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COVER STORY

On the cover of this month's issue of THE PHOENIX you will note a photograph of a man dressed rather oddly in leather jacket and motorcycle cap with a chain hanging on his shoulder and leaning against a motorcycle, and you will probably wonder just what "this type of person" has to do with our subject matter. This person is our subject matter. His name is Steve Ginsberg; he is a homosexual (in fact, the organizer of a homophile organization); and he is wearing the contemporary garb of many homosexuals in cities such as San Francisco, Los Angeles, and New York. Where is the popular stereotype of the homosexual now?

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NOTE: Regarding the July cover. The fellow on the left is Dean Triton, our Individual Expressions Editor. The fellow on the right is, uh, well, would you believe just a friend?

"THE PHOENIX" GOES "PRO."

When you pick up this issue of THE PHOENIX you will probably notice quite a difference. First of all, this is the first issue with a two-color cover. Next, you will note that it is a little heavier than it used to be; in fact, it is twice the size of our usual newsletter. As you flip through it you will find more cartoons (borrowed from other publications), more articles of interest to and pertinent to the homosexual person, and some mildly controversial items such as the interview with Steve Ginsberg. There are several reasons for this expansion, including the

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Drew R. Phafer

On the cover of last month's issue of the Phoenix, there appeared a photo taken of two boys holding hands while walking across a bridge. Disgraceful? Ugly? A violation of public morals? No, merely two young men freely expressing their affection for each other by the only logical method on a sun-splashed summer afternoon, by holding hands.

This beautiful serene scene has only one drawback—it is not realistic. Any homosexual knows what would happen if he were to advertise his homosexuality by doing anything so foolish as holding hands in public. The risk of ostracism, losing his job, shaming his family, losing many friends, is far too great.

However, on the other side of the coin, the heterosexual person can get by with near rape in public, and no one even bats an eye. How many times do we drive down a street and see a boy and girl sitting so closely in a car, that it is difficult to determine just which one is driving. Kissing in public is another very popular pastime for heterosexual couples. We frequently observe couples on public beaches, parks and streets engaged in activity, which could only be described as intimate contact, and this activity does violate our public morals and sense of decency. Why? Why does the public condone this disgraceful double standard? Why is the homosexual placed in jeopardy if he merely holds hands or puts his arm around another, when the straight kid can make a bedroom out of every public place known to man, without fear of any-one disturbing him?

I have known cases where male homosexual persons placed on parole after being incarcerated, were advised by the parole officer that any contact with another male would automatically violate their parole, but at the same time advocate sexual contact with a person of the opposite sex.

We are so entrenched in this double standard, that it seems right, but its not right in any sense of the word. Very few homosexuals travel the T room circuit, having sexual contact in public places, but a great many heterosexuals engage in all manner of sexual acts in public places. Yet, the homosexual cannot even hold hands without risking dire consequences.

Yes indeed, it is time that clergymen "get off their asses" and start finding out what they can do to equate the life of the homosexual with the heterosexual. It is time the law makers did the same thing, and it is time the public found out that we homosexuals are people, too. We want the right to freely and discreetly express affection for our mates and lovers without fear every time our fingers entwine, we are going to ruin our lives.



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'One last thing, young man
Stop hanging out in the Greyhound Inn.
It will be 'hot' in the near future.

THE PHOENIX INTERVIEW: Steve Ginsberg

a candid conversation with the founder of P.R.I.D.E., a homophile organization in Los Angeles, California

Mr. Steve Ginsberg, formed the organization called PRIDE on July 7 1966, in Hollywood, California during a time when gay bars were being raided; police were arresting homosexuals on a variety of charges, entrapment was being used freely by the police, and the whole homosexual scene was one of fear.



PRIDE, an organization specifically formed for the purpose of combating the forces which were hitting hard at this minority group, entered the scene during the election year in L.A., with very little but hope and a desire to DO SOMETHING to help these people. The first meeting of PRIDE started small with only 11 people showing up; the next meeting 15 were there. Great interest was sparked at these first meetings, with many various types of people becoming members, including owners of gay bars with only one question, what can we do to help?



"I would describe Kansas City in one four-letter word, 'WILD'! It is like comparing Tahiti with Russia. Where I expected Kansas City to be a small Midwestern town, I found that I was in a small Midwestern town in Southern Calif." (L. A.)

Mr. Ginsberg, who was elected PRIDE's first President, started right away working on two major projects, a dance and the publication of a pocket lawyer. That informs people of their legal rights and advises what to do if arrested. The first dance, held in Mid-August was well attended in spite of the fact that no gay bar ever allowed dancing in L.A.

PRIDE consists of 5 active divisions, legal and community service, publications, special activity, citizenship and social. The legal division published the PRIDE POCKET LAWYER.

A legal fund has been set up which provides funds for bail, if needed. THE CITIZENSHIP DIVISION helps register voters and urges participation in civic matters. The SOCIAL DIVISION provides the dances of which there have been 6 to date. One dance a month is planned for the future. The publication division publishes the PRIDE newsletter once a month.

The SMALL AFFAIRS DIVISION arranges bowling, hiking, theatre parties, gourmet groups, bridge and other similar activities.

PRIDE is run by a board of directors, consisting of a president, secretary, treasurer and a chairman for each of the divisions. There are two types of membership, one the active voting members, and the other members who attend only the social affairs.

Regular monthly meetings are usually held with speakers from the Health Department, lawyers, leaders of organizations such as TANGENTS, and candidates for office.

Phoenix Society had the rare opportunity to interview Mr. Ginsberg while he was in Kansas City on vacation. The interview follows. Mr. Ginsberg who is quite outspoken on many subjects would like to make it clear that the opinions expressed are his own and not necessarily those of Pride or of the Phoenix Society.

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PHOENIX: What type of social life does the homosexual have in L.A.?

GINSBERG: There are approximately 100 bars, 5 after nouns places, 12 bath houses. In the city bars, one has to be rather reserved. In the valley or county area, bars and people are more friendly. No dancing, long hand shakes or anything like that.

PHOENIX: Is entrapment still a problem in L.A.?

GINSBERG: Yes, and no. Judges and other important people are coming out against it so it is not happening as much as it used to. Plainclothesmen frequent the bars and make arrests on the basis of what they interpret as criminal.

PHOENIX: Are there vice officers walking the streets in L.A., wearing tightfitting youthful attire for the purpose of making arrests? We are aware this used to be a problem.

GINSBERG: Yes, on some streets in Hollywood this still happens.

PHOENIX: Are there any real safe places in your area for the homosexual citizen?

GINSBERG: Yes. San Francisco. There is no really safe place in L.A. where things are free and the homosexual is free, including in your own home.

PHOENIX: How do you feel the general situation in Kansas City compares with L.A.?

GINSBERG: In one four letter word "wild". It is like comparing Tahiti with Russia. I expected Kansas City to be a small midwestern town, but found that I was from a much more backward "midwestern" town--Los Angeles.

PHOENIX: You mentioned that you do not dance and express yourselves as freely as we do?

GINSBERG: Many of our original members were not really "bike" riders but rather were interested in the bike scene and the leather crowd, therefore we had contacts with the leather crowd. There are 4 or 5 gay motorcycle clubs which were interested in what we were doing. I don't think there is much difference between a person who rides a motorcycle and a midwestern homosexual. The motorcycle people have more of a feeling of responsibility than the "drag queens" in L.A. or just many of the queens.

PHOENIX: Do you feel the homosexual Motorcycle clubs in L.A. are trying

to create straight or butch images? GINSBERG: The bike clubs in San Francisco do not care who knows that their members are gay, however ours in L.A. want to be referred to only as a motorcycle club. They may be trying to create an image of being straight but everybody knows differently, including the police. A person in leather always creates an image of being butch.

PHOENIX: Do most of the 100 bars in L.A. cater to "special" types of homosexuals?

GINSBERG: Yes, there are leather bars, collegiate types, hippy bars which have a western decor; we have some nice girl bars, including those catering to nice average lesbian and those catering to the loud, raunchy butch lesbians. The old aunties have their places and, then some are mixed with all types.

PHOENIX: Do you feel that people who are in leather, drag, or the hippies have more problems than the average appearing person?

GINSBERG: No, because hippies, as a group, are not gay and the drag queens don't usually come out until halloween, a private party or New Years eve. I don't think the police are out after the leather crowd anymore than other homosexuals.

PHOENIX: Are there City or State ordinances prohibiting drag or dancing in Calif.?

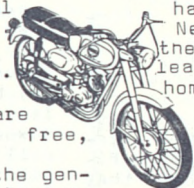
GINSBERG: Yes, however we understand that in the past few years changes in the existing laws have been made which allows drag only if a piece of men's apparel, usually jockey shorts, is worn. There is no law stopping men from dancing together, however we do not dance in our bars with the exception of 2 or 3 private clubs. It could, however, be classified under the lewd conduct laws. A "dancing" case could be taken to court but a case has not come up yet.

PHOENIX: There has been talk about using "gay power" to gain our rights. Do you feel that this term has valid use in the future by the homophile movement?

GINSBERG: Definitely, PRIDE supports gay power by the proper use of the voting power of the homosexual, but most homosexuals are not aware of the possibilities and do not register or vote. The Negroes learned that they have the power to get people in or out of office.

PHOENIX: Is it then possible for a large number of homosexuals to out number heterosexuals at the polls?

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GINSBURG: Yes, in fact the hippies in Calif. have considered using their power by moving to Nevada. If 100,000 of them moved to Nevada they could control the state without even having to vote, considering the small population of that state. The organizations don't reach enough people, yet, to carry this through, but even 1,000 or 5,000 homosexual votes could carry a candidate.

PHOENIX: What about the reputation and image of the candidate?

GINSBURG: The way to do it is to form a "front" organization which could campaign for a candidate without bringing homosexuality into it. By doing this no candidate could be labeled "pro homosexual".

PHOENIX: It is generally accepted that by 1970, the majority of the voting population will be under the age of 25. Do you feel this will have any effect on homosexuals?

GINSBURG: All young people definitely have a more liberal view on sexual matters and when they realize that the statutes concerning what consenting adults do in private actually affects them, and activities that they have been considering normal and good was classified as abnormal and illegal, they will vote against these laws and a general more liberal state of being will happen.

PHOENIX: Do you think the sexual mores of this country are undergoing a change, now?

GINSBURG: Yes, slowly. The homosexual, hippie, and abortion movements are slowly creating a change. I think the homosexual should push for the change in the abortion laws when it comes to their state. Because a liberalization in this one phase of life should make other things come about and legalization of prostitution, revision of the penal codes, will all help to make life more liberal.

PHOENIX: Then, you feel that we should be concerned and work with other movements?

GINSBURG: Yes, definitely. I think PRIDE was the first group to approach and work with other groups and I think it will work out best if there is a liaison worked out between the gay crowd, the hippies, Negroes, Mexican, American, etc., because many of our problems are basic. A combined group can do much more to combat harassment and

brutality than an individual group. PHOENIX: Do you feel that the existing laws barring homosexuals from employment in the Federal government is fair?

GINSBURG: No.

PHOENIX: You have many groups of people in L.A. who could be classified as hippies, and you have made reference to them. What is a hippie?

GINSBURG: It might be a person who just doesn't believe in this continual fight for money and power and all the material things there are, a person who really doesn't believe in war and killing, a person who just believes in life and happiness, a dreamer, one who doesn't want to face reality.

PHOENIX: You seem to feel that the major problems which you have in L.A. are with the police. Will these problems be eliminated in the near future?

GINSBURG: We hoped when our Chief Parker (Adolph) died, the new chief would show some favorable policies, unfortunately we were rudely awakened when on January First of this year, homosexuals were entrapped, beaten, and arrested in some of our gay bars. Considering what the police have done this year to homosexuals, hippies and Negroes; there will be a long time before there will be any basic change.

PHOENIX: What has been done to contact the police department?

GINSBURG: I, myself, called the police about a month and a half ago and spoke to a lieutenant and got no satisfaction. I had to call 3 days in a row to get the line that "We do not wish to caucus with you at the present time, as long as you people stay within the law, everything will be fine". I didn't get the chance to ask them if the police would stay within the law.

PHOENIX: What are the other organizations doing in L.A.?

GINSBURG: Basically, nothing. They are trying sort of hap-hazardly but never faced the problem head on in the past and are doing it now to get a few more members. TANGENTS?? is supporting the TAVERN GUILD but, did not support the PRIDE demonstration nor did NSLU support us but one of their lawyers backed one of the people who was arrested on Jan. 1. CRH is somewhat involved, but their Board of Directors is composed of people from other organizations who do not want to get involved. Rev. Alex Smith (of CRH) has

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RELIGIOUS CONCERNS

Marc Jeffers

Sunday, May 25th, at the Country Club Methodist Church, I attended and participated in a young adult discussion on "Sex Offenses and the Law." The discussion lasted about two hours, and could have gone longer but the group had to adjourn to attend worship service in the main church auditorium. Very good personal contact was made between all the group and myself and their goodwill toward homosexuals was remarkable to me, since I was prepared to meet with at least some hostility. They have invited me back; next time someone else should go with me, I believe. Bill Cox is really in there pitching for us.

On May 27, I had a long talk with Vann Anderson, mapping out a fall and winter program for the Religious Concerns Committee. We decided that another broadcast mailing to all the clergy was called for. This time we're going to mail out a fold up card type of letter with a return card attached; all they have to do is to fill out the card indicating their interest in our cause, and to what lengths they might be willing to go to learn more about us, and mail the card. We will be preparing the lists for this mailing this summer. It will go out early in September.

Those people responding to us will immediately get a packet of promotional literature. They will be put on a permanent mailing list so that they will be aware of all public meetings, etc., which the Religious Concerns Committee will sponsor. In addition, a regular quarterly mailing will be sent them, to keep them up-to-date on all current developments.

Through this list we will make available to any church group, which so wishes a speaker or speakers.

This list will serve as a working base for the sponsoring of a Religious Retreat type meeting, sometime in the fall, to consider further the solid involvement of

the Religious community with the homosexuals of our area.

Numerous contacts are constantly being made with ministers of religion in the area on an individual basis.

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ENGLAND "Swings", Finally

London July 4 - The House of Commons voted July 4 to approve the long-argued bill to reform British law on homosexual conduct. The vote was decisive, and now only needs the approval of the House of Lords to make the bill a law. The Lords voted twice before in favor of reform.

The measure will repeal all criminal penalties for homosexual acts committed in private by consenting adults. This does not affect Lesbians in England because there has never been a law controlling or dealing with female homosexuality. The word comes to us that the real reason for this is because during the reign of Queen Victoria, which is the time most of these "sexual" laws came into being, none of her contemporaries were able to muster enough courage to explain just how two women could perform sexual acts.

The proposal for reform was originally made in 1957 by Sir John Wolfenden, who along with a committee, did some extensive investigating on the whole aspect of homosexuality in England.

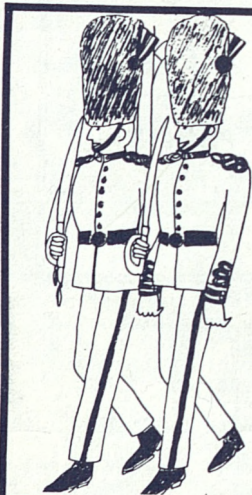
"Homosexuality is a state or condition which as such does not and cannot, come within the purview of the criminal law". "There must remain a realm of private morality or immorality which is, 'not the business of the law."

"The committee rejects the idea that homosexuality is a disease." It found that "buggery" was no worse than other homosexual acts that few boys complain, resent or object to participation in homosexual acts, with adult males, that physical in-

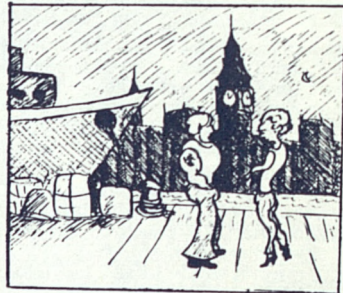
jury rarely results from homosexual acts, that homosexuals do not turn to small boys, that blackmail associated with homosexuality has been exaggerated, that police often take 'considerable trouble' do draw up lists of known or suspected homosexuals by interrogation concerning acts which may have occurred up to 20 years earlier".

The committee wound up recommending the following: That homosexual behavior between consenting adults in private can no longer be a criminal offense, that no proceedings for consenting private homosexual acts between those under 21 be instituted except by approval of national officials, that procuring or attempting to procure adult homosexual acts should not be an offense but male prostitution should be, that penalties for buggers, gross indecency, and indecent assault be revised, that there should be no prosecution, except for grave reasons, of homosexual offenses incidentally revealed in the investigation of blackmail, that threat of accusation of any homosexual act with intent to extort be prosecuted, that trial by jury be made available to males charged with importuning, that there be no prosecution of homosexual acts over one year old, that some discretion in dealing with homosexual behavior be granted to heads of approved schools, that government sponsored research be undertaken into the etiology of homosexuality and the ef-

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"Isay, Percy, ow does it feel to be "legal?" Simply marvelous, old boy, do you suppose those 'Victorian' Americans will ever catch up with the modern world?"



I SAY, GOV'Y, MIGHT'N
YOU BE A CONSENTIN' ADULT?
PRIDE Newsletter

Phoenix - Police Hold Meeting

by John Hunter

Gay Community Recognized "Officially"

"Exchange of Views Valuable"

says Mark Jeffers

In today's "psychedelic" world there is an overworked "hippie" word, and that is "happening". Now since no one really seems to be able to describe exactly what a "happening" is, I feel that what occurred on July 27, 1967, right here in Kansas City, Mo. could quite well be described as a "happening" in the best sense of the world. If not a "happening", then it was at least an extraordinary event, because on that date a meeting was held between representatives of the homosexual community in Kansas City and the major law enforcement agency, the Kansas City Missouri Police Department.

Mr. Marc Jeffers, Vice-President of Phoenix Society, Rev. L. Vann Anderson, the Phoenix Soc. Chaplain, and Dr. C. Shrum Burton, Vice-Chairman of MICA (Metropolitan Inner-Church Agency) met with the following departmental heads of the Police Dept.: Colonel Donald Bishop who is in charge of the KCPD Community Relations Dept., Mr. Barney Myers, city director of liquor control, Lieutenant Sidney Harlow, who is in charge of the Vice-Squad and two Chaplains for the Police Department, Bishop James V. Sullivan, Catholic Aux. Bishop to the Police Dept. and Dr. Ben Morris Ridpath, Protestant Chaplain to the KCPD.

According to Marc Jeffers, the meeting arranged by the Phoenix Society Chaplain, was called for two major purposes. One was to promote better relations between the homosexual community and the Police Department and the other was the establishment of a better understanding and cooperation between homosexuals, individually and collectively and members of the Police Department individually and collectively in order to eliminate those few problems a minority of homosexuals create and to work toward an even greater protection of the civil rights of all homosexual citizens.

The three hour meeting was a remarkable achievement on the part of both Phoenix Society and the Police Department when one considers the many misunderstandings, which have in the past occurred between homosexuals and law enforcement officials. There have been very few Police Departments in the nation which have actually officially recognized the homosexual community as a minority group with the rights of all minority groups.

When the meeting began, Mr. Jeffers handed the participants a signed statement of a homosexual who believed he had been entrapped into committing a crime in downtown Kansas City. Col. Bishop and the others took the statement quite seriously and spent a good deal of the meeting discussing it and the practices of the KCPD in general. Col. Bishop explained that it was not a policy of the Police Department to practice "entrapment", but that occasionally an officer might go "overboard" and allow his personal feelings to overshadow his sense of duty and to overstep the legal bounds but that he and other officers strongly discourage behavior of this type. Col. Bishop did explain, however, that his officers were allowed to practice what he called "inducement". In the case of a homosexual, this would be a matter of a vice-officer, etc., leading a suspected offender to believe he was a homosexual himself without actually suggesting a sex act. He might, for instance, observe a person standing in front of the bus station and go over to that person and say, "I am new in town, what do you guys do for excitement around here?" Now, if the person who is being approached is stupid enough to suggest that the officer come up to his apartment for a "roll in the hay", then the officer can arrest the person without having "entrapped" anyone. Of course, actual entrapment would mean that the officer had definitely said that he was a homosexual or had himself suggested sex and then arrested the person when he responded.

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It was explained that under no circumstances does the Police Dept. try to prevent homosexuals from going to their own bars nor is it interested in enforcing laws which are clearly unenforceable such as the Missouri laws dealing with consenting sexual acts between adults in private. However, it was also made quite clear that the Kansas City Police Dept. would not allow sexual acts of any type to take place between anybody in a public place such as the bus station or train station. Col. Bishop said that he was not interested in forcing his concept of private morality on anybody but when it came to acts which occurred in public he and the members of the KCPD would enforce the law to the fullest. He said that the Dept. only acts on complaints, which might come from businessmen or managers of public buildings and would not hesitate to employ "inducement" to keep homosexuals from bothering other people. Mr. Jeffers said that the best way to assure that a homosexual does not "get caught" is simply to stay away from the problem areas and everybody knows where they are. Jeffers further said that Kansas City is one of the few cities in the nation to have such a lenient view of "gay" bars and that the many fine bars which we have here offer a much better meeting place than public restrooms and the chance of finding someone who you "really" like is much much greater.

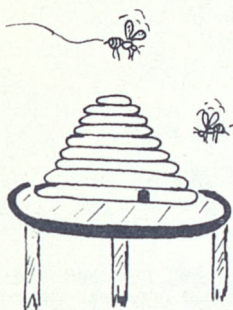
The almost pathological fear that many homosexuals have toward the police department came under discussion also. Col. Bishop acknowledged that the homosexual is often subjected to many crimes against him including robbery, extortion, assault and battery but that the homosexual who will make a complaint against someone is almost non-existent. He said that the police department would handle a case of a homosexual being beaten up the same as anyone else but because of the fear of publicity the homosexual will not prosecute. And because of this fear, there are many unsolved crimes in the K.C. area, which causes the insurance rates to skyrocket. It was stated that the police patrol certain areas of K. C. for the protection of all citizens and this included homosexuals.

When the question of complaints against the police department came up, and it was pointed out that there could be some legitimate complaints, it was pointed out that a special department has been set up to handle them. It is called The Internal Relations Dept. and it is on the 7th floor of the police Building in downtown K.C. Col. Bishop stated that the complaints of homosexuals would be handled just like the complaints of any citizen, and the material would be confidential, however the person would have to sign the complaint and follow it through. When asked if there had been such a situation where a homosexual had signed a complaint against the department, he said "no". Marc Jeffers said that the Phoenix Society would be glad to direct a person to the complaint department and would even send a member with such a person but still could not sign the complaint or follow it through. The homosexual involved would have to have the courage to carry it himself.

The people at the meeting seemed quite impressed with the work which the Phoenix Society is involved, particularly in the areas of public health, and our involvement with religious leaders. When we mentioned that we would like and are working on starting a homosexual community center in Kansas City, we were told that there would be no reason why the KCPD would try to stop us. In fact the idea met with general approval when we mentioned that one of the purposes of such a center was to provide a place where homosexuals could meet each other and engage in meaningful relationships instead of the fly-by-night chance meeting in public parks.

Mr. Myers, toward the end of the meeting, was asked some questions regarding his department and the gay bars in town. One matter of particular interest to Phoenix Society members involved the reaction of the Liquor Control Dept. when our President Drew Shafer appeared on radio station KMBZ on a 3 hour talk show last January. Several of the Gay bars were quite alarmed for several weeks after the program, feeling that because of the publicity, homosexual life and especially gay bar life in K.C. was going down the drain. Mr. Myers stated that no special attention

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was drawn toward the gay bars at that time with the exception of one which was a "new" bar and the policy of the Liquor Control Dept. was to make several checks in a row of any new bar in town. He further stated that the "gay bars are treated no differently than any other night spot in town, being checked right along with the others for minors in the bars, out-dated licensing, lewd public entertainment, etc. Mr Myers and Lieut. Harlow both said that they visit all the bars on a regular basis, and there is certainly no reason for homosexuals or anybody else to get upset because an officer of the law visits their favorite nite spot .

Marc Jeffers said that he personally considered Col. Bishop and the other members of the group to be very capable men, easy to talk with and honest people.

Marc further said that it was understandable that some policemen could get carried away with their jobs considering how thankless and hard their jobs really were, but that it is the position of the Phoenix Society to protect the homosexual community as well as to explain to homosexuals the obvious problems they might create for themselves, if they choose to cruise the johns and public parks for the purpose of having sex in these same public places. If a person is entrapped or otherwise discriminated against, and he happens to be a homosexual, then Phoenix Society will act but we can not nor do we want to stop the Police Department from enforcing the law.

One last word from Marc: "There is much mutual ignorance on both sides, homosexuals and law enforcement agencies and this meeting broke the ground for other meetings. Solutions to problems will be found by this method of sitting down and talking our problems out. Our police department should be commended for its attitude of cooperation. This, I feel, is why the minority groups in Kansas City do not have the problems that are so obvious in other cities".



facts of various forms of treatment. These recommendations, plus a few others were rejected 2 times in the House of Commons before finally passing.

The Church of England, Roman Catholic Church and the Methodists all supported the Wolfenden proposal. The House of Lords gave it legislative impetus.

The Labor government, while remaining technically impartial, gave up much of its own time to advance the reform bill.

The Home Secretary, Roy Jenkins, and other cabinet members sat thru the night of July 3, to help out.

The bill passed 99 to 14. Now, this victory should improve the chances of a bill being passed to broaden the legal grounds of abortion, which was blocked by a filibuster recently that lasted through one night, plus other reforms.

During the hearing Harold Gurden, a conservative, intimated that some members supporting the bill were themselves homosexuals. A bearded Labor member, known for his hot temper, shouted to Mr. Gurden: "We don't really know about you do we? It just might be interesting!" The deputy speaker, Sir Eric Fletcher, had to intervene before the House calmed down, enough to continue.

Since this original article was written, the House of Lords have "passed" the bill. Now, according to English law, the bill must be signed by Queen Elizabeth, which is just a formality.

To our brothers in England, we send our sincere congratulations and to the great, forward thinking body called Parliament, we can only say "thank you" for a job well done!

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Around Town

Out Of Town



Eric Damon

We thought that since there would probably be quite a few out-of-town people reading the paper this month, we would try to give a run-down on the entire Kansas City gay scene.

Our Night Clubs:

The Arabian Nights - A plush club with an interesting Oriental decor. Cloth hanging in folds from the ceiling give the feeling of being in a tent; hence our nick-name, "The Tent". An organ-drum duo entertain.

The Colony Club - The oldest gay bar in K.C., still one of the most popular, and patronized by a most varied, interesting clientele. Drag artists Joe Miller and Ricky Kerr, along with pianist Joe Vera, perform here.

The Gaslight Lounge - Our newest bar - Again, a plush decor with flocked wallpaper and the like. Very friendly! Patrons are entertained by pianist-singer Gail Raye.

The Rail Room - A quite large bar near the Union Station, patronized mainly by the Lesbian society in K.C. Gay guys are welcome, if you are known. The front door is locked to keep out straight stags.

The Red Head is currently one of the more popular clubs. Very elegant. Lots of red velvet, etc. A piano-drum duo is featured.

We have just become aware of the existence of a new bar, Mike's, in the 1800 block of Grand Ave., which the owner is trying to change from straight to gay. The owner is Lee Allen, who has played piano or organ in many of the bars. We urge our people to go over there and help Lee make the "big switch".

Our Coffee Houses:

Gaslight Coffee House - A real swingin' place upstairs from the Gaslight Lounge. Dancing, gaiety and good fun till the wee hours of

the morning. Sandwiches served, besides coffee and soft drinks.

The Mod World - A more leisurely type of coffee house-no dancing, but a juke-box and frequent live entertainment are provided. A varied menu of coffees and sandwiches is featured.

It should be brought out, in a story about Kansas City bars, that although some are very elegant, all are very casual and Levi's, shorts or the like would not be out of place in any of them. Dancing is allowed in virtually all of the night-spots, which is quite the opposite from most cities in the U.S. Also, live entertainment is featured at most of the places. All in all, we feel we have some of the friendliest, most casual, active gay spots in the nation. This writer has been to San Francisco, Chicago, Detroit, Denver, St. Louis, and have not found anything to compare with them. We would like to urge our out-of-town readers to spend a week-end or longer in gay ol' K.C. You won't be sorry.

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STARLIGHT THEATRE

We are truly proud of Kansas City's fine summer theatre and this year's schedule is outstanding. Now thru Aug. 6 - The Serendipity Singers and Karen Morrow in "The Unsinkable Molly Brown". An invincible lass climbs from saloon keeper to the toast of European society. Aug. 7-13 - Marilyn Michaels and Molly Picon star in "Funny Girl" the story of Broadway's beloved Fanny Brice. Aug. 14-20 - "Superman" with Bob Holiday. A new musical on the exploits of the "Man of Steel". Aug. 21-Sept. 3 - Patrice Munsel in "The Sound of Music". No description needed for this beautiful musical.

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"Perfection consists in doing ordinary things extraordinarily well."
Author Unknown





Individual Expression



Dean Triton — Editor

A CHERISHED FRIEND

My friend is one who speaks to me
And takes the time to write
Who has a thought to spare for me
What ever day or night

Who comforts me and wants to make
My worry his concern
Who does a favor but expects
No favor in return

The one who knows the faults I have
But does not criticize
And who is ever at my side
He is the brother of my soul...forever

Good and kind
And he is first and foremost in
My grateful heart and mind
My friend is one who keeps me in
..... his every memory

Larry Dale

There's a place inside us, you and me-
A place we let no one ever see;
For one, a kiss on a beach
Another, a gentle embrace in a field,
Yet again, a look in a gym,
Or yet, that first full bloom
Love's radiance in each room...
Flowers, gifts
Soft words
Promises
Doubts-
Why do we react with fear?
Did not God command we love?
You and me.

Phaedra

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amusing comment,
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Autumn trees:

falling leaves blanket the land-
spread multi-hued carpets
o'er the dale.

The air of spring was clear;
the air of summer was clouded-
the stars of autumn
sing the sad song.

The sad song:

I hear it yet again.

Love that died

in the heat of summer:

fulfilled-

we rejoiced in the summer sun...
running through the glen.

The muses danced and sang;

Zepher played among the willows;

Faunus piped a joyous air;

my head lay upon your heart as I slept.

Sing muses-

and dance ye!

For love

that is dead

never returns;

life must continue-

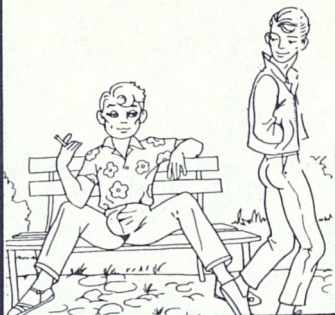
sing graces!

Dispel the memories!

...R L P...



By
Eric
Damon



CRUISING

IN

CANADA



Well, we're back from Canada and we view the trip as a whole with mixed emotions. Expo 67 in Montreal was for the most part, very good. So much has been written on the fair that we won't dwell much on it here. Suffice it to say that it is certainly worth one's time.

Cruising in Canada can best be described as very difficult. First, the law that forbids you to walk around with your drink is very confining. Then too, we found the Canadians not too friendly. Only once, in Toronto, did anyone speak to us first. Always, we had to make the first move. Also, especially among the French Canadians, we ran into resistance to the "one-night-stand". It seems to be their policy to date several times before "making out", which makes it a little tough for visitors there for only a short time.

Since we're speaking of the French Canadians, this writer was very disappointed with their love-making, which could only be called amateurish. The amoral prowess of the Frenchman is legendary, but evidently the French Canadians have been out of touch with France too long. But if you go for one-sided sex, the French Canadian is for you. We had our most pleasurable time with American tourists and with a certain nice English boy.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LISTING OF SOME OF THE NIGHT SPOTS VISITED.

In MONTREAL, the beer bars close at midnight, while the lounges stay open till 2 or 3 A.M.

Peel Pub - Peel St. & St. Catherine - A beer bar and restaurant, nice enough decor wise, but cruising not too good because of the "no moving your drink law" being strictly enforced here.

HAWAIIAN LOUNGE - Stanley street just south of St. Catherine - A floor show here, drag mostly. At one end of this large club, the "moving law" not too strictly observed. Open till 3 A.M.

Au Quatre Coins (The Four Corners) 3 or 4 doors south of the Hawaiian Lounge. This probably is the most popular gay night spot in Montreal. Very crowded. The "Law" fairly relaxed here.

But in none of these places did we find much friendliness. If a great variety of tricks, without much trouble in acquisition, is what you want, you would be well-advised to avoid the bars and not leave the Y.M.C.A. Montreal, a city not too responsive to the gay American tourist.

TORONTO

The St. Charles Bar - 488 Yonge - One of the largest bars we've ever been in. A young crowd. The "moving law" strictly adhered to here. Not too much we can say against this bar, however, since we tricked out twice from it.

Lethro's (downstairs) - King St. just off Yonge - One of the nicer bars we encountered on the trip, decor wise. Relatively friendly, too.

521 Club - 521 Yonge - Open only Friday and Saturday nights. Dancing allowed, but no beer or liquor. Cover charge.

Of the two cities, Montreal and Toronto, we definitely found Toronto to be the friendlier. Our thanks to Mike who made our stay in Toronto especially nice.

HULL, QUE. (Across the river from OTTAWA)

Chez Henri Hotel Bar - On Prince St. - A large, quite friendly bar. We would go so far as to say it was the friendliest bar we found in Canada. Young, very nice patrons.

While in Chicago, on the way to Canada, we were entertained by the newsletter editor and other members of Mattachine Midwest. Thanks so much for a nice time, gentlemen.

"Consenting Adult" Law Goes 'Down The Drain' If State Rep. Has His Way

Illinois Far Ahead

For a lifetime the revision of laws regarding the homophile has been advocated. In 1963, the model code in Illinois came into being. The adoption of this code marked the emergence of Illinois as the nation's leader in enlightened thinking in this most vital area.

This law is the same for the homosexual as it is for the heterosexual, in that single consenting adults in privacy may express themselves sexually, as they wish and that said conduct is beyond the pervue of the law.

However, it was learned that one must be ever cautious of rights and privileges. Recently it was divulged that Mr. Polock, a representative in the State Legislature from the Northwest side of Chicago, is expected to introduce a bill, reviving the old "crime against nature law." There is a high concentration of gay bars on the North side of Chicago. People living in this area have been giving their elected representatives a hard time with their complaints. The result of this is many raids and much harassment of the homophile activity, which many claim exists because of this model penal code.

The vanguard of opposition to this reactionary legislation, must be composed of responsible members of the Bar, physicians and psychiatrists who are desirous of protecting the rights of the individual, and obtain equality for all by preserving the legislative and social progress which was the culmination of the efforts of many of our fellow members.

Org. Forms Committee

An Ad Hoc Committee has been formed for the purpose of implementing and directing opposition to the proposed legislation. Already pledged to this task are the titular heads of many religious denominations, along with prominent psychiatrists and doctors. This committee, composed of some of the most qualified members of their professions, will be quite similar to

the Homosexual Law Reform Society of England. The Calibre of this committee is most impressive, and a similar letterhead will be used.

Other Problems, Too

Two years ago the Motor Vehicle Act in Illinois, was amended, so that a person convicted in Illinois of a deviate sexual offense, on a felony level, loses his right to drive for a year. This was passed on a voice vote and without the homosexuals knowledge of it. In order to prevent another such incident, this previously mentioned committee was formed, and now are ready to go to the capitol at Springfield, prepared to voice their objections, if the old Crime Against Nature bill is brought up.

The work of One of Chicago in this area has been recognized on a national level, and invitations have been extended to the legislative chairman, to address groups in many states. National magazines have quoted Illinois in this and listened to their comments.

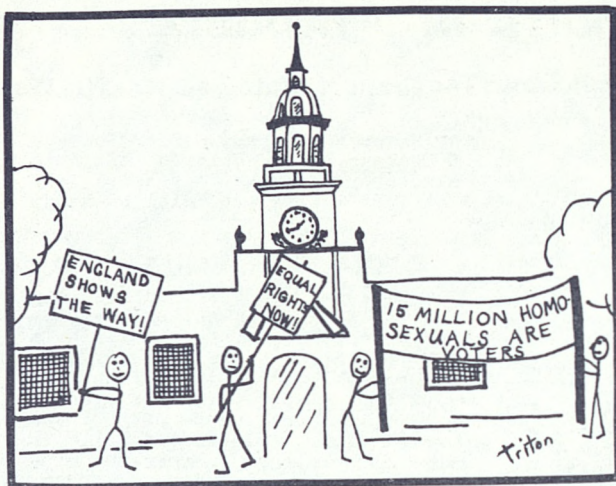
Most recently, the Bishop of the

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"Ronald Reagan was in this big crowd and I copped a feel."

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EQUALITY FOR HOMOSEXUALS
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HOMOSEXUALS PICKET NATIONAL SHRINE

On July 4, 1967 a group of people arrived in Philadelphia, Pa., carrying picket signs, with the intention of walking up and down in front of Independence Hall. These people were not members of a union on strike nor were they picketing for civil rights for the Negro. They were members of Homophile organizations from the Eastern part of the country and were bringing to the attention of our nation certain pertinent facts concerning liberties and rights of homosexuals.

For many people July 4th is a day for serious thoughts regarding rights and freedoms of all people and if, indeed, all people were actually "free" in the United States.

Apparently, the people who did the picketing do not think so. From a statement prepared by these people we include the following:

THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE SAYS: "ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL" But, in no walk of life, and in none of his dealings, whether with his fellow man or his governments is the homosexual American Citizen treated as equal to others. That the homosexual American is a homosexual is always noted, but that he is also an American citizen, with all that goes with that status, is always forgotten.

THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE SAYS: ALL MEN ARE ENDOWED WITH CERTAIN UNALIENABLE RIGHTS - AMONG THESE ARE - THE PURSUIT OF HAPPY-

NESS. But the homosexual citizen upon savage penalty of law, and upon pain of loss of livelihood and other severe disadvantage, is denied the proper pursuit of harmless happiness open to other citizens.

THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE SAYS: GOVERNMENTS ARE INSTITUTED DERIVING THEIR POWERS FROM THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED. But homosexual citizens find themselves placed under laws and regulations, their activities directed, their freedoms limited, their conduct of their lives disposed of, all without consultation and without their consent.

THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE SAYS: IN EVERY STAGE OF THESE OPPRESSIONS WE HAVE PETITIONED FOR REDRESS - OUR REPEATED PETITIONS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED ONLY BY REPEATED INJURY. Homosexual American citizens, too, have petitioned their government for redress of their grievances and oppressions. Their petitions, too, have been ignored, in any constructive sense, and have been answered only by repeated injury.

According to reliable estimates, there are some fifteen million homosexual American citizens, making this the nation's largest minority group after the Negro. This group of American citizens find that it does not enjoy the rights, liberties, freedoms which make our American way of life so unique.

The homosexual American citizen (PICKETS Cont. on Pg. 21)

News From Phoenix

Dinner Party Held

The members of Phoenix enjoyed a most successful dinner party, Sunday, July 16, at their headquarters 1838 E. 49th, K.C. Mo. This was given in honor of our out-of-town guest, Steve Ginsberg, founder of "PRIDE" homophile organization, of L.A. California.

Thanks to our Social Affairs Committee, a sumptuous meal was served buffet style. After the plates were filled, we proceeded to the enclosed back yard where tables and chairs were set up for our comfort. Ice tea, beer and soft beverages were served with the meal.

After our meal, and much chit-chat, our honored guest, Steve, was introduced and asked to talk to us on happenings in L.A., one subject being the 1966 New Year's eve raid on the bars, which he related in detail. At one point Steve was asked what he thought about K.C. His reply was "wild".

We were disappointed that some of our members couldn't make it.

After Steve's talk, we came inside and had many more beers, mixed drinks and conversation. Many plans were discussed for Phoenix in the future. Everyone left at a late hour and still raving about what an enjoyable evening they had. Phoenix plans to have many more Sunday affairs in the future.

Phoenix Meets With Students

Vann Anderson, our chaplain brought a discussion group over to Phoenix headquarters the evening of July 20. These students were in their twenties, I'd say, and were from various states, here for a two week study period. They needed to know more about homosexuality, first hand, so to speak. These students, both men and women were from the "Student Methodist Inner-city Parish", and there were around twenty.

These young people were rather subdued at first, and then felt more at ease and began asking questions; they became so interested that the discussion didn't break up until a late hour. They said they had a much better aspect of homosexuality, by the time several members of Phoenix had talked and answered their questions.

These young people will definitely be in a better position, now, to teach others in their field of work. Some intend to teach, others doing social work, others will become ministers, etc.

MIDWEST GROUPS TO MEET

On August 5th and 6th the Midwestern homophile organizations will have a second meeting, which will be hosted by S.A.M.E. in Rock Island, Illinois. Participants will be S.A.M.E. One of Chicago, Mattachine Midwest, Inc. (of Chicago), and Phoenix Society.

At our first Midwest Regional Conference in St. Louis last April 1, we devoted most of the time to discussion of issues such as funding, developing leadership, defining areas of activity, relationships among organizations, internal personal relationships, legal status, effective use of personnel (meaningful involvement), making contact with power structures, and education of homosexuals about themselves. These and other issues were discussed but not acted upon. Although it was a very interesting and informative meeting, there simply was not enough time to really accomplish many of the things which we set out to accomplish, hence the general feeling of the need for another meeting before the NPCHO in Washington, D.C.

The organizations will be discussing our participation in the Washington meeting, agenda items which we will present; and it is hoped that some major policy statements will be made. It is generally noted that because of our location and our midwestern background we might be able to help "pull the movement together." Nevertheless, we should be able to find many areas of cooperation among the Midwestern organizations. Besides the meeting, there is to be a picnic, and a bar tour will be on the social agenda.

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desire to say more but being limited by a lack of space, wanting to make THE PHOENIX more interesting, and wanting to find a cheaper method of producing it. We are hoping that, as you scan the pages, you will think of suggestions for further improving it and will, if you have something to say, write us. We still need stories and articles pertinent to the homosexual and can not limit our source of material to members of Phoenix Society.

A Mother Speaks To Parents

A Realistic & "Human" Approach To Understanding The "Gay" Child

By Liz

This article is being written especially for you. Its goal is to enlighten you about a very old problem which is now a new one to you. With only one qualification, that of having a loved one who is a homosexual, I shall try to help you.

I am sure your first reaction was to blame yourself. You probably have lain awake and wondered where you went wrong. You thought of homosexuals as being in the same class of sex deviates with whom you associate many acts of violence. How untrue all these things are! Your son will not hurt anyone intentionally. The fact that his secret is now also yours gives you the opportunity to show him how understanding you can be. Your understanding of his different life and your acceptance of it will give you the most wonderful personal satisfaction you can ever feel.

I know the hardest thing for me to realize was that his feelings for his own sex were real. I would see the starlight in his eyes and hear the excitement in his voice when he spoke of a friend. I would feel his heartbreak of a broken romance and know it was genuine. I now try to go along with his changing moods, because just as in our "straight" world love is still what truly makes life worthwhile.

I have gone to "gay" bars many times. The first time I went I was so scared that I was afraid to look around lest I become embarrassed. Yet I found it a place with only a group of people who were there to have fun and get acquainted with their own kind. I go there often now just to enjoy myself and get away from the hum-drum of everyday living.

I have met homosexuals from many walks of life. Some were even married once, and there are some who in all probability will try married life with the opposite sex. Yet I know they will never cease to be

attracted to their own sex.

Most of the fellows I've met have much compassion and many friends. They need help from each other and give each other assistance if the need be. They are bound together with society's rejection. All they want is a life of their own.

I am equally sure you wonder about the physical aspects of the homosexual's life. I believe that just as our sex life is personal, so is theirs. So just as it is not right to discuss our personal sex life, theirs too, should be a private affair.

Your acceptance of your son as he is is very important. Life is not a sure thing and is not always full of peace and tranquility. His secret is yours now too, and he will depend on you for full support. Welcome his friends into your home. They'll never embarrass you. Let your son relax at home because in the world itself it's tough enough to live two lives. This is not easy and he needs a place to let himself relax in.

I am sure you'll find times when you'll cringe at words like "fairy", "queer", or homosexual. Keep your sense of humor, chuckle a little to yourself and the bad moment will pass. Don't defend him, he does not need it or want it. Just accept him and he will be happy.

When he can tell his friends his folks know, he will speak with pride. This pride will rub off onto you and make you proud. Isn't our goal in life as parents one of making our children proud of us? As parents we want a better world for everyone regardless of their differences. You have this means in your hands right now. Use your knowledge of your son's different life wisely. Use compassion and tolerance often, and when your son's eyes meet yours you'll know love is still the essence of life.

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TOP LEVEL MEETING AUG17-19

The third National Planning Conference of Homophile Organizations is to be held in Washington, D. C., on August 17-19, 1967. This meeting will draw together for the third time some 40 organizations with a basic goal of improving the status of the homosexual but with many diversified methods of achieving this goal. The types of organizations range from "social-service" organizations more or less divided on social functions and the more serious work of changing laws and public attitudes to the "civic-action" groups which place emphasis on "action" projects (see article on July 4 picketing) to purely social types of organizations in the larger cities to organizations which are devoted to publishing homophile literature.

A major problem in the past has been the lack of cooperation among these organizations and, in some cases, an almost fanatical opposition to certain other groups.

The first full homophile conference bringing all, or at least most, of the organizations together was held at the State Hotel in downtown Kansas City in January, 1966; The second, in August, 1967, in San Francisco, California. Out of the first conference came the hope that all the organizations could find enough issues and methods on which they could agree to merit further meetings. The major items of importance to come out of the second conference were the National Legal Fund, the formation of a Credentials Committee for future meetings, the National Homophile Clearinghouse (operated by Phoenix Society). There are still many areas of concern in which action projects were initiated and organizations accepted responsibility but did not carry through. Among these projects were a pamphlet on formation of new organizations, questions and answers in pamphlet form directed to the general public, other pamphlets on law reform, teaching about homosexuality, accurate reporting and the homosexual, the church and the homosexual, the pathology of homosexuality, and how to enlist the homophile community in support of the movement.

One of the major issues among the organizations is the question of public image. The West Coast organizations favor an "open policy" attitude aptly expressed in the statement put out collectively by those organizations. "Since the homosexual community is composed of all types of persons, we feel that the movement ought not be constricted by any limiting concept of public image," while on the other hand the Eastern organizations would tend to favor a statement such as "Since the homosexual community is composed of all types of persons, it becomes imperative that the movement concern itself with public image and screen all admissions."

It is doubtful if many of these issues are going to be resolved entirely at this conference but certain steps can be taken to help bring the organizations closer together on the issues which we do agree upon. Perhaps in the overall picture, many of our disagreements are not very important, and these disagreements could be most detrimental to the major goals of the movement. In other words, "Don't sweat the small stuff."

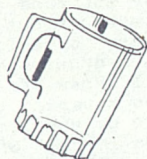
Some of the items which are sure to appear on the agenda of the Washington meeting are: a proposed enlargement of the services of the Clearinghouse to the movement, adoption of the Credentials Committee report, setting of boundaries for Regional Conferences, reprint rights, and sociometric (the science of using the established power structure through interpersonal relations to further causes).

Each organization is allowed five votes and any number of voting delegated up to a maximum of five. The Phoenix Society will be well represented by our president, vice-president, and at least two members. A complete report on the conference will be found in the September issue of THE PHOENIX.

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LIBRARY NEWS

The library has just received another donation of books from a member of Phoenix Society.

"The Man from Pansy" - by Don Rico
"Satyricon-translated in the modern English" by Paul J. Gillette
"Totempole"-by Sanford Friedman
"City of Night"- by John Reery
"The Song of the Loon" - by Richard Amory.

Any and all books of any kind gladly accepted by the library. Those wishing to make donations may do so by calling WA1, 7779, and someone will come and pick up the books or you can drop them by the Phoenix headquarters located at 1838 E. 49th, K.C. Mo., or drop us a line at the headquarters, and tell us where to pick up the donation, and it will be done. Thank You.

Book Review

THE MAN FROM C.A.M.P.
by Don Holliday

C.A.M.P. is an underground organization dedicated to the protection and advancement of - you guessed it - homosexuals throughout the whole world.

"I'm being assigned to protect fairies", screamed handsome and straight Ted Summers, who is hired by C.A.M.P. Ted must work with a nationally known flit(Jacker) and pretend to be his trick in order to uncover the mystery of artificially produced diamonds, thought to be smuggled from the U.S.A. into Europe by male hairdressers; if this plot sounds silly, well it is, but there is an overabundance of sex.

This book should be taken seriously by lawyers, legislators, parents, social workers, doctors and anyone who believes in the right of homosexuals to respect from the world, or who prefer to "keep gays in their place."

This social problem will not be solved by any book, but "The Man From C.A.M.P." is at least thought

provoking and an intelligent beginning for effective dialogue between the dominant straight world which imposes its contempt on gays, fair or unfair.

We are accustomed to watching Mr. Sean Connery roll around a wench in James Bond movies; now will we ever see the above scene filmed in a homosexual version of the stereotype spy thrillers? It remains to be seen.

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Warning!!

A word of warning to our people who congregate at Grandview Beach. A group of the kids who were swimming and sunbathing at Grandview were set upon by a large group of young punks a few weeks ago. There were some severe injuries. So it might be good advice not to "camp it up" too much out there. You might be inviting trouble.

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Diocese of Milwaukee, invited them to join a new committee in formation to lend aid in revision of existing laws in Wisconsin. It seems that adverse publicity-often pretrial-in the field of sexual deviation is very damaging to the individual. But the run of the day law breaker is ignored. This should be changed.

The case which evoked the bishops concern, was of a teacher who was arrested on a morals charge, but the case was later dismissed, because of insufficient evidence. The adverse publicity had already caused the man to lose his position and he has been unable to find another one.

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complete with the double ring ceremony. He said he had suspected they were homosexual, but even so, his conscience would not let him turn down their request. He said, "You have to do something to reach out to these people, to keep in touch;" they are among the faithful to be helped."

The event was widely reported in the "Dutch Press", and Father Stoelinga first thought it was a publicity stunt for a German magazine. The bishop of Rotterdam, Msgr. Martien A. Jansen, gave out the statement that Father Stoelinga and his assistant had acted in good faith.

The Father went on to describe how the combined clergy of Rotterdam has been attempting to deal with problems of homosexuality, by sponsoring conferences whereby this subject is discussed by doctors, theologians, psychiatrists and others.

New York Times
by-Clyde H. Farnsworth

The Dutch Catholics are very broadminded and when our churches are prepared to consider homosexuals as part of the religious community, I am sure homosexual wedding ceremonies will also be performed in our churches for those sincerely requesting such.

Until we are accepted, we could act on our own hopefully, contributing to the social aims of all homosexuals.



EVAN MILLS



"Next time you be George and I'll be Lynda-Bird."

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tried to contact the police but has been rebuffed, as we were.

PHOENIX: In your opinion, what is the best type of organization to tackle the many problems of the homosexual, today?

GINSBURG: I imagine the organization that has both social activities and its cause oriented.

PHOENIX: Are you saying that there is no place for other types of organization?

GINSBURG: Oh no, I don't mean that at all. The Tavern Guild and the CRH are specialized groups and are especially helpful. The other organizations are, I would say, important because they work with the educational, scientific, and psychological aspects of homosexuality. I would say, in their own way, they are doing some good.

PHOENIX: Would you favor a complete interworking of these various types of groups?

GINSBURG: There won't be and can't be, especially in California where they are so deversified and going in 17 different ways. There has to be different social affairs for the younger crowd, than for the much older reserved, middle class businessmen crowd.

PHOENIX: Is the average homosexual responding to the work PRIDE and the other organizations are doing in L.A.?

GINSBURG: No., for two reasons. One is apathy. Many people just don't want to be bothered, the second is the legal situation. The police are "after" PRIDE where they are not bothering the other organizations because we are challenging the police and they are not. They are not telling people to stand up for their rights.

PHOENIX: One of the major issues facing the homophile organizations and one sure to be brought up at our conference in Washington is the issue of a public image. Do you feel we should try to create or maintain a particular image of the homosexual and if so what type of image?

GINSBURG: No, I don't think so. I don't go along with the idea of having a demonstration, appearing in a nice business suit and looking very respectable. We in California do not feel the public image is that important. We are what we are. I would like to see a more responsible attitude on the part of some homosexual who appear on the street. The people who walk down the street

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with pants so tight that you wonder at first, if they have anything on and the people wearing drag on Hollywood Blvd. I think these kind of people hurt us because people look at them and figure we are all sort of sick.

PHOENIX: In Illinois which is the only state with an up-dated penal code, there is a movement in the legislature to make homosexual acts illegal again. What effect do you think this will have on the work of the movement?

GINSBERG: I think that we will just have to work harder; I don't know how Chicago worked it to get the law revised but it will definitely be a step backward. The states such as California, Minnesota, and New York, which are pushing for the reform will suffer a set back and will not have an example to point out.

PHOENIX: One last thing, Steve, what advice would you give a homosexual from our area, who is planning on going to Los Angeles for a vacation?

GINSBERG: Go to San Francisco!!

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Anyone wishing information on how to form a homophile organization in any area of the country, please contact The Phoenix Society, P. O. Box 1191, Kansas City, Missouri, 64141.

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