATER - LONDON



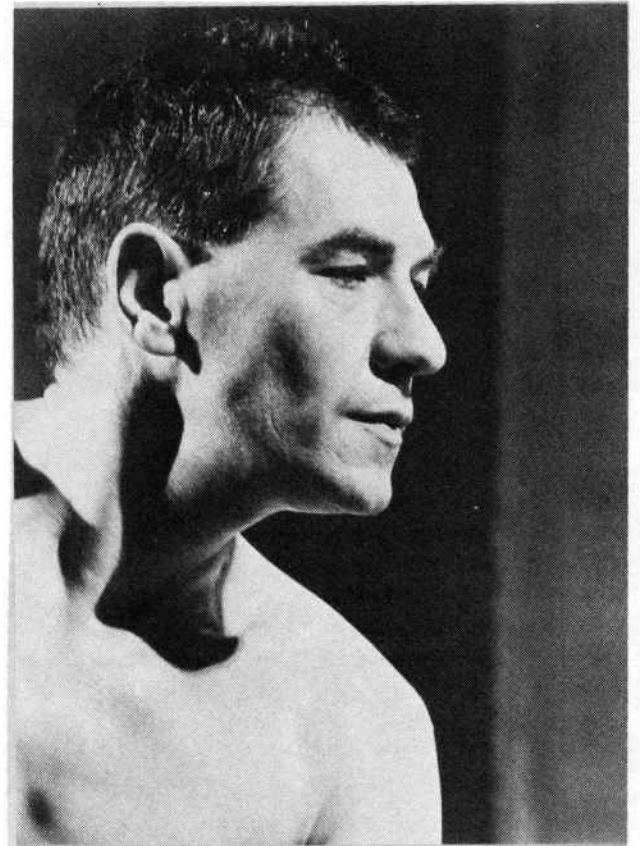
Ian McKellen leads the cast in **Bent**, a new play by the American playwright Martin Sherman which opened at London's Royal Court in July, and which continues to draw enthusiastic audiences and favorable reactions from the critics.

The play opens in the style of a thriller, with the brutal Gestapo agents hunting down suspected

homosexuals and persecuting those they catch. The second half of the play presents the grim study of a friendship between two gay inmates who are condemned to carry stones back and forth. The beginning of the play offers a brief, if somewhat naive, accounting of pre-Gestapo gay life in the performances and bickering of two young men in a transvestite club. When

the Nazis crack down on their haunts, Max (McKellen) and a dancer friend (Jeff Rawie) find themselves pursued by the Gestapo.

Following his arrest, Max remains determined to survive at any cost, and accepts orders which result in the death of his friend—in an outburst of blood and offstage screaming. Max is now clever



enough to get himself branded as a Jew, and wears a yellow star instead of the dreaded pink triangle worn by the homosexuals, who are despised as much by the Jewish prisoners as by the Nazi guards.

The desolate love which springs up between Max and a mate (Tom Bell), a haggard and middle-aged invalid, almost reaches physical proportions, and is sensitively

played by both actors. The Dachau sequence is also a remarkable performance by McKellen. With cropped hair and furtive eyes, his entire body is locked in hideous tension as if to keep panic in control.

In entering the theater, audience members receive a pamphlet which supplies facts about the Nazi persecution of gays. The pamphlet suggests that at least half a million

gays died in concentration camps at the hands of the Nazis, and provides additional background on the play.

Bent is a Royal Court Theatre production, still playing at London's Criterion Theatre in Sloane Square. It is directed by Robert Chetwin, with designs by Alan Tagg and lighting by Robert Bryan. Photographs are by John Haynes.



by
claudia
lettieri

DO YOU CARE?

Angie, baby,
After you left, I played Mick's song for you over
and over. Loud. I do better. And louder. So I pierced
my ear eleven times and jabbed a pin thru my cheek.
I went downtown and picked up chicks named
Veronica and Lilleth and Sunshine Sue, who looked

more like you than even you do, and wondered, where have I really been, on the subway?

To Canal Street where I bought an irredescent purple parachute with a gold lame ripcord?

To Chinatown where I ate an egg roll in every Mandarin restaurant on Mott Street and vomited four green times in an alley where there was enough pigeon shit to feed all the starving children of the world?

To 47th, the diamond street, where I bought eleven solid gold earrings, all different: a skull for the death of the world, a cross for the death of Jesus, handcuffs, a mushroom. . . and a finger, fuck you?

To the stop on my corner where the wind slapped some street rot onto my face and the pin holes started stinging and I realized that nobody had stared, not even one person pointed after all that pain?

So I went home and chopped my hair down into uneven clumps and bleached it yellow, and telephoned my psychotic friend to make sure she didn't set herself on fire again (her idea of life). And she told me her first fire was when she was working as the Welding Inspector at a nuclear power plant. The eagle flew real high on Fridays and she was the first woman to ever have that job. She'd never seen a welding torch. So I figure, what's a safety pin through a pussey hole in my cheek?

I went to a bar on the Westside and a toothless chicken dyke wanted to know if I ever jumped. I thought of that last time, you claiming concern because it was my first time on my own, wanting the last look at the chute and it feeling tight on my back. Tense. The take-off. Me wondering, not knowing, if you'd fixed it to not open: sever those ties, baby. I loved you Angie. I clung onto you at the jump. You pushed me away, free falling further and freer than I'd ever seen you free fall before. And faster. I wanted to feel your fingers on mine as I pulled the cord, but you were miles away and it was the first time I knew scared shit.

But you didn't or it did, anyway, and then in relief, I lost control and hung in that tree (the first time I'd ever gotten caught, and the only, I should add), screaming, thinking for sure you'd let me hang and how you always said you couldn't understand irony. But you came and you helped me down and I couldn't look at you.

I never did again.

The chicken dyke said she meant jumping in front of a subway.

I said, did I look dead? And anyway, I wasn't done riding yet.

She said she had cancer.

I told her to quit smoking and maybe they'd find a cure.

She said she already did; then lit up another Camel.

I left thinking, is anybody straight anymore and went to see Madam LaRue.

She hated my yellow hair because it was so unnatural and I told her nobody had black hair like hers either. So she said the pin holes were infected and I should go straight like the other kind of pin.

I said it would just keep falling out and anyway I once went straight, but I had to give up tuna fish and detergents and all the while we drove around in a Mercedes-Benz.

She read my cards and told me there was a child in my future, but that it would die and change my life.

I said I could never kill a rabbit.

She said you didn't have to anymore.

I said yes, but you still had to have a man.

She asked me if I ever jumped.

I said, did she think I'd walk around with a parachute and not know how to use it?

She said she meant to men.

I left and went to the supermarket where a bee was trying to escape through the big glass window behind the bottles of Perrier. I sat stoned, staring at him from the cold, hard floor, listening to his buzz, wondering about his queen, until the manager came over and asked me what I was doing and hadn't I better be moving on. I said, did he really think I'd look this way to commit a crime? But I moved anyway, cruising the aisles, finding the can (in the country they call it insecticide, in the city its just Raid) and running back to the window, squirting that little black and yellow stinger until he squirmed, making one last futile climb up the dirty window before crashing down, dropping like the aborted baby you and I could never have made in each other. Dead.

The manager's name was Jimmy Meyers (he wore a tag announcing it, like maybe somebody gave a shit). He dragged me out onto the street. His face was purple but not irredescent. I put my tongue in his ear.

He said he wanted to kill me.

I said he probably already was with all the Red Dye #2 he sold in his shitty store. Then I ran home, laughing all the way—oh Angie, why did you leave? I wanted you to laugh with. It's not the same alone.

So I painted my apartment black: walls and ceilings, floors and windows. I hung a wreath on the door and mourned the loss of you. But the mourning felt so good that I forgot you and the words for a song suddenly popped to mind. I plugged in my guitar. We wailed the pumping punk passion. Loud.

The by-product's poison
I'm seein' it everywhere
on your tongue,
in your eyeballs
coverin' your pubic hair.

The by-product's poison
Honey, ya know what I mean
Ridin' in your car
to the disco
makin' your scene.

Chorus:

Did ya see it?
Did ya hear it?
I can smell it
in the air.

If ya find it
Can ya feel it?
Do you care?
Do you care?

The by-product's poison
It'll lay ya out flat
give ya warts
up the asshole
show ya where its at.

The by-product's poison
killin' tight like a glove.
Is it nuclear power,
honey,
Or is it your love?

I was hot. I wrapped my body in the irredescent purple parachute with the gold lame ripcord and my neck in a three foot whipping chain. I hung a silver spoon from the pin in my cheek, reminding everybody about the starving children in the world. I painted a swastika on my left cheek and long black wings around my eyes. My lips were scarlet bloody red.

I rented a limo. My bacon-greased yellow hair was shiny and the driver got it up to 80 cruising the Park eleven times to celebrate my ear.

I felt tense. I felt tight, the windows open and the cold hard wind slapping that silver spoon against my cheek. Sucking in air and the night, neon, flashing by in smog and the dust from our speed. Speed on man.

So we did, downtown, to the club where I sang my song to that crowd. Tense. Tight. And wicked. There's nobody can sound as good as me singing my own songs. Nobody. And nobody there could believe how good I was.

They loved my song. They loved me; my throat raw and raspy from screaming at the shitting pigeons on my fire escape.

How could I ever break it to my groupies you left because of the pigeon shit? When they love it. They scream for it. They smash bottles and cut each other open for it. Last night they set fire to a groupie chick's hair for it.

So I came back, strutting, mean and raw, throwing my pot of pigeon shit out over her, extinguishing the fire and watching them all grab for it, smearing it on their chests, writhing in the shit, like I watched you writhe in orgasm so many times.

But you never came to see my show and they call me the Queen of the World.

My psychotic friend showed up last night, just to keep herself in touch. Jealous of the groupie chick whose hair was set on fire, she said she never thought of a club, she always did it in the lobby of the Hearst Building.

I asked her why.

She said she did it for Patty.

I told her Patty went straight, and she should find a new heroine.

She asked it it could be me.

I said I didn't want anybody setting themselves on fire for me and she said what about the groupie chick?

I said, I put it out right away with my pigeon shit, didn't I?

She said yeah, and that was the best way because her last time she was crisp before the fire truck got there. She said even though she was unconscious, she was still pissed off, knowing she was getting scars, not hearing the sirens wailing for her, the people rushing, pointing, rooting for her and survival and life, not feeling the fireman hero pressing his sooty lips to hers in mouth to mouth resuscitation.

She gave up.

Another fireman took over. Then another, then a cop, the ambulance driver, the emergency room nurse, and finally the doctor.

She said his lifeforce was so strong, she couldn't fight.

I said she saw the joke.

She said she took five days to tell them, with a straight face, she had the oral clap.

It took me all this time to tell you. And I still can't stop laughing.

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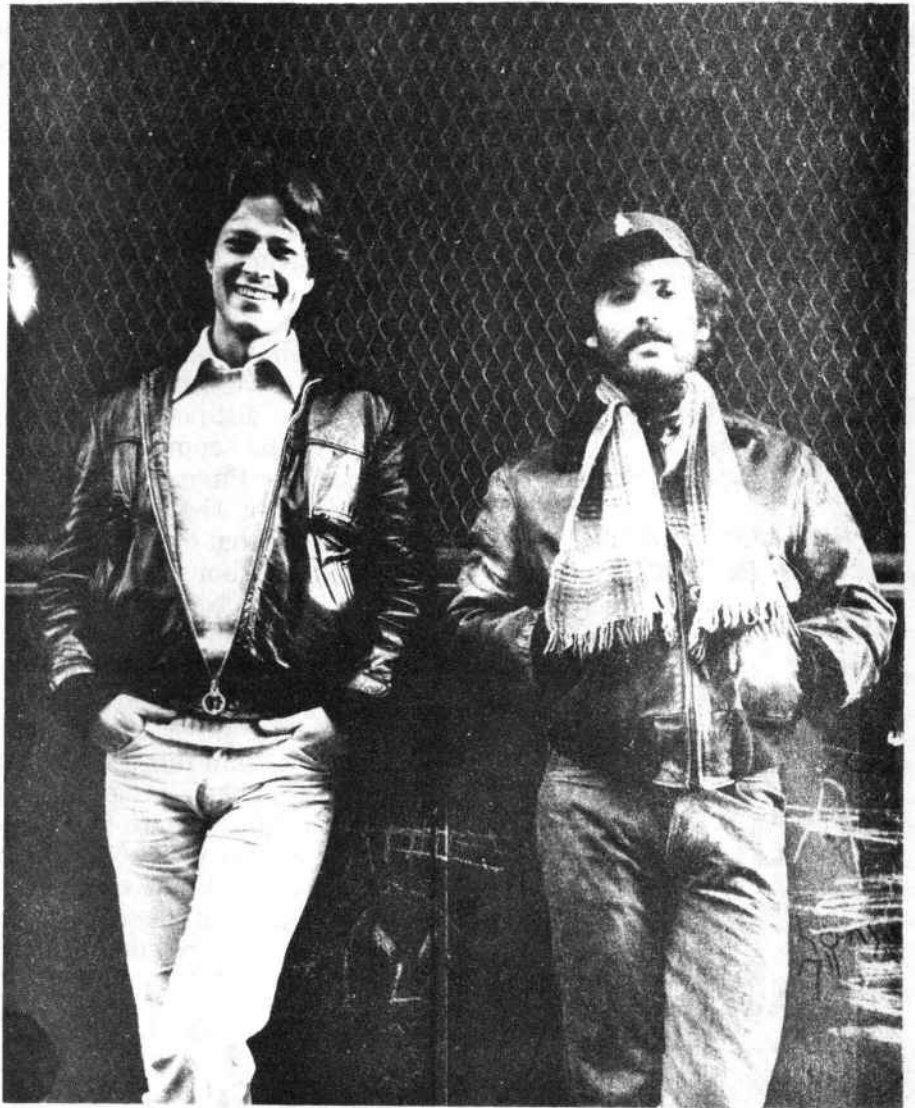
REVIEW

Lovers: The Story of Two Men by Michael Denny. Avon Books, New York, 1979. Paperback. \$4.95.

Reviewed by Lee C. Rice, Ph. D.

A shorter version of **Lovers: The Story of Two Men** appeared in the February, 1978 issue of *Christopher Street* under the title "Anatomy of a Love Affair." **Lovers** is the re-result of a unique collaboration between interviewer Michael Denny and his subjects, Philip Geffer and Neil Alan Marks—who met and fell in love, lived together, and finally and painfully, separated. Denny is an editor at St. Martin's Press and one of the founding editors of *Christopher Street*. Philip Geffer is a photographer who has worked for *Time* and *Aperture* magazines; and Neil Marks is a writer and commentator for the WBAI radio program on gay issues.

Denny tells their story through a series of black and white photographs which Philip and Neil took of each other during their three years together, and through separate personal interviews with each man. Each speaks frankly about his feelings for his former lover, and each shares some of the most intimate moments of their relationship. There are two separate interviews because there are two separate interpretations of the love affair. According to the interviewer, this must needs be the case. "An interpretation is a perspective, and you can't have a perspective without having an object ('text') to perceive. It is precisely that 'object' which is missing in love affairs, which is why lovers' quarrels are so murderous and maddening. There is no objective, common ground for mediation." This is a gloss on Sartre's existential view of human love. Interestingly, it is a standpoint to which both lovers refer at one junction or another during the interviews.



Because of their peculiar social situations, gays tend to construct love affairs as they do other interpersonal relationships—on feelings alone, without the numerous sanctions which customarily support nongay relationships. Respect may be owed to a person for good reasons, but love based upon affectional preference is not grounded, not owed, not merited, but only given. If this is a central fact of gay loving, it is not necessarily one to be deplored. Gays may be the last romantics of a technologized race. As nature becomes more and more domesticated, the passion of reasonless love may be the last human contact with the treacherous joys of Nature (capitalized).

We can pursue the Sartrian threads of the love affair in the in-



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interviews of both men, and it is interesting to see in what ways they do accede to the principal points of Sartre's own view of being human. For Sartre the normal manner in which a person relates to another in love is that of attempting to objectify (make an object of) him/her. Philip speaks in his own interview of the various "poses" assumed by Neil in the course of their relationship. Neil remarks that it was a mistake to view these poses "as if they were distinct from some real 'me.'" Neil seems even more disturbed with Philip's attempt to categorize him. The categorization in question is that of "a Bohemian intellectual," but it is not the category which Neil rejects, but the attempt to categorize. Objectification, as Sartre would say, is bound to be tried and bound to fail; and, because the other always escapes it, love is from the outset doomed to failure. This is not a quaint perspective which Sartre holds on gay love, but one which he considers valid for any human relationship. On such a count, the difference between a gay relationship which

breaks up and a nongay one which doesn't is that the former partners are true to their humanity, the latter are living a lie.

On the question whether a terminated relationship is a failure the two lovers take different and complimentary stances. Philip rejects the claim that a transitory relationship is a failure. ". . . no, it has more to do with the reasons why I moved out, which was to reestablish my autonomy, myself, to get my self back. My self back. I mean to me that's a failure in the relationship: it took my **self** away. But the odd thing is that through it I became more myself than I ever was. I guess I don't understand it all yet." Neil prefers to view the affair as a simple "growing up" experience, valuable in its own right without regard to duration. "It was worth it to me. That's all I have. This relationship. Was everything. It was my life. It was my life. It was—i mean, I loved him. Why would I want to deny three years of our love?"

It is one thing to see in what ways Philip and Neil succeed in in-

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carnating the existentialist view of human bondings and their dissolution, quite another to suggest that such a view is a universal truth of things human: a suggestion which Sartre makes, but which our two lovers do not. These interviews do not present a love affair, they present three men talking about such an affair. Even less do they claim to be a portrait of an affair between two representative abstractions of gay men.

That human beings tend to objectify other human beings, that they tend to strike poses for themselves and others, is an important truth about being human. Less mystifyingly stated, it comes down to the fact that the human animal, like some of his/her evolutionary cousins and unlike others, tends to be territorial by instinct. Sartre's insatiable preoccupation with this aspect of the human situation comes down to the old romantic claim that we ought not to make war with our instincts. Seen in this way, existentialism and nineteenth century romanticism are cut from a single fabric.



But Neil is right and Sartre is wrong: terminating a love affair need not be a sign of failure, and not terminating one need not amount to "living a lie." Human beings are, in the last analysis, what they choose to make of themselves; and the same is true for hu-



man couplings, be they gay or nongay. I personally find Denny's (and Sartre's) suggestion that what makes nongay couplings durable is external social pressure to be little more than a put-down of heterosexual bondings. It is popular stuff these days for gays to put down

nongay pairings, to assault the integrity of the (nongay) marriage relationship, just as it has always been popular for nongays to put down gay pairings. Two mistakes do not cancel each other out. If two gay persons intend to establish a durable relation, and do not suc-

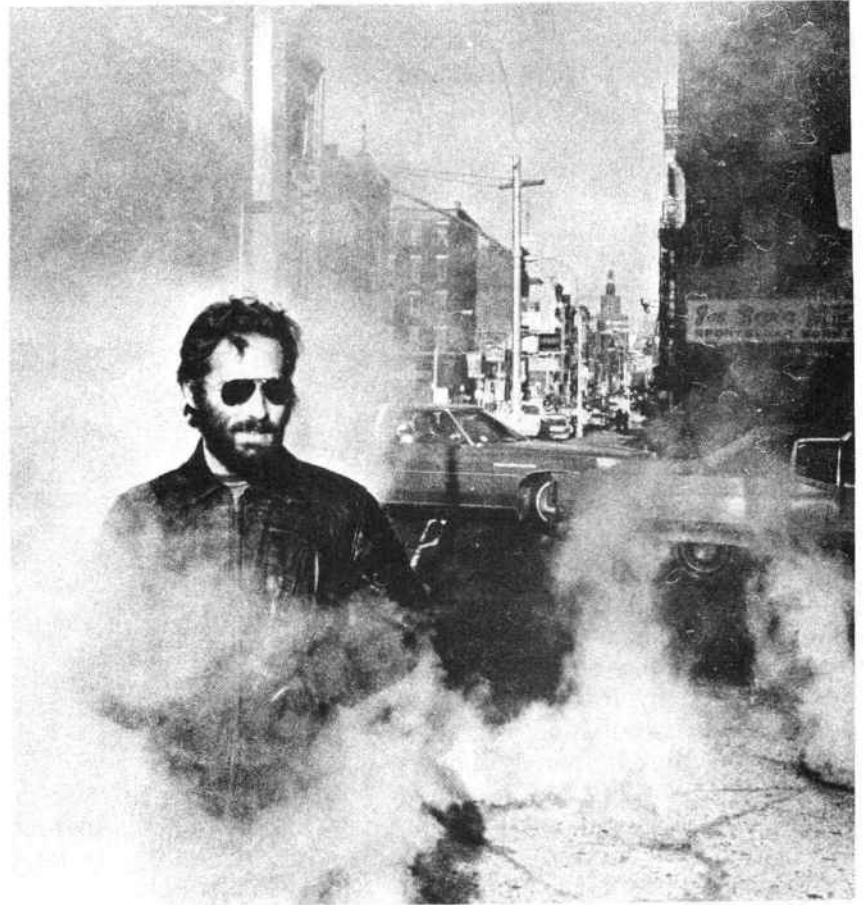


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ceed in doing so, the fault lies not in the stars, even less in the fact that nongays have social sanctions at their beckoned command.

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Los Angeles, CA—Los Angeles Municipal Court Judge Arthur Gilbert has handed down a decision declaring California's law prohibiting solicitation of lewd conduct unconstitutional. The case which overturned the subsection involved an allegation by an undercover vice officer that the defendant, Lawrence Brinkin, suggested to him that the two might engage in sex. Judge Gilbert ruled that the solicitation portion of the statute was unconstitutionally overbroad in violation of freedom of speech.

Los Angeles Times

Sacramento, CA—The firing of a California Highway Patrol officer who attended a transvestite party in 1976 has been upheld by the Third District Court of Appeals here. Ernest L. Warren, Jr., was dismissed after having been found in a bedroom with a cross-dressed man during a police raid on a party in San Jose.

Bay Area Reporter

Seattle, WA—The Lesbian Mother's National Defense Fund has announced the second annual Seattle-to-San Francisco Bikeathon, which will take place this fall to raise funds for legal, emotional, and financial support for lesbian mothers nationwide. Individuals and organizations wishing to participate should write: LMNDF, Box 21567, Seattle, WA 98111.

Press Release

San Francisco, CA—Complaints of human rights violations from gay San Franciscans have more than quadrupled since 1976, according to the city Human Rights Commission. The number of cases relating to sexual orientation discrimination was 73 in 1976, 292 in 1977, and 330 in 1978. In 1978 the gay-related cases amount to over one third of the case load.

The Advocate

Trenton, NJ—The Catholic Diocese of Trenton has appointed Fr. Vincent J. Inghilterra to serve as liaison between the diocese and sexual minorities. Inghilterra said, "We thought there was a real need at this time for a more compassionate ministry to homosexual men and women." Until a permanent office is established Fr. Inghilterra may be contacted in care of Bede House, Trenton State College, 492 Ewingville Road, Trenton, NJ 08638 or by phoning (609) 882-7562.

Gay Community News

Hartford, CT—"Coming Out of Violence," a new 58-minute film about battered women and their problems, has been produced by Eggplant Media Productions for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. For information about obtaining the film, contact Dorothy Shami, Eggplant Media Productions, Box 14001, Hartford, CT 06114.

Press Release

Ashland, OR—The Ashland Public Library scheduled an exhibit to run for three weeks centered about Gay Pride Week. Materials for the exhibit were furnished by the Portland Town Council, Oregon's major gay civil rights organization. Letters to the local newspaper in the small rural town ran about 50-50 for and against the exhibit.

Press Release

Omaha, NE—The building used by the Metropolitan Community Church in Omaha was vandalized recently during a district conference attended by MCC representatives from the midwest and Rocky Mountain states. Using red paint, vandals wrote such slogans as "Faggot" and "Homo—try women" across the front of the building.

Gay Community News

Boston, MA—The committee to establish a halfway house for gay alcoholics has expressed its thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of its first fund-raiser, a spaghetti dinner which raised \$175 after expenses. To become involved in the project, or for more information, phone (617) 426-5208.

Gay Community News

Alexandria, VA—Following recent publicity surrounding "homosexual operations" here, State Senator Wiley F. Mitchell has announced that he will introduce legislation in the 1980 General Assembly to apply prostitution laws to men as well as to women. Mitchell's proposal will also make it illegal for anyone to operate and solicit male prostitution.

The Blade

Arlington, VA—A special grand jury here, empaneled to investigate allegations of brutality and mistreatment of women prisoners, has broadened its focus to include the use of drugs to control prisoners' behavior.

Hersay

Laguna Beach, CA—The Sacramento-based lesbian/gay rights lobbying organization, California Human Rights Advocates, held its semi-annual convention on July 14 at Laguna Beach High School. The day-long conference included addresses and workshops on lobbying, fund raising, and establishing gay support groups.

San Diego Update

Binghamton, NY—The Lesbian Switchboard here celebrated its first anniversary on May 21. The switchboard, which received 83 calls during its first year of operation, is open every Monday evening from 7-9 at (607) 722-3629.

Gay Community News

HERE & THERE

Philadelphia, PA—The Eromin Center, a counseling center for sexual minorities, has been awarded a \$10,000 grant by the Society of Friends (Quaker) Twelfth Street Fund. Eromin plans to use the money for research, outreach, and development programs for senior gays.

Gay Community News

Montreal, PQ—A group of Quebec transsexuals has brought a class action suit demanding that the cost of their sex-change operations in the U.S. be paid by the Quebec Medical Insurance Board. The action has been brought by the **Federation Canadienne des Transsexuels**.

The Body Politic

Wildwood, NJ—The 1979 National Marbles Tournament, held in Wildwood in June, hosted the highest number of female finalists—25 out of 61—in the competition's 56 year history.

US Magazine

Liverpool, UK—A move to declare AID (artificial insemination by donor) for lesbians unethical has been defeated by the British Medical Association. The motion, which would have mandated expulsion for any doctor allowing AID for a lesbian, was defeated by a majority of the BMA at its annual representative meeting in Liverpool.

Gay News (London)

London, UK—The Home Office Policy Advisory Committee on Sexual Offences has recommended that the minimum age for sex between men should be lowered from 21 to 18. A minority report by five members (all women) of the committee recommended lowering the age of consent for all persons to 16, which is at present the age of consent only for women in the UK.

Gay News (London)

Los Angeles, CA—The Gay Academic Union (GAU) has announced plans to raise \$25,000 nationally for its 1979 scholarship drive, a goal substantially higher than last year's \$3,500. Information on the scholarship fund can be obtained from: GAU, Box 927, Los Angeles, CA 90028. Deadline for scholarship applications is September 30, 1979.

Press Release

Martin, GA—For the third consecutive year, a gay pride banner has been swung across the main street of this small northern Georgia community of 300 people. The banner, which reads "Gay Pride Refuses to Hide," was put up again by one of the town's two gay citizens.

Gay Community News

Leeds, UK—A 21-year-old man has been cleared at Leeds Crown Court of raping his wife's lesbian lover for revenge. The court was told that the husband returned home one night to find the women kissing and cuddling, flew into a rage, and sexually assaulted his wife's lover. After retirement of two hours, the jury announced the verdict of not guilty.

Gay News (London)

London, UK—Married bisexuals are being invited to a series of regular meetings with other bisexuals at a pub in North London. The sponsors claim that married bisexuals are at a particular disadvantage in meeting other people in the same position.

Gay News (London)

Lansing, MI—Rep. George Cushingberry, Barbara-Rose Collins, and Ruth McName are co-sponsoring a bill designed to protect persons from sexual harassment. Hearings were held on the bill in various Michigan cities in June and July.

MOHR Newsletter

Manchester, UK—The Executive Committee of the North West Arts Association has announced that it will not censor ads from gay organizations. The announcement came in response to complaints by two local councillors that the organizations' ads in the association's free newspaper, **The Artful Reporter**, could "corrupt children."

Gay News (London)

Lansing, MI—Rep. Jeffery Padden and Rep. David Evans, chairman of The House Committee on Civil Rights, have introduced a comprehensive civil rights bill which would include cohabitation rights of grandparents relative to visiting their grandchildren, adoption, and sexual preference. Rep. Evans has also announced plans to establish a task force to study sexuality and the family.

MOHR Newsletter

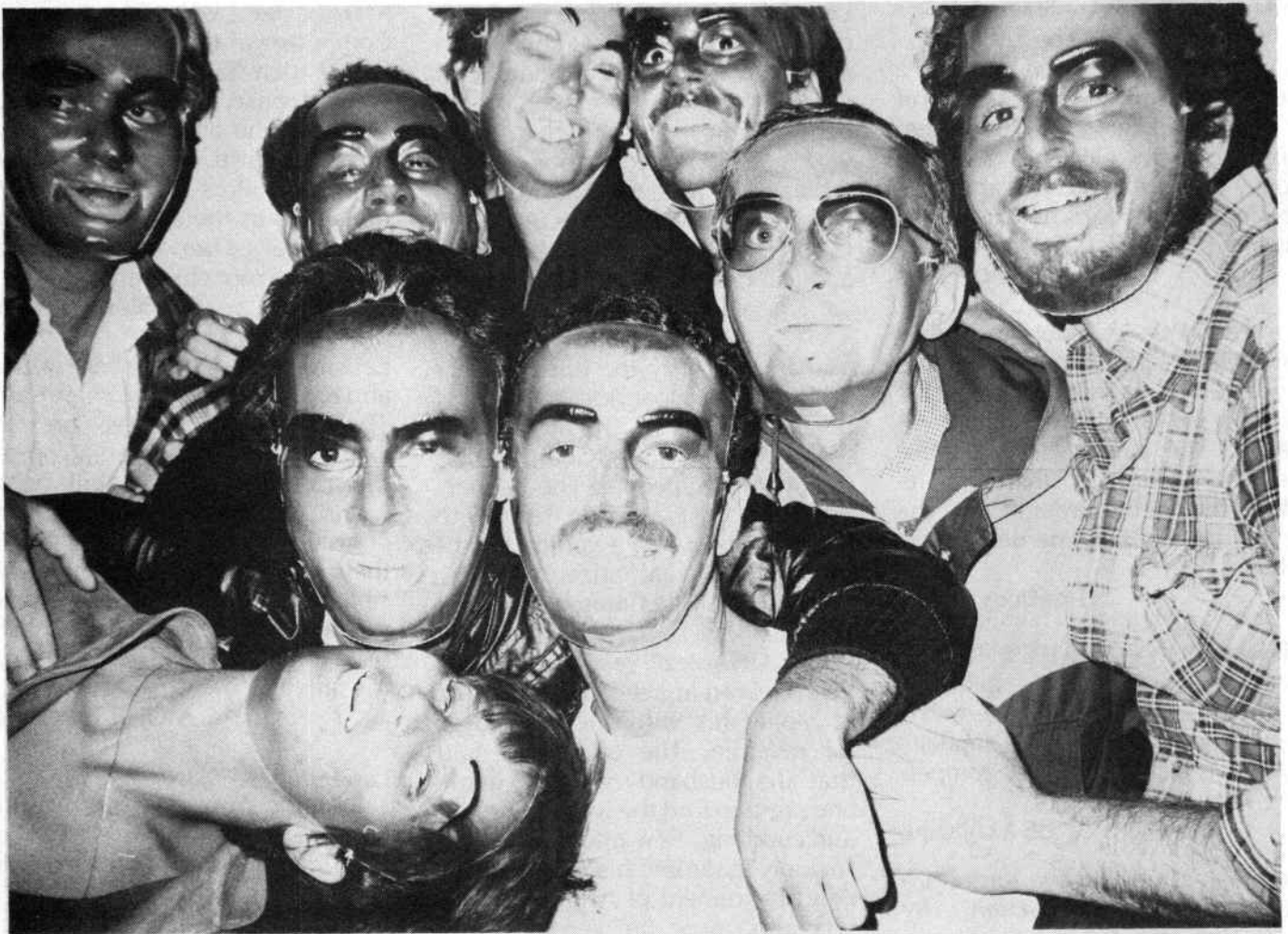
London, UK—After two years of subdued controversy, the way has now been cleared for the Inner London Education Authority to provide money, premises, and advice to gay youth groups. The final decision was announced in June by the London Youth Committee, and two gay youth groups have already applied for grants and officially recognized club status.

Gay News (London)

Boston, MA—A gay man who was arrested here just after leaving an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, and then charged with being a prostitute, has brought suit against the arresting officer in federal court, alleging violation of his civil rights. The man was found not guilty of the prostitution charges, and his suit is being administered by the Boston-based Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders. Damages of \$50,000 are sought.

Gay Community News

THEATER - SAN FRANCISCO



The Earnest Players' production of Daniel Curzon's new play, **Beneath The Surface**, opened mid-July at the SF Repertory Theatre at 19th & Collingwood. The play deals with eleven passengers trapped underwater in a subway train. The characters (black man and woman, white man and woman, Latino, Oriental, gay man and woman, handicapped woman, and foreigner) are intentional "types" who for satirical purposes exaggerate the feelings of various groups toward others. Curzon notes that the play does not deal with oppressed groups as such, but rather with the ways in which groups come to oppress one another. The handicapped woman (Linda Nesbit) is a marxist who would have all gays



eliminated from society. The two gays (Michael Page and Rhonda Zirkle) have a blunt confrontation over the rights of women and inverse discrimination against men.

The play successfully explores the real tensions lying beneath the surface of most urban communities. It is the comic absurdity of their situation and its exaggeration which makes the reality bearable, even laughable. Others in the cast are Philip Murphy, Rolly Colvard, Albert Ochoa, Judith Rowe, Jim Mabry, George Johnston, David Lamb, George Willey, and Howard McNeeley. The play is directed by Dan Turner with the assistance of Peter Parry.

HERE & THERE

Key West, FL—Two off-duty police officers have been hired and a law student is being sought by the Key West Business Guild in an effort to combat "an aura of fear" over the Key West area. The Guild, predominately gay, is hiring the law student to assist in prosecuting persons committing acts of violence against gay persons.

The Blade

Houston, TX—One of Houston's most popular gay bars, The Silver Phoenix, suffered moderate damage in June due to a fire. Co-owner Tim Timmons said that the damages resulted from two fires which were definitely the work of arsonists. The main portion of the club suffered no damage.

Montrose Star

Miami, FL—Florida's Coyote Organization, the union for prostitutes, is asking Florida prostitutes to name anti-ERA legislators who are their customers as part of a campaign to get ERA legislation passed in the state.

Hersay

Houston, TX—The Church of Christian Faith, a group with a strong gay outreach in the Houston area, held a camping and canoe trip, joined with a baptismal service for gays, in July.

Montrose Star

Toronto, ONT—The Ontario Minister of Labour has met for the first time with gays to discuss amendments to the Human Rights Code.

Body Politic

Melbourne, Australia—A Melbourne gay collective has picked up the gauntlet thrown down by the recent National Homosexual Conference in Sydney, and is organizing the Fifth National Congress, which is to be held September 1-2, 1979.

Campaign

San Francisco, CA—The April newsletter of Gay Rights Advocates contains an extensive report of GRA's pending litigation, a report on its educational projects, and a budget report. The newsletter, issued quarterly, is available from GRA, 540 Castro Street, San Francisco, CA 94114.

Press Release

San Jose, CA—A boycott of this city has developed in two separate actions following the city's final refusals to oppose Proposition 6 and to proclaim Gay Pride Week.

San Diego Update

Winnipeg, Canada—Three more men have been charged with various counts of buggery and gross indecency in the growing juvenile "sex-for-cash" scandal which broke here last February. Additional charges have also been brought against five of the eight men already accused.

Body Politic

Los Angeles, CA—A crackdown on male prostitution by the LAPD has stirred controversy in the gay community here. Many hustlers have moved to an area of Santa Monica Boulevard, just outside the LAPD jurisdiction, as a result of police actions.

San Diego Update

San Francisco, CA—Supervisor Harry Britt urged San Franciscans to contribute to a fund established to pay off the debts of the late Supervisor Harvey Milk. Milk left debts of approximately \$30,000, very little of which have been paid to date. Contributions may be sent to: Friends of Supervisor Harvey Milk, Attention B. Tabattacci, United California Bank, Box 7566, San Francisco, CA 94120.

Press Release

Washington, D.C.—Today's average college freshman is a political moderate who favors legalized abortion and gay rights, ending preferred admissions for minorities and moderate social change. Survey director Dr. Alexander W. Astin also noted that, because of grade inflation, "the A-student may not be what he used to be."

United Press International

Sydney, Australia—A legal precedent may have been set here with the recent arrest of two Sydney lesbians for "offensive behavior." Penny Watson, 19, and Srah Dunn, 36, were arrested in Cook's Park. According to the arresting officers, "The clothing of the women was not disarrayed, but the breast of one of them was partly visible."

Campaign

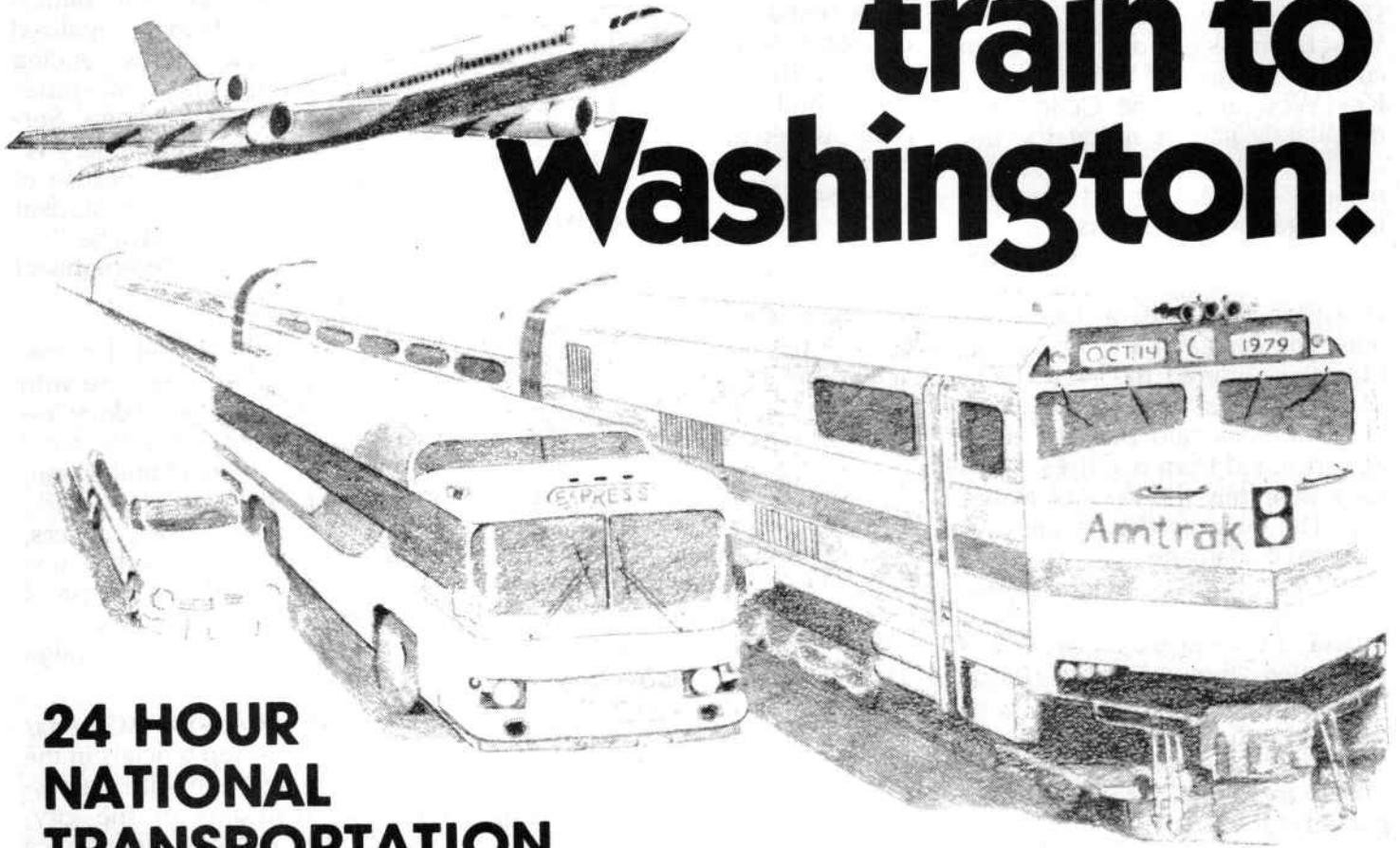
San Francisco, CA—The ACLU has filed suit against top officials in the SFPD charging them with harassment of prostitutes in the city. According to charges files, police have unnecessarily jailed the women and required them to post bail in efforts to drive them from certain areas.

San Diego Update

Sydney, Australia—A gay caucus in one of Australia's smallest unions has successfully launched a campaign to end discrimination against gays in the workforce, the repercussions from which would eventually be felt in the workers' world forum, the International Labor Organization (ILO). The Australian Social Welfare Union, with the support of teachers in the teachers union, has convinced Australia's largest white-collar organization to declare its opposition to anti-gay discrimination and to draw up a rights program for gay unionists.

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REVIEW

The Deformity Lover & Other Poems by Felice Picano. Third Edition: Seahorse Press, New York, 1979, paper, \$3.95. (May be ordered from Seahorse Press, Box 509 Village Station, New York, NY 10014. Add \$0.50 postage and handling per book.)

Deformity Lover was first published in mid-1978, with a second edition at the end of that year. The collection is divided into three roughly equal sections, entitled respectively "The Deformity Lover and Other Portraits," "Decision in the Berkshires and Other Encounters," and "Interview With the Poet and Other Revelations."

Though not all of the poems are homoerotic in content, they are all generally well crafted and memorable. The final section is a series of

meditations on a variety of topics. Typical of these is one of the shorter offerings, "The Lesson." "When it settles into your universe/for the first time death can be a surprise/it's so subtle. Unnoticed at times, perhaps/but strong too, as a tea-bag you immerse/in a cup too long, or the re-prise/from a half-heard song that only taps/your nerve ends later//A stranger/was my teacher: an old man walking the street/who suddenly crumpled and fell in the rain./I went with an umbrella. His danger/was relayed. The rain turned to sleet./He shivered under my jacket. Felt no pain./Said he'd prefer not waiting for an ambulance./And let go./My being that instant, was-chance."

Three printings have made the collection something of a classic, but have not enabled the printer to correct some rather obvious, but irritating typos. "Healf-heard" for

"half-heard" in the above poem is one example, some of the poems have been previously published in **Out, Mouth of the Dragon**, and **Gay Sunshine**; but the majority appear in this collection for the first time. The paper stock and binding are better than one usually gets in similar volumes, and the quality of the poetry makes the volume a worthwhile addition to any collection of gay literature.

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by Tommi Avicolti

FAGGOT

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echoes a million times
in a soundless place
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They observe your eyes, hoping for a
pause as they touch their own
afraid you'll see in theirs
a glimpse of the fear



You're just a faggot
no history faces you this morning
A faggot's dreams are scarlet
bad blood bled from words that scarred

It is always hardest at first to get
used to the pain, you said
and, it's all a matter of avoiding
certain places, certain times
living a thief's stolen life.

In the schoolyard today
they'll single you out
their laughter will leave your ears
ringing like the church bells
which once awed you
(You'll slip between the sound, far into
the past)
Their many tongues will poke you
like fork prongs
You'll feel bloodless
boneless
something round and fat
like tumbleweed
shifting direction with the wind
and gathering the remains of souls
that have fallen to the ground

But you'll
put tamerick leaves on their graves
You'll run to meet them
halfway
You'll have razor blades between
your teeth
when you kiss them.

REVIEW

Taking Care of Mrs. Carroll by Paul Monette. Paperback edition. Avon Books, New York, 1979. \$2.75.

The hardcover edition of **Taking Care of Mrs. Carroll** (Little Brown, New York, 1978) was reviewed last year in GPU NEWS. It was Paul Monette's first novel, and a genuine treat, and since then we've had Monette's **Gold Digger** (reviewed in the April issue) and his **Nosferatu** (reviewed in June). Since these two were originally issued in paperback editions, it's a pleasure to have **Mrs. Carroll** also so available.

Two male lovers, a legendary



movie goddess, her flamboyant press agent, an estate caretaker, and a repressed alcoholic prep school teacher form the tintillating cast of characters in the witty and wild first novel. The action begins when Beth Carroll, an elderly and eccentric estate owner in Massachusetts, is discovered dead in her bed one summer evening by



her houseboy, David. Unfortunately, the will which would prevent her greedy heirs from selling out the estate to developers has been left unsigned at her death. Phidias, the caretaker, enlists the assistance of David in a bold campaign to forge the will; and, through an ex-lover of David's named Rick, they recruit the immortal Madeleine Cosquer, star of stage and screen, to impersonate the late Mrs. Carroll long enough to hoodwink the family attorney. But, just when victory appears to be at hand, an unexpected arrival throws a curve into their plans, and all hell breaks loose.

Mrs. Carroll is a most entertaining venture into fantasy, hilarity, and gay sex. It's pure entertainment of the first order.

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REVIEW

Two New Paperback Releases
The Beauty Queen by Patricia Nell
Warren, Bantam Books, New York,
1979. \$2.50.

Haakon, by C.F. Griffin, Avon
Books, New York, 1979. \$2.50.

Haakon, originally published by Thomas Crowell in 1978 and reviewed last year in GPU NEWS, is a provocative novel about a man's quest for self-acceptance at a time when gays could choose only between notoriety and secret shame. The story begins in 1945 when Private Haakon Hvitfeldt resumes his position as a professor at a New York university after serving in World War II. His return to civilian life also marks his return to a gay lifestyle which he had abandoned

during his army career. Though he resumes his love affair with his longtime lover Simon, both men have changed radically in the interim. Though Haakon becomes involved with a young woman, he is continually drawn back to the gay lifestyle. The novel, which charts his life and its inner drama, is a thoughtful and sensitive study whose major figures are well constructed and believable.

The Beauty Queen, also reviewed last year in GPU NEWS and published by William Morrow in hardcover edition in July of 1978, is the story of Jeannie Colter, a former beauty contest winner, actress, and state representative from Manhattan. After a long absence from politics, Jeannie decided to campaign for the governorship of New York, running on a virulently anti-gay platform. Drawn into the political arena are Mary Ellen and

Liv, Danny and Armado, two gay couples whose lives are destroyed by Jeannie's campaign. They become her bitter enemies and plot violent action against her, but it is Jeannie's own father who provides the final link which endangers both her political and personal life.

Warren, author of **The Front Runner** and editor for **Reader's Digest Condensed Books**, has produced a well-written novel in the standard "best-seller" mold—credible in general, but somewhat overlooked in its exploitation of standard situations and standardized characters.

Given the ever-soaring prices of hardcover books, the addition of these two works to the growing paperback inventory of gay novels is most welcome.

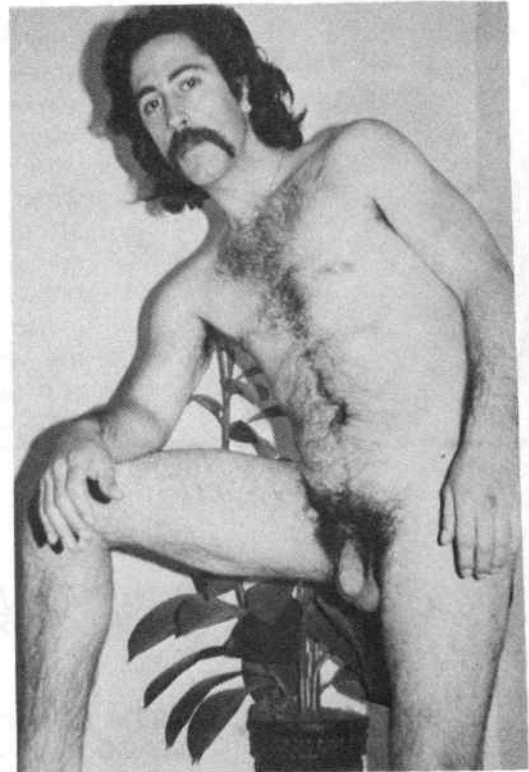
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GAYS & IMMIGRATION

by thomas vinew

Gay people are presently barred by law from entering the United States on two counts. The INS has traditionally relied for legal exclusion on the basis of "psychopathic personality", a move which was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1967 in **Boutillier**. The Court then ruled that the phrase "psychopathic personality" had been intended by Congress, when it passed the Immigration Act of 1952, to extend to homosexuals. Before the **Boutillier** decision, however, Congress had already amended the 1952 Act to add the term "sexual deviation" as a legal barrier to entry. The amendment, which was considered unnecessary at the time of its passage because of the **Boutillier** decision, will now be utilized by the Immigration and Naturalization Service to bar gays from entering the United States.

The above decision by INS officials, which was recently announced by INS Assistant Commissioner Marvin J. Gibson, comes in the wake of an announcement by the Public Health Service [reported in the news section of this issue of **GPU News**] that its officials would no longer assist the INS by certifying gays as psychopathic. The PHS suggested that its own decision had been forced by the earlier decision of the American Psychiatric Association to declassify homosexuality as a disease. This decision, as the PHS correctly discerned, left PHS and INS without a leg on which to stand.

The INS has consistently refused to release figures indicating the number of gays who are refused entry to the U.S. According to Wayne State University Professor of Law Ralph Slovenko, about 200 gay male aliens are refused entry annually **in the city of Detroit alone**. Not even rough estimates are available for lesbians, but some cases are on record. Zenaida Rebutan of the Philippines, whose attempt to join her parents and brothers in this country was recently thwarted by the INS because U.S. Embassy officials in Manila reported that she is a lesbian, is one case.

INS policies of discrimination against gays are enforced only unevenly and with the usual bureaucratic bungling which Americans have come to expect from public officials. The case of Carl Hill, a British citizen who was refused entry to the U.S., was reported last month in **GPU News**. Ironically, Hill's lover, Michael Mason, the News Editor of London's **Gay News** and an upfront gay, passed through the INS barriers without incident. Hill remains in the United States while attorneys challenge the INS.

Even if the INS knows that a person is gay, that person may still be admitted. Tom Robinson, lead singer of the TRB rock group, has gone back and

forth between the U.S. and his native England without interference - even though he is not only openly gay, but has also produced albums with gay lyrics to boot. This unequal treatment aspect is expected to figure heavily in the court cases which are now being waged against the INS.

Note also that, according to the INS interpretation of the law, it is not enough for one's bedside manner to be partly in accord with the great American heterosexual tradition (whatever or wherever that is). Reported also in this present issue of **GPU News**, under the singularly appropriate heading of **INS Strikes Again**, is the recent case of Karl Winder, a German citizen refused entry at Minneapolis. Winder is a bisexual by admission; but apparently half a loaf is not better than none at all for the fearless INS defenders of American purity.

The court challenges will without doubt be prolonged; and, given the present vagaries and inconsistencies within the U.S. judiciary, neither side is apt to be able to gain a clear victory (though without doubt both sides will be claiming just that). This leaves the prospective gay visitor to the United States with personal strategy decisions. For those who, if not closeted, are not public figures, there is hardly a problem. When you apply for a tourist visa at your local U.S. Embassy, consider the expedient of simple deception; and, when you pack, leave the gay buttons, books, and guides at home. If you need moral encouragement to adopt such an expedient, consider the fact that in most civilized countries government agencies have no moral or legal right to query your sexual preferences anyway. Above all things, you are certainly under no obligation to volunteer information. I have personally met and talked with dozens of foreign gay visitors this summer in Milwaukee alone; so it may be some consolation to know that, even if the courts were to give the INS an open hunting license, the numerical odds are on your side.

Above all, don't let contact with Embassy or INS officials prejudice you against the American people. Americans are for the most part open and friendly; and, though homophobia certainly exists here, it does so to no greater degree than in some other countries. In recent public opinion confidence surveys, Americans have placed government officials in nineteenth place out of twenty - just above used-car salespeople. If INS and other government agencies continue their steadfast efforts, the salespeople may one day have the consolation of knowing that they are no longer at the bottom of the barrel.

CALENDAR

PHOTOS — REVOLT



Any person, group or business who wishes to have a free announcement of an upcoming event should send copy before the 20th of any month for the next issue.

SEPTEMBER 1

Gay World Series Slo-Pitch Softball, 12 noon to 8 p.m., Mitchell Park, 27th and National Avenue.

Saugatuck Lodges (MI) 2nd Annual Mr. Nude Midwest Contest.

National Dignity Convention (San Diego, CA) For information contact Dignity/Milwaukee (see directory).

SEPTEMBER 2

Gay World Series III, Slo-pitch Softball, 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Mitchell Park, 27th and National Avenue.

Gay World Series Awards Banquet, 8:00 p.m., Advance Reservations only.

Gay Al-Anon (Milwaukee) Meeting, 6 p.m. Farwell Center, 1568 N. Farwell.

Gay Alcoholics Anonymous (Milwaukee), Meeting, 6 p.m., The Farwell Center.

Dignity (Milwaukee) Mass, 6 p.m., 2506 Wauwatosa Ave.

MCC (Milwaukee) Meeting, 2 p.m., 2647 N. Stowell.

SIGHT, (Kenosha) Gay Rap Group, 3 p.m., Spiritualist Church, 6333 Sheridan Rd.

Gay Men's Volleyball (Madison), 2:30-4:30 p.m., 3rd floor gym, 425 Henry Mall.

Glad to Be Gay (Madison) TV program, 8 p.m., Cable Channel 4.

Gold Coast (Chicago) Movies, 5 & 10 p.m.

Mattachine Midwest (Chicago) Board Meeting, 12 noon, 100 E. Ohio St.

Fox Valley Gay Alliance (IL) Picnic at Tyler Creek Preserve, noon til ?. For information phone (312) 888-1588.

SEPTEMBER 3 (LABOR DAY)

Sugar Shack (Milwaukee) Annual Labor Day Cook Out.

Gay Men's AA (Madison) Meeting, 8 p.m., St. Paul's University Chapel.

Mattachine Midwest (Chicago) Picnic in the Park, begins 11 a.m., Lincoln Park Lagoon. For information call (312) 377-2424

SEPTEMBER 4

Gay VD Clinic (Madison), 7:30-8:30 p.m., 913 Spring St.

SEPTEMBER 5

United (Madison) Steering Group. For information, call (608) 255-8582.

Mattachine Midwest (Chicago) Men's discussion group, 7:45 p.m., 100 E. Ohio St.

Man's Country (Chicago) Movie Nite.

Gay AA (Chicago), 6 p.m., 100 E. Ohio St.

SEPTEMBER 6

Grapevine (Milwaukee) Feminist Group, 7:30 p.m., Women's Coalition.

Coalition for ERA (Madison) Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Lysistrata.

Counseling (Madison) for male rape victims, 7-9 p.m., 1127 University Ave.

Little Jim's (Chicago) Movie Nite, 9 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 9

Gay Al-Anon (Milwaukee) Meeting, 6 p.m., Farwell Center, 1568 N. Farwell.

Gay Alcoholics Anonymous (Milwaukee) Meeting, 6 p.m., The Farwell Center.

Dignity (Milwaukee) Mass, 6 p.m., 2506

Wauwatosa Avenue.
MCC (Milwaukee) Meeting, 2 p.m., 2647 N. Stowell.
SIGHT (Racine) Gay Rap Group, 3 p.m., Unitarian Church, 625 College Ave.
Gay Men's Volleyball (Madison) 2:30-4:30 p.m., 3rd floor gym, 425 Henry Mall.
Glad To Be Gay (Madison) TV program, 8 p.m., Cable Channel 4.
Mattachine Midwest (Chicago) September Brunch, 11 a.m.—3 p.m., 2901 Commonwealth.
Gold Coast (Chicago) Movies, 5 & 10 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 10

Gay Peoples Union (Milwaukee) Meeting, 8 p.m., Farwell Center, 1568 N. Farwell.
Gay Men's AA (Madison) Meeting, 8 p.m., St. Paul's University Chapel.

SEPTEMBER 11

Gay VD Clinic (Madison), 7:30-8:30 p.m., 913 Spring Street.

SEPTEMBER 12

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Gay AA (Chicago) Meeting, 6 p.m., 100 E. Ohio St.
Man's Country (Chicago) Movie Nite.
Mattachine Midwest (Chicago) Men's Discussion Group, 7:45 p.m., 100 E. Ohio St.

SEPTEMBER 13

Grapevine (Milwaukee) Feminist Group, 7:30 p.m., Women's Coalition.
Coalition for ERA (Madison) Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Lysistrata.
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Little Jim's (Chicago) Movie Nite, 9 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 16

Dignity (Milwaukee) Mass, 6 p.m., 2506 Wauwatosa Ave., followed by talk on female homosexuality by two nurses who have completed a workshop with Drs. Masters and Johnson.
MCC (Milwaukee) Meeting, 2 p.m., 2647 N. Stowell.
Gay Al-Anon (Milwaukee) Meeting, 6 p.m., Farwell Center, 1568 N. Farwell.
Gay Alcoholics Anonymous (Milwaukee) Meeting, 6 p.m., Farwell Center.
SIGHT (Kenosha) Gay Rap Group, 3 p.m., Spiritualist Church, 6333 Sheridan Rd.
Gay Men's Volleyball (Madison) 2:30-4:30 p.m., 3rd floor gym, 425 Henry Mall.
Glad To Be Gay (Madison) TV program, 8 p.m., Cable Channel 4.
Gold Coast (Chicago) Movies, 5 & 10 p.m.
Parents and Friends of Gays (Chicago) Meeting, 2 p.m., 100 E. Ohio St.

SEPTEMBER 17 CITIZENSHIP DAY

Gay Peoples Union (Milwaukee) Meeting, 8 p.m., Farwell Center, 1568 N. Farwell.
Gay Men's AA (Madison) Meeting, 8 p.m., St. Paul's University Chapel.

SEPTEMBER 18

Gay VD Clinic (Madison), 7:30-8:30 p.m., 913 Spring St.

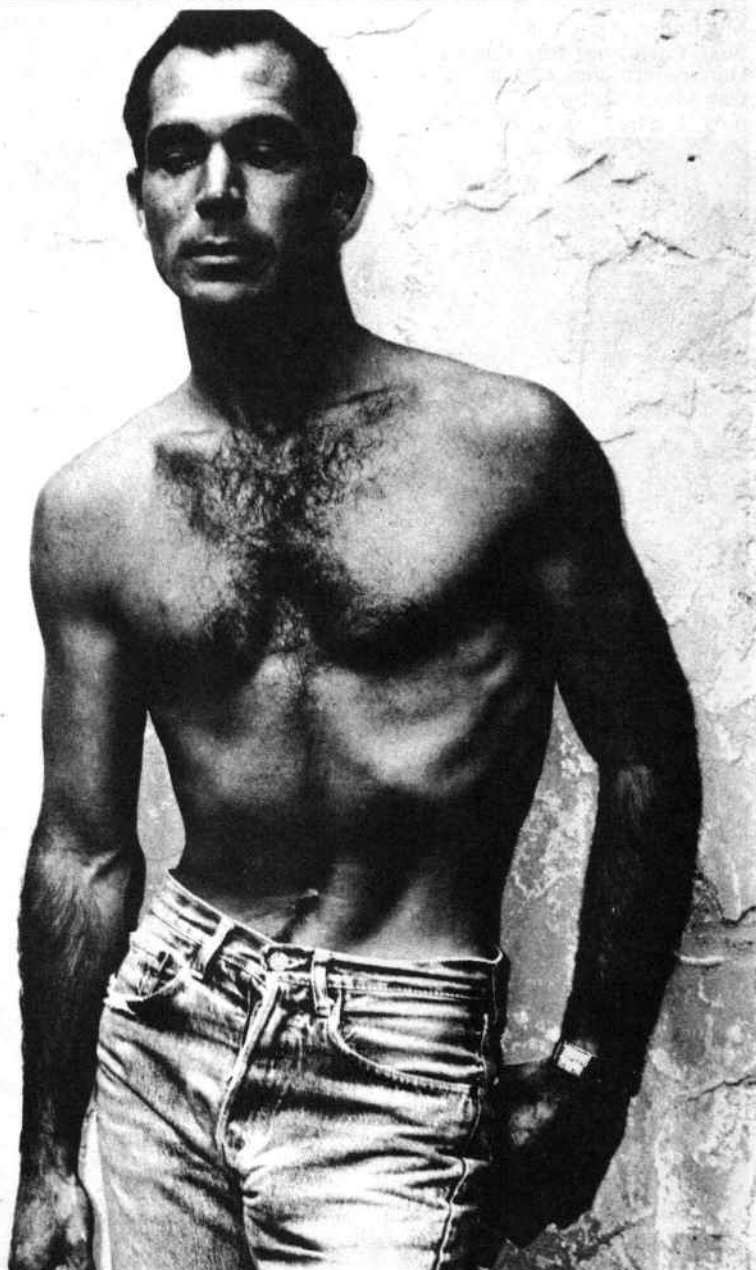
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Man's Country (Chicago) Movie Nite.
Mattachine Midwest (Chicago) Men's Discussion Group, 7:45 p.m., 100 E. Ohio St.

SEPTEMBER 20

Grapevine (Milwaukee) Feminist Group, 7:30 p.m., Women's Coalition.
Coalition for ERA (Madison) 7:30 p.m., Lysistrata.
Counseling (Madison) for male rape victims, 7-9 p.m., 1127 University Ave.
Little Jim's (Chicago) Movie Nite, 9 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 23 ROSH HASHANAH

MCC (Milwaukee) Meeting, 2 p.m., 2647 N. Stowell.
Dignity (Milwaukee) Mass, 6 p.m., 2506 Wauwatosa Ave., followed by meeting to ratify and amend constitution and by-laws.
Gay Al-Anon (Milwaukee) Meeting, 6 p.m., Farwell Center, 1568 N. Farwell.
Gay Alcoholics Anonymous (Milwaukee) Meeting, 6 p.m., The Farwell Center.
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Glad To Be Gay (Madison) TV program, 8 p.m., Cable Channel 4.
Gold Coast (Chicago) Movies, 5 & 10 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 24

Gay Peoples Union (Milwaukee) Meeting, 8 p.m., Farwell Center, 1568 N. Farwell.
Gay Men's AA (Madison) Meeting, 8 p.m., St. Paul's University Chapel.

SEPTEMBER 25

Gay VD Clinic (Madison) 7:30-8:30 p.m., 913 Spring Street.

SEPTEMBER 26

United (Madison) Steering Group, For information call (608) 255-8582.
Gay AA (Chicago) Meeting, 6 p.m., 100 E. Ohio St.
Man's Country (Chicago) Movie Nite.
Mattachine Midwest (Chicago) Men's Discussion Group, 7:45 p.m., 100 E. Ohio St.

SEPTEMBER 27

Grapevine (Milwaukee) Feminist Group, 7:30 p.m., Women's Coalition.
Coalition for ERA (Madison) Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Lysistrata.
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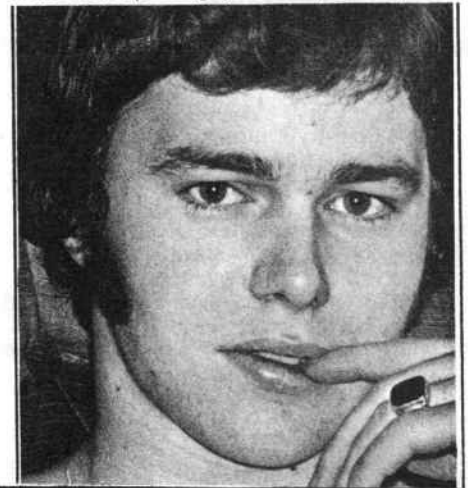
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Little Jim's (Chicago) Movie Nite, 9 p.m.
Mattachine Midwest (Chicago) Membership Meeting, 7:30 p.m., 100 E. Ohio St., Guest Speaker to be announced.

SEPTEMBER 29

Dignity (Milwaukee) All-gay roller skating party, see news section of this issue.

SEPTEMBER 30

Gay Al-Anon (Milwaukee) Meeting, 6 p.m., Farwell Center, 1568 N. Farwell.
Gay Alcoholics Anonymous (Milwaukee) Meeting, 6 p.m., Farwell Center.
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Gay Peoples Union, Inc.

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Lutherans Concerned for Gays

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Metropolitan Community Church

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UWM Gay Community

Meetings Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Union (check daily event sheet for room) Write c/o Student Union, UWM, Milwaukee, 53211. Call 276-1376.

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Gay Students Assn./Oshkosh

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Racine/Kenosha Gays

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Madison Gay Center

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The United/Madison

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ILLINOIS

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Dignity/Chicago

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Fox Valley Gay Association

Serving Elgin and N.W. suburbs of Chicago. Gay referral line (312) 888-1588. Monthly newsletter, monthly meetings, rap sessions and parties. Phone referral line or write Box 393, Elgin, IL 60120.

Gay Counseling Service

Gay Switchboard

Switchboard (929-HELP) operates between 7-11 p.m. for visitors to the city. Counseling Service—same hours and number.

Mattachine Midwest/Chicago

100 E. Ohio St., 2nd floor, Chicago, IL 60611. (312) 337-2424. Phone or write for information.

Maturity

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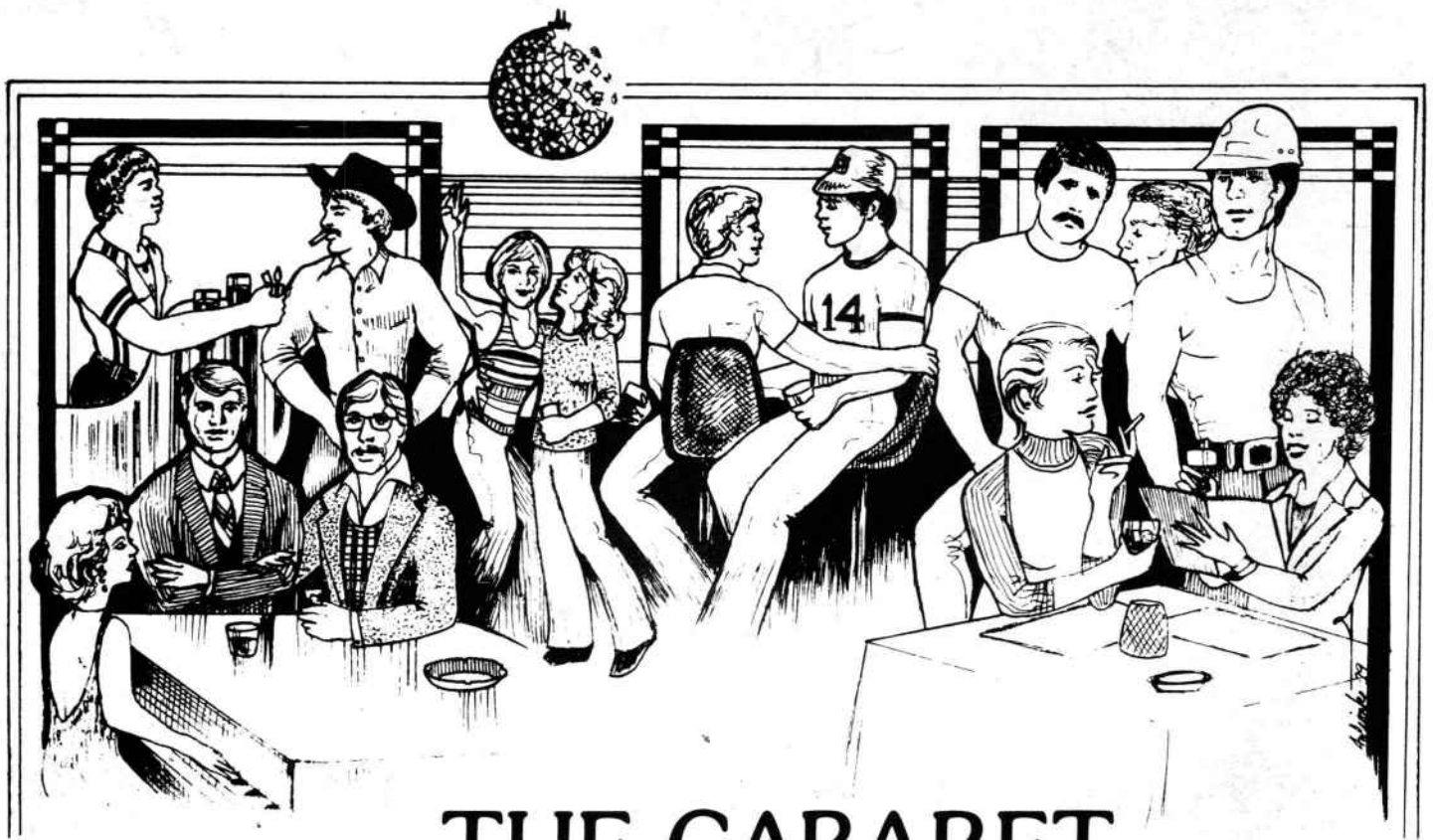
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