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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Drew R. Shafer

Recently, I overheard in one of the Gay nite-spots of Kansas City the remark that Phoenix Society was a "closed-society" a group which requires its Board of Directors to "pass on any new applicant to the group. In checking around, I found that many people have that idea. I will say again, but not for the last time, that the only requirement for membership is a sincere desire to help the homosexual person gain his rights and be able to live a full productive life as a citizen without having to hide his true nature from anyone. The Board does not consider applications for membership and we are not concerned about economic background, race, religion, or sexual orientation as any basis for membership. We feel people should be able to work together for a common goal irrespective of any of the above differences.

Now on a more serious note. It has come to our attention that in the past few months that members of the Kansas City Police Dept. have been practicing entrapment.

Entrapment, which has been outlawed by New York and a few other enlightened cities and which the head of the Vice-Squad publicly stated was not practiced in K.C., is sometimes the only way a conviction may be procured against the homosexual citizen--and it is a dandy.

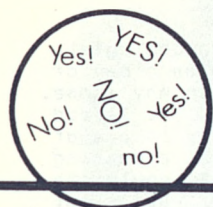
All the officer has to do is dress like a homosexual (which is merely dressing like any citizen in civilian clothes), station himself in any part of town where the unfortunate victim might possibly wander, make an approach (of one kind or another), gain the confidence of the victim, and when the unwary victim responds, promptly arrest him and use his actions or state-

ments against him when he is brought to trial. The victim usually does not know that this not only violates his constitutional rights, but every known code of ethics of the Police Department and of all people. Whenever this occurs in any part of the country, all citizens are in trouble. The police are here to enforce the laws not to set themselves up as judges of morality and especially not to create a situation which will cause a person to break a law.

We have no idea how many cases there have been in our area involving entrapment because many homosexuals are the first to deny their rights and plead "guilty" to any charge in order to get out of the station quickly and of course this helps the police no end in obtaining convictions. However, one such case has come to light and one such person has had the guts to come forward for help. We have turned to the ACLU for help on this case and don't know, at this time, what the results will be but we do know that every citizen has the right to the pursuit of happiness in his own life without fear of anyone or any agency of any branch of the government. And the police department of any city has absolutely no right to use the odious method of entrapping people in order to gain a conviction.

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IS HOMOSEXUALITY AN ILLNESS???

by John Hunter

In a recent Supreme Court Decision, *Boutilier Vs. the U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Service*, it was ruled that all homosexuals are, by definition, pathological and therefore not fit to be allowed to enter the country. In this case, Mr. Boutilier had been in the United States 11 years, had established himself in his job and community and was trying to become a citizen when it was discovered that he was a homosexual. Needless to say this decision posed a great hardship on this man from Canada, but it is a decision which will no doubt effect all U.S. homosexuals for many years in many adverse ways.

One of the more noticable and immediate effects on the homosexual is the label "pathological". It is not of concern here that some homosexuals or some heterosexuals might have what a doctor would call a mental illness, this is obvious. But, what about the 17 million men and women in the United States who are homosexual. Is it really true that all of these people who do not conform to the sexual mores of the majority in our country are sick? Recent publicity seems to uphold that view. The C.B.S. program on which Dr. Socarides was allowed to spend so much time, *The Look* magazine (Jan.20) feature which had statements from Dr. Heersema, and others including the Supreme Court have all expressed the opinion that homosexuality is, after all, a pathological condition which should be treated much the same as measles or the common cold.

What many people overlook, however, is the fact that these one sided opinions seem to get all the publicity. In other words, why upset the population with new or contrary opinions? Why express any viewpoint other than that which has since Queen Victoria's time been es-

tablished as fact? Why not? Because it is NOT an established fact and has not been since the birth of psychoanalysis. Because very eminent people who have made a study of the subject of homosexuality do not agree with the "sickness theory". These opinions do not get aired on radio or T.V. and you will not see them in popular magazines but they are published opinions.

DR. SIGMUND FREUD, The founder of Psychoanalysis "Homosexuality is assuredly no advantage, but it is nothing to be ashamed of, no vice, no degradation, it cannot be classified as an illness; We consider it to be a variation of the sexual function produced by a certain arrest of sexual development."

Dr. HARRY BENJAMIN, World-famed Endocrinologist, N.Y.C. "Homosexuality can have a wide variety of reasons and motivations. It is to be considered a symptom due to numerous underlying causes, and not a fixed entity like a disease. It can hardly be called unnatural, being often a product of nature."

DR. FRED H. BROWN, Clinical Psychologist, Mt. Sinai Hospital, Dr. Rudolph T. Kempton, Chairman, Dept of Zoology, Vassar College, "In order to understand inversion we must cease to view it as a disease. The homosexual becomes a problem for the psychologist because hedoes not fit into any clear niche in our society". "The word 'cure' suggests disease. We have already stated that sexual inversion is not a disease, but a consequence of biologic or psychologic factors of a combination of both."

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DR. KURT HILLER, FRANZ REINHARD, LLD.
DR. JUERGEN ROGGENHAUSEN Germany
"We declare that love between those of the same sex, however incomprehensible, absurd, or even abhorant it is to the feelings of 'normal' people, is neither a vice nor a disease; it is not a mockery of nature but a manifestation of nature; it is an erotic variation that has been observed amongst all peoples of the earth since the dawn of human thought."

DR. DONALD JAMES WEST, MD., D.P.M.
"Homosexual behavior seems to arise from some deep-rooted natural urge which finds different expression in different cultures. Homo-erotic propensities are a part of man's natural biological inheritance. In our culture such tendencies are suppressed."

DR. CHARLES BERG, F.B.P. Consultant Psychologist-British Hospital for Functional Nervous Disorders;
"Homosexuality is not a disease, nor even a clinical entity. It is nothing more than a particular form of expression, of a psychic state which is common to all living creatures." "The fully established practicing male homosexual will never be turned into a heterosexual person. One can say that he may be taught, or teach himself to do the tricks, but very soon it will be revealed that they are only tricks without substance behind them, and he will find himself totally impotent except with males."

DR. EUGENE DE SAVITSCH "These people (well adjusted homosexuals) should in my opinion, keep as far as possible from the medical profession, except when suffering from pneumonia, or some organic ailment, the treatment of which will not upset their psychological balance." There is no germ, so far as we know, that makes an individual seek a member of his own sex."

DR. BLANCHE M. BAKER, Psychologist.
"I regard homosexuality as a way of life and not a disease in any sense. I agree with the late Dr. Alfred Kinsey that homosexuality is one of our mammalian heritages appearing widespread in the general population as a matter of individual variation. Laws which speak about the 'unspeakable crime against nature' are completely irrational and indicate quite clearly that the ancient lawmakers didn't know their biology. When viewed in this light, homosexuality is not something to be cured, but rather something to be understood and accepted."

DR. ALFRED C. KINSEY, DR. WARDELL B. POMEROY, DR. CLYDE E. MARTIN (Sexual behavior in the human male)
"The homosexual has been a significant part of human sexual activity ever since the dawn of history, primarily because it is an expression of capacities that are basic in the human animal."

DR. WILLIAM STEKEL. "Nature has created us bisexual beings and requires us to act as bisexual beings. The purely heterosexual is always a neurotic in a certain sense, that is the repression of the homosexual components already creates a predisposition to neurosis, or is in itself a neurotic trait shared by every normal person. There is no procreative instinct as such, only a sexual instinct."

DR. JOSEPH STEIN (Maturity in Sex and Marriage): Since homosexual behavior does not depend upon anatomy or physiology different from that employed in any other sexual behavior, it can only be seen as a biologically natural expression of the sexual instinct. The individual's inherent capacity to respond to stimulation, no matter what its source, implies that he would respond to his own sex if he were not so strongly conditioned against doing so. The fact that those who refuse to conform to the proscribed pattern are ostracized,

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RELIGIOUS CONCERNS

Marc Jeffers

On Sunday morning may 25th, I was present at a meeting of young adults at the Country Club Methodist Church. They had been using as a background for their discussions, a book by Thomas Fletcher, "Moral Responsibility." The particular topic for this morning's discussion, was "Sex Offenses and the Law." Since this group was somewhat aware of the existence of the Phoenix Society, they extended an invitation through their church education minister, to the Society asking whether someone would like to join in their discussion of this topic.

We were eager to comply with their wishes, since this would be only the second time we have had the opportunity to talk to a group of church laymen.

This group was composed of about twenty young men and women. They were, I found, quite well informed about the subject of homosexuality considering the relative scarcity of well-founded information on the subject available to the heterosexual citizen. I suspect that some of those present had done some serious thinking on this topic. Our conversation was animated and frank. Their questions to me were fair and honest, and my answers presenting the homosexual's viewpoint, were received very courteously.

If only more members of the homosexual community could experience the goodwill of many of the religious people in our city, I am sure that they would be eager to help in this worthy project. There are at the present time, only three members of the Religious Affairs Committee, not counting our Chaplain. This summer we will be busy working on an expanded program, of reaching

the clergy and lay people of the religious community. We already have about 25 ministers, who have indicated that they want to be part of a continuing dialog with us, on the problems that face the homosexual citizen. But we would like to have a genuine city-wide interest in our work, both on the denominational levels. With the coming of Autumn, and the end of the vacation season, we will begin to implement this program and we hope that many more of our members will come forward, to lend their varied talents to insure its success.

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The following is a homosexual prayer from the Avon book "Are YOU Running With Me, Jesus?" By Rev. Malcolm Boyd.

"This is a gay bar, Jesus. It looks like any other bar on the outside, only it isn't. Men stand three and four deep at this bar... some just feeling a sense of belonging here, others making contacts for new sexual partners. This isn't very much like a church, Lord, but many members of the Church are also here in this bar. Quite a few of the men here belong to the Church as well as to this bar. If they knew how, a number of them would ask you to be with them in both places. Some of them wouldn't, but won't you be with them, too, Jesus?"

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Individual Expression

Dean Triton — Editor



Into the night-
I walk:
I walk alone....

Among the shadows,
hither, thither,
I search....

In quest for love
to banish evermore
the awesome dark....

Bathed in shadows
afar I see the light;
omnipotent sings the lark

He sings a silvered song-
incarnate of Adonis-
through the night which never ends....

Sing the sad song-
intone the requiem:
Love that has strayed never comes again!

....R.L.P....

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Wealth

I dreamed that I was rich and powerful.

I counted the cities in the letters of your name.

I tried to remember. (I know so little about you.)

The words came back: Marion, Hillsboro, Florence....

I guess I have forgotten a lot. I guess I have a lot of misinformation. I guess I'm lazy. What a lax love is this. What lethargic, sodden passion. Yet it's so true, so blue, so absolute. I imagine that I have built great temples in your image, in your honour, in your every city. I have erected statues to you in every city conceivable-metal and stone--gold and silver and bronze; emerald, ruby, sapphire; marble, agate, and turquoise. Rivers flow with your name, blue, long, pure, fresh, running. Lawns of your hair reach from horizon to horizon, as far as the eye can see, and airplanes spread huge garlands through enormous whitening clouds to please you.

I, first man on the moon, as my first official act--rename it after you, and the tides obey, come to your call, and lovers embrace in your light.

I do everything in my power--all that wealth and power can do--to show you that I love you:

I sit here and dream; dream, as though the yesterday I had known you well, had continued to today, to tomorrow, as though we were still together--

Ah, Wealth!

WARREN WATSON

HOMOSEXUAL MARRIAGE

by Evan Mills

This subject will be discussed by the writer on the basis of more than fifteen years of observation. I shall endeavor to reflect and recall the situations of those friends who have been devoted to one person of the same sex for a long time. As there is no agreement on the cause of homosexuality, I shall not attempt to theorize on its origin. I begin with the assumption that this abnormality, fixation, or way of life does exist in some men and women. And these particular men and women, being members of the human race, are social animals and share the race's instincts, personal and social. The institution of marriage is a result of some of the race's personal and social urges. But by joining the words "homosexual" and "marriage" together we alienate a large portion of the civilized world.

Possibly the first consideration of a homosexual devoted to someone of the same sex is a frank appraisal of himself. If both parties are honest with themselves and with each other, are their consciences free of guilt regarding their prospective relationship? To most, this would mean that both parties believe God approves of the fitness of such a union. If religiously oriented persons ignore God in this matter, they dishonor Him. An atheist or agnostic determined to take this society-defying step, may need to find some motive for marriage without God and morality. A life of promiscuity probably better suits the social aims of homosexuals in this category.

An editor of Webster's New World Dictionary of the American Language, College Edition, thoughtfully included the following as one of five definitions of the word "marriage": "any close or intimate union." Only one of the other five definitions in

this 1964 edition mentions two sexes. An eastern state Presbyterian minister writing under a pseudonym advocated that the church should counsel and marry homosexuals, accepting them into the social life of the church before and during courtship and keeping them faithful to their wedding vows and to the mission of the church in general. I have known of a homosexual marriage that was stable enough to support financially a deserving young scholar through four years of college. One marriage I have observed for over twelve years is between two men, an office manager and his friend who manages their home. The home is orderly and comfortable, and, by budgeting and taking in roomers, the couple live a contented life enjoying not only the love of each other but the pleasure of many friends. They have cultivated the friendship of homosexuals of the other sex to broaden and enrich their mutual social life. They assume the responsibilities of enlightened citizens of their community and are accepted by their neighbors. I am not discussing the millennium, but events and people I know. The minister's vision need not be only hoped for but striven for by our example of good citizenship, and rapport with the main stream of society, government, and the church.

To guide young homosexuals in the choice of marriageable partners there should be marriage counselors experienced in durable homosexual unions. (But not all homosexuals are suited for such a union. Some are so dedicated to their career, profession or business that marriage would be a detriment to their field of endeavor. Some doctors, teachers,

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News From Phoenix

New Size

This month you are reading a new size THE PHOENIX-5½ x 8½ is a standard size which is most commonly used by the various organizations. This is an experiment only and does not necessarily mean we will continue with this size. If this size is satisfactory, we will then begin using a slick cover on future issues. The cover photograph is also an innovation for our little newsletter.

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Blood Bank

Phoenix Society has formed a Blood Savings Club. This will assure, in the future, a supply of blood in the event of emergency for any member or his family. Formed under the Community Blood Bank of the Kansas City area, Inc., members are required to donate 1 pint of blood every 3 to 5 years which will assure the member and his family unlimited blood replacement credits. Each new member will automatically be placed in the Blood Savings Club. Those members with special blood problems who cannot donate will have another member with acceptable blood, donate for him. We feel this is one more step forward and a very necessary service to our members.

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Small Affairs

The Social Affairs Committee is planning, in the future, a series of Theatre parties, Dinner Parties, Starlight Theatre parties. Three movies are now available at reduced rates, HAWAII, GRAND PRIX & MODERN MILLIE. In September there is to be a limited showing of REFLECTIONS of a GOLDEN EYE, in which Marlon Brando plays a homosexual and we will have reduced rate tickets available.

All of those persons who are interested in these smaller affairs, are asked to call WA-1-7779 for information.

"Through liberal legislation our antiquated sex laws are being modernized. Homosexuality, for example, was once a major offense, then it became a minor infraction; a few months ago, it was made legal and I, for one, shan't be satisfied until it becomes mandatory!"



PLAYBOY

The Social Affairs Committee is in the process of locating a building outside the Kansas City area where a large open "ball" can be held. Also, this committee is looking for a farm, large wooded area, etc. for a picnic similar to the old Colony picnics which many people in the Kansas City area remember. We are concerned mainly that the area be within fairly easy driving distance of Kansas City and that homosexuals in our area will be welcomed. If anyone knows of such places that might be available, please contact Mrs. Estel Graham at WA 1 7779. We will do the rest. Thank you.

The PHOENIX SOCIETY For Individual Freedom

The Phoenix Society is a non-profit non-sectarian organization, for promoting the understanding and interest of the public in all social variants; especially homosexuals, so that all persons may share equally in the guarantees of Democracy under the Constitution of the United States of America, regardless of sex or sexual orientation.

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LIBRARY

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FISHING TRIP POSTPONED

Due to rain and flooding, we had to postpone the fishing trip which was scheduled for June 17 and 18th. It has now been rescheduled and will now be on July 21 and 22. Those of you who still wish to go and have not paid the fee of \$5.00 for non-members of Phoenix Society and \$4.00 for members may still call WA 1 7779 BEFORE May 16th if at all possible for reservations. Those people who have paid their money and can not now go may have their money refunded or let it apply on our next function. Call WA 1 7779 for information.

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GASLIGHT

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COFFEE HOUSE

Around Town

Out Of Town

Eric Damon

The big news on the Around Town scene this month is the new Gaslight Coffee House, located in the same building, but quite separate, from the Gaslight Lounge. Espresso and Turkish coffee, cokes, plus sandwiches are being served. Dancing? Of course, plus special entertainment on week-ends. Open Sundays 8 P.M.-1 A.M. Alcoholic beverages strictly off limits here, of course. If the size and liveliness of the crowd on opening night, June 16, is an indication of things to come, all we can say is GRRREAT!

AT THE NIGHT SPOTS

At the Colony, femme-mimics Joe Miller and Ricky Kerr, and company entertain. Joe Vera at the piano.

A new face at the Gaslight, but quite familiar to local bar-goers is Lee Allen at the organ. Welcome back to K.C., Lee! The Rail Runners as popular as ever at the Rail Room.

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The Colony is again planning a bang-up Fourth of July celebration with free food all day and dancing.

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Now at the Starlight Theatre, "My Fair Lady", with Michael Allinson and Dorothy Coulter (July 3-16) beginning July 17 to the 23rd, it's Shirley Jones in "On A Clear Day You Can See Forever". The Serendipity Singers and Karen Morrow open in "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" July 24 for a 2 week run.

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On our friendly Social Affairs Director's latest excursion, he had the good fortune to visit Oklahoma, Kansas, and his home state of Texas. His findings include the following that are recommended for the enjoyment of the traveling person seeking fun and entertainment:

HOUSTON, TEX.- Houston is one of the most open and fun cities in the nation. There are over a dozen bars which appeal to various tastes; however, space availability limits us to the ones listed below.

The Athena on Jefferson St. is a relatively new, very large, well-decorated, and fairly popular bar. It has recently installed go-go boxes which the patrons utilize for go-go dancing individually when they get the urge to dance, and also some new psychedelic lighting equipment which makes for a fun atmosphere.

The Red Room, Smith at Hadley, is one of the older bars in Houston and is currently probably the most popular. It is slightly smaller than the Athena, but is very friendly and is definitely recommended to the carefree traveler.

The Plantation Club (1940 West Gray) is a new after hours coffee-club. It features dancing to live music, a tasteful decor, friendly patrons, and late hours.

Austin - Besides being the state capitol, Austin is the home of over 25,000 University of Texas students which makes for a lively atmosphere.

The Cabaret on Guadalupe St. is THE bar in Austin. The crowd is mostly collegiate and a warm relaxed atmosphere pervades.

SAN ANTONIO - A city roughly the size of Kansas City, San Antonio has several downtown bars (e.g. The Top Hat), but it is chiefly noted for its night spots located just outside the city. Chief among these are Paul's Grove (The Country) and the Ponderosa. Paul's Grove is an extremely large bar featuring dancing and 200-300 lively patrons on week-ends. It is highly recommended. To reach it, go out Calebra Blvd. until it ends, turn left and drive 2 or 3 miles and you will see it on the left. It is my understanding that the Ponderosa is open after hours.

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sometimes deprived of the opportunity to earn a livelihood, or even thrown into jail, is highly suggestive that such behavior persisted against so much opposition is expressive of basic instinctual patterns. To perceive it as a perversion of the sexual instinct, is to lose sight of the fact that the social dictate does not reflect biology."

DR. FRANK A. BEACH, Yale University
"People who say that homosexual activities are biologically abnormal and unnatural are wrong. We find ourselves then, agreeing with Gide in his contention that homosexual behavior should be classified as natural from the evolutionary and psychological point of view."

These are a few and I repeat, just a few of the statements made contradicting the "sickness theory. Many, many more could have been procured, however, even these could not even begin to balance the publicity given to the negative attitudes towards homosexuality.

One of the major problems concerning the average homosexual, today, is the fact that due to being brought up and living in a society which still considers sex as "evil" and sinful thing", and homosexuality especially "unspeakable", he is caught up in this himself, and the attitudes of society are reflected in his own attitude toward himself. It is time that the homosexual stop feeling guilty about a sexual expression which is no more an illness, no more unnatural, no more immoral than heterosexuality. It is obvious that out of ignorance and out of plain stupidity in many cases, a majority can be wrong and can inflict these wrong, ignorant attitudes on their offspring and when this happens, another generation starts the circle all over again. By updated legislation, by enlightened leaders, by published material, but especially by the proper, healthy attitudes of the average homosexual, this vicious circle will be broken forever, and the homosexual will never again have to hide his sexual identity and never again will the homosexual be considered sick.

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"MARRIAGE"
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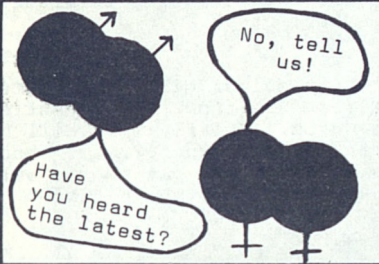
clergymen, and others are so absorbed in their work that they are content to lead celibate lives.) Too many homosexuals at an early age set the pattern of sexual permissiveness and find that, when they reach maturity, to change their habits is virtually impossible. The remainder of such a life is wasted in fruitless searching and desperation. Some in the latter group have reclaimed their self-esteem and won the admiration of their friends and families, belatedly becoming useful, purposeful, contributing members of society. It is not difficult to look around the homosexual community and see the bitter failures, the drunks and bar-flies, the self-centered emotional cowards. It is harder to discover the industrious, emotionally controlled and quietly intelligent homosexual who thinks and acts beyond his or her immediate concern and well-being to the needs of friends, neighbors, church, community, and nation. They do exist, and with patience and perception we can find these adjusted-members of our sub-culture who only need to be asked to give of their experience, maturity and understanding to show the way to individual dignity and to group tolerance and finally to social acceptance.

In this all too brief essay I have touched on several points not fully stated. In future issues of The Phoenix, I will pursue the following topics: Ceremonial and vows before social acceptance, Myths of marriage, Family concerns, Alternatives to marriage, good as well as bad.

There is an exciting and busy future for the homosexual who will consider new ideas, put his own house in order and remove the chain of self-pity and self-centeredness. Marriage can be one challenging but useful way of life to fulfill our visions of tomorrow.

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CURRENT EVENTS



Estel Graham

THE LOS ANGELES TIMES reported a 25% reduction in syphilis cases of the L.A. County during 1966; however, gonorrhea is still running rampant, with a 131% increase in the past 10 years. Complacency, ignorance and a free-&-easy attitude toward moral standards are partly responsible, according to the authorities.

SAN FRANCISCO-

Some 50 clergymen plus leaders of four Bay Area homophile societies, are trying to overcome what Dr. Clarence A. Colwell, president of Council on Religion and the Homosexual, and United Church of Christ pastor, calls the Bible's "heterosexual bias." The founder of CRH and Methodist minister, Ted McIlvenna insists that clergymen working with the homophile community, have learned that there isn't much difference between most the heterosexuals and homosexuals way of living.

There has been strong disapproval from some churchmen, of efforts to bring homosexuals into the church life. Episcopal Vicar Robert W. Cromey has been severely criticized by members of the diocesan council for his "overidentifying" with the homosexual's problems. Cromey, in turn, claims some of his sharpest critics are "closet queens"-homosexuals living

heterosexual lives for fear of discovery. In fact Cromey states that all Bay Area schools would have to close down at once, if all homosexuals working in the school systems were discovered, and according to the state law, would be dismissed.

Cromey, wants to take the church beyond conventional moral judgments. He believes that two people of the same sex can and do express love by sexual intercourse. He fully believes that if two people are sincere in their love and responsibilities toward each other, they have every right in the world to express that love in any way they see fit, the same as heterosexuals do.

Newsweek, Feb. 1967

DENVER, COLORADO-

The following information on "homosexuality" is so false, it is hardly worth rewriting.

Q. Can homosexuality be cured? Just how responsible is the homosexual for his condition?

A. Many homosexuals come by this condition accidentally, because they are surrounded for a long time by persons of their own sex only. Their unnatural affections disappear when they return to normal life.

Homosexuality is not congenital but there are constitutional homosexuals, whose tendencies are difficult to cure.

Homosexuals of the first type are certainly responsible for their abnormality. Just how far blame can be imputed to constitutional homosexuals, is hard to determine.

Of the constitutional homosexual, Father Edwin Healy says he can be told that very probably he is no more passionate, or strongly drawn to sexual immoralities than the normal person. With God's help, he just as surely as everyone else can control his conduct and avoid sin. This was quoted by Healy from the "Medical Ethics."

Those who know little about homosexuality, should definitely consult a reputable psychiatrist where you can obtain the truth about

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homosexuals, but not from a medical Dr. Also an excellent book, on the subject, can be obtained at any public library, which is "Homosexuals in America" by Donald Webster Cory.

"DEAR ABBY'S" ANSWER

Recently a desperate Mother wrote to "Dear Abby" % K.C. Star, asking for advice, after discovering her daughter to be a lesbian. She knew practically nothing about homosexuality.

Phoenix also wrote to Abby to find what her advice was. She recommended three books, which can be found in any public library. They are: "Sexual Inversion" by Dr. Judd Marmor. "Homosexual", and "Homosexual in America", the last two by Donald Webster Cory. There are none better. Copies of the latter are available in Phoenix Library.

AROUND TOWN-OUT OF TOWN (cont. from page 11)

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. - The main bar in this city continues to be Lee's Lounge on Paseo. This is a private club and is open until 2 A. M. Gaining admittance as a guest is not too difficult. There is also a new beer bar on Classen that is quite popular before the early curfew hour. The name and exact address can easily be obtained at Lee's Lounge. The Continental Country Club, a popular after hours dancing spot has unfortunately closed temporarily, but it is hoped that soon the great times that it afforded will once again happen there soon.

It must here be inserted that Oklahoma City has lost one of its finest citizens, Billy W. in a tragic accident. All of us who had the opportunity to meet Billy were touched by his warmth.

WICHITA, KANS. - The 1123 Club (formerly the Chances R) located at 1123 Douglas Ave. is recently redecorated and is very nice and enjoyable. Out of towners seeking admittance should see personable Bob Lindsay, the owner, on arrival. We

understand that a new bar (beer only) will be opening in Wichita in the near future.

Your editor will soon be taking off to visit our sister nation to the North. Chiefly we will be in Montreal at Expo 67, but hope to visit some other cities as well. So look for CRUISING IN CANADA in the August issue.



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A one day conference meeting was arranged for by Phoenix Society, of Kansas City, Mo., April 1, 1967, in the Episcopal Christ Church Cathedral, with Phoenix' Chaplain, Rev. Vann Anderson acting as moderator, and William B. Kelley, Mattachine Midwest, of Chicago, Ill., as secretary. Those organizations participating were: Phoenix Society, SAME, Rock Island, Ill., MATTACHINE MIDWEST, Chicago, Ill., and ONE, Chicago, Ill. Also, representative members of the St. Louis area clergy and homosexual community, were present, and a few interested townspeople:

The discussions for the day, (morning, afternoon and evening meetings,) consisted of organizational problems common to all the groups represented, cooperation in local projects, regional functions and purposes, plus a possibility of organizing a St. Louis homophile group. The subjects of Law and Religion were also discussed concerning the homosexual.

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