

Editorial & Letters

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Reactions To Newsprint Watford

Herts

Deur Gay News, Please, please go back to FI Litho. Development Workshop just about sums up the look and feel, of GN45.

FI Litho may be more expensive, but the quality of paper and clarity of printing is so superior, it must be worth the extra

I would far rather pay 20p a copy and have a publication to be proud of, rather than save 5p and get a dirty, tatty rag which I'm ashamed to let people see. (I can't afford the soapil

Anyhow here's my subscription-let's hope for 13 copies of FI class printing. Peter Booth

ED: Our former printers, FI Litho, have gone out of business. Selly Oak

Birmingham

Dear Gay News

The latest GN is great! It's much better printed on newsprint-like a real newspaper When I bought it I felt GN had at last really broken through and was now in the main

But then I read it was only a temporary second-best thing. Well, I think it's much better like this, and I wish you'd keep it that way. Ouite apart from anything else it's much more manageable and compact

David **'Rook's Empty Spite'** Surrey

Dear Gay News

I am very surprised that you have occupied so much space with a condemna-tion of Jean Rook's cheap and uninformed (but well paid) remarks in the *Daily Express* (GN46). I do not think she will deny that she is being paid to write dramatically worded articles, but is it really so necessary

to draw attention to such ignorant comments I could go into the fact that both my sons have been told, as fairly as I could put it, all about homosexuality, just as they have been told about heterosexuality; I could tell Jean Rook that, as a result, they have a very balanced approach to both. I could tell be streat deal more but the fast tell her a great deal more, but the fact remains that she will continue to write columns of empty spite which is what suits the Daily Express, while I will continue to buy the paper for Osbert Lancaster's excellent cartoons. Just for the record, h don't read Jean Rook's column (once was enough) but you could do much better by ignoring it as being beneath your attention. Peter Katin

Papa Rook?

London SW8

Dear Gay News

Jean Rook's article in the Daily Express (GN46 p3) was a skillful bit of mud slinging. She managed to imply that if we are inter ested in sex-education, that's really because we want to seduce and/or assault her inno cent little boy. She even managed to imply that the Young Liberals wanted to do just that

Hasn't it occurred to Ms Rook that the Young Liberals are innocent too? That they are, in fact, her little-boy grown up?

Alas, Ms Rook reacts with all the oppres siveness of a Victorian Papa, locking up his daughter to save the girl from a fate worse than death.

But the oppression meted out by her to

On The Right Path

Edinburgh

Dear Gay News Many, many thanks for your feature 'Gays in the Eyes of God" (GN46). It is

For several years, since fully realising I am gay, I have been struggling to reconcile my gayness with my religious beliefs. Only recently have I tried to really get to grips with this situation, and now, thanks to th article, I feel I am now on the right path again. Thanks again to you and to Fr Fabian

Richard J Bennett

Church Must Change

Deer Gay News, May I be permitted to comment on the ellent article by Fr Fabian Cowper in

Although he maintains that Christianity is not essentially anti-gay, the fact remains that both in its traditional teaching and its scriptural interpretations it does condemn homosexuality, and unless the Church repudiates this teaching, it cannot expect to keep either its adherents in the faith or to gain new converts.

Fr Cowper states that the reasons for St Paul being anti-gay are not known. Never theless in his teachings he exhibited the typical psychological neurosis of the repressed homosexual, and it is these repressed homosexuals who are the most bigoted of anti-gay

people. The repressed homosexual is ready to denounce gay people with the utmost vituperation and scorn, for two reesons: (1) On the conscious level he hopes every body will think that since he condemns them, he cannot be 'queer' himself, and naive people actually believe him. (2) On the subconscious level, he has represed the Pandora's Box of his libido, particularly the homosexual part of it, and there fore fears that it may emerge if social and legal sanctions are not maintained. Those who remember the debetes prior to the passing of the 1967 Sexual Olfanses Act may have noticed that the strongest con demnation came from some members of the armed forces. Could this have been due to a repressed desire for their batmen or

Satyricon (Name and address withheld by request.)

Amen!

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Dear Gay News,

It was a joy to read Fr Fabian Cowper's article "Gays in the Eyes of God" in GN46. Thank you so much for letting us all share in his words.

One could nit-pick at the article (as with almost anything on Christianity or the 'Jesus ethic') and find odd points that did not accord with one's personal views. To my mind this only exphasizes that Jesus Christ can be all things to all men and women. To the overall message of Fr Cowper's article, I could only add a really heartfelt 'Amen'

Many gay men and women have come to mistrust God because of the shortcomings of the Church. They have been misled into thinking that God turns away from them, that He wouldn't want to know them, just Because they were gay. This just cannot be, God loves all men and women without exception and I hope and pray that those 'turned-off' gays (and others) will give Him another chance to express His unbounded love for them.

For the would-be-Christian gay, and those who are Christian already, where better to make a start than the church where gay people are given not merely 'toleration' and covert 'sympathy', but acceptance and a loud and glorious "Welcome in the Name of the Lord"I Come and see.

With prayers for love, joy, peace and happiness, Jo McVav-Abbott

Secretary 'Fair Deal From Spartacus' Euro Spartaciis . Postbus 3496.

then it is the gay community.



its columns

Any person who has any grievance against Spartacus Brighton for Le Chateau Gaye), should write to me directly in Amsterdam and they are assured of a reply and every effort to put right the cause of John D Stamford their grievance.

Intellect vs Admin London W2

Dear Gay News, "The bureaucratic approach must always win over the intellectual in such a set up. This is not a criticism but a recognition that in such an organisation intellectualism has little or no meaningful role to play." This reference to CHE in your thoughtful

editorial (GN46) cannot be allowed to pass unchallenged. To begin with, CHE is not bureaucratic but is aware that no movement can be successful without organisation. On the other hand, a movement which is concened with organisation for organisation's sake will get nowhere. It is a fallacy to believe that 'intellect-ualism', which is a revolting word which I

take to mean intelligent thought, has no meaningful role to play in a movement which is organised. In any such activity, and particularly in politics, there is a place for thought and a place for action and they must be coordinated.

Thomas Mann summed it up when he said "Think as men of action, act as men of thought" (Lest he be immediately damned as a chauvinistic pig, he clearly included women in his message.) That is a code which both CHE and GLF, whatever their approach to our common problem, should adopt. Ian Hervey

An Airman's Lot Dear Gay News

I read Roger's letter 'A Soldier's Lot' (GN45) with great interest. Much of what he says applies equally to

the RAF, although if we are 'found out there are no postings—just the swiftest dis-charge that they can arrange. Admittedly we can stick out for a court martial, but I leave it to you to judge the chance we would

To be fair, I knew the position when I joined up but I like my job and do not con-sider that I have a problem. To me being gay is as relevant to my job as being Catholic or Weish! Certainly outside pressure will be needed before we will be liberated, and I think it will come in time-perhaps from a major political party or unions. Unlikely? Yes, but so was the 1967 Sexual Offences

Our Padres do not understand us and I for one would prefer to leave it that way-as I said, before, I do not have a problem.

On one issue I must disagree with Roger the position of the officers. Enough to say that I must sign myself.

(No name or address supplied) RAF Officer PC Sees Both Sides

Deer Gay News

I feel I must write to you to say how much I agree with everything that John Boyd said in his letter (GN46). It would appear to be the in thing these days to complain of police victimisation, one hears it all the time. If it is not the coloured community or the motorist complaining of police victimisation

I know that there are a few police officers

the new menace. In a statement on the television report, he said that he was astonished to find people in authority "playing God", which is why he is mounting his enquiry. How far this enquiry will get, of course, is another matter, given that the police appear to be so heavily involved.

Seriously though . . .

In many ways the public outcry and the prompt response from the government is encouraging, and it must surely encourage us to ask whether we would find such a response in this country. Would a Home Secretary be horrified at the thought of a homosexual receiving 'curative' mind-surgery?

Well, can you remember any Home Secretary getting upset about it? No, of course you can't. It must be conceded that there have been a number of enquiries into the treatment of animals, and the Anti-Vivisection League is a strong force in the land. But homosexuals are another matter entirely.

Well we only carry out surgery with a prisoner's consent," is the standard response.

OK-so what does that mean? Let's look for a moment at that word 'consent'. A man is arrested, in itself a pretty terrifying experience. He is interrogated by the police and warned about the consequences of his actions. He is left for several months, perhaps, with his trial hanging over him, before being hauled into court to face the representatives of a society that abhors the male homosexual and everything he stands for. Somewhere along the line there will have been hints dropped about cooperation, good behaviour, parole, and "wouldn't it be best for you if you consented to psychiatric treatment to show the court that you are frightfully sorry for the wicked thing you have done, and want to prove to them that it will never happen again?" If a prisoner agrees to accept treatment under such heavy pressure, he is considered to have given his 'consent'. Maybe you have heard of other places in the law where consent is required -'consenting adults in private'. Would you get away with the same standard of consent in this case? No, obviously not. Imaginary conversation number two: "Your Honour, when young Jimmy came up to my flat to deliver the groceries, I shut him up in my back room, asked him questions for a couple of hours, told him that if he didn't have sex with me I would lock him up for two or three years, just as he knew I had done to other people, made him ashamed at the thought of being heterosexual, ridiculed him and his friends and then asked him whether he would consent to sleep with me. And Jimmy then gave his consent." If that doesn't amount to one set of standards for the police and courts, and another for homosexuals, then we ion't know what does.

Number 47 May 23 - June 5 an this file Oh viva Whitehouse, oh viva Longford, what magni-

ficent work they do with their Festival of Twilight brigade. How right they were about that film A Clockwork Orange. How silly we have been to say such rotten things about them in the pages of this paper.

Do we hear readers gasping with astonishment? Has the entire Gay News team taken leave of its senses? No, indeed we have not. It's just that we are still reeling in horror at the revelations that have reached us about the effects of the film on people disposed to violence. In Australia they appear to have run amok.

The report (see 'Forceps, scalpels & gays' story on page 4 this issue) tells of gay people in the Antipodes who have been the victims of brutal attacks inspired by some of the scenes in A Clockwork Orange. It seems that gangs of surgeons have been carrying out brain operations along the lines of those shown in the film. Unfortunately for them, they were caught in the middle of their barbaric acts by a television programme. They have tried to justify themselves-"we were trying to cure them," they claimed. But that hasn't washed with Justice Minister Maddison who has ordered a full and immediate enquiry into the whole savage affair.

Of course we must remember that many of these people when medical students never had the benefits of strong parental discipline. They dissected frogs and rabbits without a word of protest from those who should have been keeping a strict eye on them. Is it any surprise, then, that with their blood-lust whetted they should have been so susceptible to the more macabre parts of a film like A Clockwork Orange?

The police seem to stand by helplessly while victims have parts of their brains cut out. Reports suggest that police will enter the headquarters of these gangs (or 'hospitals' as they are known in the hip jargon of the mental health underworld) only with the permission of the gangleaders themselves. More lurid reports hint at even deeper police involvement, and suggest that in some cases the police and courts themselves pick out homosexual victims and send them along to 'hospitals'

The television report says there have been some 200 recorded incidents of surgical violence in the past seven years. Even though the persons responsible for each of these attacks are known to the authorities, not one single arrest has followed. The conclusion must inevitably be that law enforcement agencies are centrally involved in a corrupt conspiracy to allow the offences to continue.

Australia is fortunate in that it has a man like Justice Minister Maddison who is prepared to take a stand against

> her, little boy will be more subtle, and will follow a predictable course. She will pour him like molten metal into a carefully-cho mould.

Many years afterwards she will say to him "But you do enjoy life, don't you dear? And he will reply "Yes, mother." And then she will gaze pensively into the fire and think: 'He is a bit dreary, isn't he. Oh well, perhaps that's his nature. Better drear than queer.' And then she will carry on knitting

Next day, all bright and sparkling, she will write in the *Daily Express*. 'What on earth do these people mean when they talk about the oppression of children?

Dai Grove

Deeply Moving 7 Ashwright Road

London NW3 6AA

Dear Gay News,

I thought your news item on Patrick White, the novelist (GN45, p3), one of the most interesting, deeply moving and humane stories I have ever read in any newspaper. Keep up the good word.

I hope you are getting the feedback you so richly deserve

I would very much like to hear from gay poets anywhere in Great Britain who are interested in putting on gay poetry readings. Every best wish for your success.

John Horder

Dear Gay News,

I am astounded by Mr Collier's letter in GN44 criticising my recent generous gesture. Other companies who have fallen on hard times or discontinued their operations in gay publishing have, to a man, disappeared into the night without doing anything at all for their former clients. This is not the way of Spartacus, and our motto of 'Quality, Reliability & Honesty-A Fair Deal For Gays' holds good now and will continue to do so in the future. We have recently been in contact with all the clients of Spartacus whose names and addresses we have, and have issued Credit Notes for the amount of money we believe them to have lost through our Brighton office. We have offered to accept these Credit Notes in payment of 10% of the value of future orders. Having lost the entire funds of Spartacus in Britain, it is impossible to reimburse all of this money in outright cash payments.

Matters relating to our profit margins, accounts, or my personal mode of transport, are none of Mr Collier's business. However, may I point out to your readers-as Mr Collier has brought it up-that I purchased the Rolls, and financed Spartacus, out of my personal fortune which was in my pos session long before Spartacus was thought of. as a result of my business acumen and hard work in other quite legitimate fields of industry. I find it quite amazing that Gey

and members of the public who would like to see all gays burnt at the stake, but I think they are in the minority. Most police officers these days seem to be of the opinion of live and let live, and this is certainly the situation that prevails in the division that I serve, and I should know because I see it from both sides of the fence as it were. So please stop knocking the police.

Gay PC

PS: Please do not print my name and address because I would not like any of the senior officers to know that I am gev.

Equal Rights In Cottages Dear Gay News

Just a few lines together with my contin-

ued subscription. I really enjoy most of *Gey* News except for the ever-continuing saga of the 'cottage' problem. Being a ledy reader I can never see why it's such an important rendezvous

I'd love to hear comments from other readers as to why there cannot be equal rights in public loos. They should be clean, publicly placed for both sakes with suitable doors and lock. Just enough room for each to hold his or her own. After all, trains don't have cottaging. Guest houses and home loos

are also for people (of both sexes). Excuse scribble. Penned this on the Inter City train after a tidy up in the loo.

Western Reader

News

Political howls~ Gay dignity

UK: Political feathers have been ruffled by the Young Liberals' motion at their annual conference declaring strong support for the situation of homosexuals. Most of the controversy has raged around the proposal that homosexuality should be included in sex education classes for schools.

There has been no reaction from leading political figures so far, but there have been loud cluckings from around the fringes; from local councillors, future Parliamentary

candidates, and constituency parties. One of the first into the fray was, predictably, a Tory ex-councillor and former school governor Joseph Angelman who left Eastbourne town council on March 31 this year. He told the local papers that Eastbourne parents wanted to know whether the Liberal controlled council agreed with the Young Liberal stand. He spoke of "this sort of behaviour" as being "very unhealthy and extremely dangerous." He was "appalled" at the YL's suggestions.



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Voters in Wolverhampton North East, who thought they had silenced Tory can-didate Warren Hawksley by returning the Labour party member Renee Short to Westminster last election, were in for a disappointment. Back came this irrepressible bank official to tell Wolverhampton that the YL motion was "one of the most disgusting things I have ever heard." The newspaper report also mentioned that he was expected to attack the Government's amnesty for illegal immigrants.

Duke Misrepresents YLs

Meanwhile, in the Melton division of Leicester, the Duke of Rutland first of all wrote his own version of the YL motion, and then proceeded lustily to attack it. He told an enthralled gathering that schools should not teach people "how to become homosexuals." To the best of *Gay News*' knowledge, no one has suggested that kids be taught "how to become homosexuals," nor has anyone found a way of doing so-any more than they have found a way of teaching people to become dukes. Be that as it may, there seems very little chance of political action from this particular constituency since its local Tory MP Michael Latham is presently engaged in a battle between Blue Stilton and White Scilton and white Stilton, and has just tabled a motion in the House of Commons drawing attention to the scandalous failure of the Labour Government to subsidise Blue Stilton. Also from Leicester came predictable criticism from Monday

resigned from the party after being criticised for publicly condemning the YL views on homosexuality

Lockley slammed the YL resolution in a Lockiey stammed the YL resolution in a letter to the Leicester Mercury, signing him-self as treasurer of the Liberal Party. Since then he says: "I have been criticised by senior colleagues in the party who con-sidered that I should have written a letter to the paper under my own name only and with no reference to my Liberal Party connection.

"Because of this criticism, I have decided to leave the party although I have not been asked to resign or been put under any pressure to do so. But I regard it as a form of censorship."

Mr Lockley has of course had a great deal of experience with homosexuality. "I have been a youth leader for 18 years and I have seen homosexuality in all its aspects." He is also an Elder of the Mormon Church

and so "I object on religious grounds

Ruth Addison and her band of YLs do not seem unduly perturbed by all the fussing. As far as they are concerned, the resolution was passed by people who had thought about the subject seriously, and the resolution stood as official YL policy.

Gay Dignity

But perhaps the most eloquent and dignified reaction came from Leeds Gay Liberation Front in a letter to the Leeds Evening Post which we make no apology for quoting in full

"Leeds Gay Liberation Front wholeheartedly supports the Young Liberal resolution advocating homosexual education in schools. For the following reasons:

"I - Large numbers of schoolchildren and teachers are homosexuals. Gay people need education and support in our schools no less than heterosexual people.

2-To teach children that man/woman relationships are the only rewarding and natural relationships is dishonest. In fact it is a lie; a lie which condemns millions of homosexual people to real oppression.

3-We know that rewarding homosexual relationships are possible because we experience them. Gay sexual relationships are not degrading or disgusting. But they are made very difficult to conduct by the hostility of most people in our society. The refusal of the schools to teach that homosexuality is a natural part of human sexuality is criminal.

"4-Too many children are made to feel dirty, guilty and abnormal by the exclusively heterosexual content of sex education in our schools. The reaction of parents, friends and teachers to homosexual society do not help. They often condemn the gay person to loneliness, violence and insecurity

"5-All the social pressures conspire to force the homosexual person into hetero-sexual relationships which to a gay person are destructive and unrewarding. Hostility to homosexuality bred in most families and in all our schools enables the state to imprison us, the basher to murder us, and the comedian to ridicule us.

"6-Sex education must be just that. Children need to know about the diversity of sexual experience and the joy they can get from guiltless sexuality. Since heterosexual sex education has never 'converted' a homosexual person, we fail to understand why teaching children the value of homosexual relationships should immediately 'convert' them to homosexuality

7-One wonders how those parents who react so violently against homosexuality would act should their own children turn

Firemen may extinguish gay rights

NEW YORK: A surprise attack from the city's fire brigade on gays threatens the chances of human rights legislation being passed through council.

New York gays thought that their four-year battle for laws to prevent discrimination in housing and employment was at a triumphant end when the city's General Welfare Committee passed the bill (Intro 2 as it is now, Intro 475 as it was known under the

old council) by seven votes to one. It had generally been understood that, once the General Welfare Committee had voted 'yes', then the acceptance of legislation by the full council would be more or less a formality

But political calculations have been thrown out by the action of New York's Uniformed Fire Officers' Association. First off, the union placed a full-page advertisement in the New York Daily News against the gay rights bill. The Daily News is the country's largestcirculation newspaper, and the firemen hated gays to the tune of \$10,000, the cost of their full-page ad. In the text, they referred to homosexuals as "perverts, deviates and sodomites" and they invited readers to a mass rally

News has not yet reached us about the result of the council vote. It had been ex-pected that the vote would be taken round about May 14.

The General Welfare Committee hearing had previously been attended by 59 witnesses

and 150 gay liberationists who packed the public gallery. 45 witnesses were there to testify in favour of the gay rights bill and 14 against. Those against included fire and police union representatives, as well as

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Jewish and Christian conservative leaders. The crowd in the gallery might have been attending a football match, cheering the Goodies and heckling the Baddies.

One rabbi, whose remarks were badly received by the gay crowd, appealed to Eileen Ryan, chairing the hearing, to restore order. "We've had a very nice hearing," she told the rabbi, "and everyone has gotten along just fine, so why don't you just continue reading your remarks.

Politicians in New York have become sensitive to the electoral implications of the gay bill. Virtually every leading Democrat in the state either testified in person or sent a statement in favour of Intro 2. All four Democratic candidates for the governorship supported the bill. Following the pro-gay committee decision, Catholic priests were ordered by their archdiocese to read a condemnation of homosexuals from their pul-pits entitled 'Menace to Family Life'. But it seems that about a quarter of the parishes did not comply with the command. Meanwhile New York gays anxiously

await the outcome of the vinal vote. The chances of its success, following the unions' intervention, is put at about 50-50.

New Statesman chief cautions activists

LONDON: "Gay Lib has perhaps done damage," suggested Anthony Howard of the weekly New Statesman. "There may be a risk in the advance column getting too far ahead.

Mr Howard was addressing the Campaign for Homosexual Equality Bloomsbury group in London on the subject 'Conventional Morality and Public Opinion'

He began his talk by dismissing the whole concept of public opinion as we understand of the opinion pollsters in the dismal failure of the opinion pollsters in the 1970 elections, whom he accused of selling out to news-paper headline writers, he claimed that there existed no real way of telling what the public really felt on any particular subject. Referenda, which he said he rejected, as did most people "who shop on the left hand side of the street," did little more than measure the fever temperature of people. How they voted on one subject on a particular day might be affected by all sorts of extraneous events.

As understood by politicians, the question that counted was 'if we do this, will the public let us get away with it?' and this was the criteria that had been applied to the Common Market entry decision, and was currently being asked about the Euward Short effeir Short affair.

But even though no accurate measurement of general attitudes existed, he thought it was obvious, and welcome, that things had changed a lot for homosexuals recently. Certainly we had come a long way from George V's time when the king, on being informed of a peer's homosexual conduct, exclaimed "Good God. I thought men like that shot themselves." But the most that homosexuals could

expect from the public was tolerance. He saw no chance of the kind of liberation that gays have been demanding recently. Tolerance should therefore be the goal of any gay He took exception to the word 'gay' itself which he described as a distortion of language and thought might be mischievous in its effect. Over-propagandising was one of the greatest dangers and might very well prevent tolerance Another threat, he thought, came from public suspicion of a kind of homosexual freemasonry which existed in some walks of life, and he recalled the barbed comments that had appeared about homosexuals in the theatre world when Noel Coward's obituary notices were written But he was an optimist. The last two decades had seen great changes for the better. And this was a progress he wished to see continue. But he urged that public standards



"All you'll get is tolerance", says Howard

of morality should advance together over a wide front, an increasing tolerance towards minority groups, an improvement in stand.ds in financial dealings and in politics. This he was certain could not be achieved by violence and outrage. Accepting the stormy beginnings of gay activism in the American Stonewall riots, he said this sort of violence was an expression of pride and dignity in the face of ugly provocation, and as such amounted to self-defence rather than the sort of violent aggression he was opposed to.

When the question of 'coming out' was raised, he took the chance to make an appeal that there are some things that are no business of the public. He found it hypocritical that a sexual peccadillo could force a man out of political office, especially when financial sbehaviour seemed to go almost unnoticed. He wished that Lord Jellicoe had not resigned but had left the decision up to Edward Heath to sack him or not. He said he would be gratified to see a homosexual MP get up in the House during a debate on homosexuality and "decaire an interest." In particular he had a former Minister in mind, who he thought could do a service to the standards of honesty in politics by making such a declaration. Mr Howard's motives in wishing this, he insisted, were more than just "professional prurience. The crowded meeting took Mr Howard up on several matters he had raised, and he was closely questioned by activist members of the audience.

Club Leader Barne Clayton.

But it hasn't only been the Tories who have raised their voices in horror.

From Southport, county councillor Ronald Fearn, Liberal candidate in the last general election, sent an outspoken letter to the Liberal Party National Headquarters. He called the YL motion ridiculous, pointing out that it was only a small group of Young Liberals (not including his own Southport Young Liberals) who supported it.

"The Young Liberals motion on homo-sexuality" he cried, "must go down as the biggest load of drivel to come out of any of their conferences

"To suggest that homosexual practices be taught to our school children is an affront to the six million voters who voted Liberal and to the Liberal candidates who fought such a superb General Election fight." (Presumably he would exclude the quarter of a million gay voters who supported the Liberals?) "If nature had intended otherwise. male and female of all animal and plant species would never have evolved as such."

Liberal Resigns

And back in Leicester (why do the people of Leicester seem so obsessed by homosexuality? Liberal Party treasurer Mr Brian Lockley

out to be homosexual. Would they be among those who force their children out into the streets (a situation with GLF often encounters) or would they provide the child with the help and support that she or he would undoubtedly need?

(Signed) Leeds Gay Liberation Front-Nicky Hayes, Dave Lonsdale, Don Milligan.

Doncaster papers change policy

DONCASTER: The local Campaign for Homosexual Equality group in Doncaster reports an encouraging change of mind by two local newspapers.

In issue 46 we reported that the Doncaster Evening Post and the Doncaster Free Post had refused to accept advertisements from Doncaster CHE. The group declare that they weren't satisfied with the decision and intended to take the matter up with the two papers' respective editors.

This they have now done, and both papers

have finally accepted advertisements. Those interested in the group's work ?) should contact CHE, 199 Beckett Road, Doncaster, Yorkshire DN2 4BA.

New magazine trial

ST ALBANS: Latest in the long line of obscenity trials is being heard in St Albans. Nine people aged between 19 and 43 stand accused. Whilst on the subject of statistics, they face a total of 31 charges including publishing obscene films and magazines

The jury has been asked to study 30 gay mags, including such titles as Adonis. Boys in the Band. Beach Boys, Desire, Tricks, and Youngsters. These magazines were seized

last year when police raided a bookshop in Wales-Modern Books of Llanelli.

Defense counsel Mary Prevost tackled Sergeant Norman Hunter on the comparatively innocent nature of the magazines: "It is run-of-the-mill stuff as far as this type of magazine is concerned," she suggested. Hunter replied: "I can answer you best

by saying that it's not the type of material one would find in W H Smith's."

Forceps, scalpels & gays

AUSTRALIA: An immediate and thorough inquiry has been ordered by New South Wales Justice Minister Maddison into a brain operation carried out on a homosexual prisoner.

The move follows startling revelations by the Australian Broadcasting Company's

current affairs programme 'Four Corners'. The programme said that brain operations along the lines of those carried out in the film Clockwork Orange had been conducted on over 200 Australians in the last seven years. In particular, 'Four Corners' investigated two incidents. The first concerned a burglar, the second a homosexual. Both men had appeared before Sydney Quarter Sessions, but had been released from custody on bonds of good behaviour after they had both 'volunteered' to undergo surgery on their minds.

The aim of the operation is to cut out all the nasty bits in their brains and turn them overnight into decent, respectable and damaged human beings. In the case of the burglar, the operation only apparently managed the 'damage' part. Since surgery three years ago he has committed further criminal acts of breaking and entering and is at present back in prison. It is not known whether surgeons suc-

ceeded in disabling the other man's love life.

One participant in the television programme was Lex Watson from Sydney University. Watson is a tutor in the Depart-ment of Government. He was vehemently opposed to surgical experiments which tried cure' homosexuals, and he cast serious doubts on the validity of an arrested man's 'consent' to the operation.

"Most people arrested for a homosexual offence end up in the course of questioning being asked by the police whether they would be prepared to undergo psychiatric treatment of some form or another.

"They often as not say yes in signed statements which half commits them to doing it," said Watson.

Psycho-surgery may take away some of a homosexual's drive, but it won't turn them into a heterosexual.

But no sooner had this programme been broadcast, than a Melbourne prison reform group published details about a man in Pentridge prison who had been given female hormones against his will because he had been convicted of rape. Prison authorities had told the man that he would not be given parole unless he accepted the treatment, said Jim Mulchay of the Prisoners' Action

The Minister for Social Welfare, Vasey Houghton, said that such treatment wasn't given without a prisoner's consent. But in the same statement he said that he hadn't even heard that such treatment had been given (and therefore presumably had not

zsked whether consent had been obtained). The inquiry into the Sydney brain operations received support from the State **Opposition's shadow Attorney-General and** Minister of Justice who had called for a Government report.

Justice Minister Maddison, in calling the inquiry, came out firmly against such behaviour by law enforcers.

"I find it very difficult to face up to experimentation with human beings with perhaps something less than certainty as to

what the outcome will be," he said. "I find it most extraordinary that people in authority should play God in this particular area, not knowing what the long-term effects are

This reaction on Maddison's part compares very favourably with state attitudes to mind surgery in England and America.

Gay show saved from blacking

LONDON: Gay News readers, who should all by this time have been to see Lindsay Kemp's play Flowers at the Regent Theatre, will be delighted to know that the show has been rescued from an Equity shut-down.

The show, which transferred via the ICA from the Bush Theatre, has been running in the new West End Regent Theatre for seven weeks. The threat to its continued run came when Equity, the actors' union, demanded a bond of £940 from impressario Larry Parnes who manages the theatre. The bond, equivalent to two weeks wages for the whole cast. is traditionally asked of theatre managements as a safeguard against a show being closed down overnight without the cast being given due notice. This was a common practice in days before the actors' trade union was



Friend may sever **CHE** links

SOUTHAMPTON: Friend, the national counselling wing of the Campaign for Homosexual Equality, may shortly have to part company with the parent organisation in order to obtain charitable status.

Speaking to the Southampton branch of CHE recently, Mr Vivian Waldron, general secretary of the counselling organisation for homosexuals, said that the Campaign was regarded as a political body and as such would prevent any application by Friend to be registered as a charity.

Local gays, Solent Friend counsellors, and a representative of the Samaritans heard Mr Waldron outline the aims and objects of the Friend organisation, as well as details of its formation, and three-year association with CHE

In answer to questions Vivian revealed a horrifying picture of social deprivation and emotional loneliness which prompted clients to approach Friend for assistance. Surprisingly the percentage of contacts made because of psycho-sexual or legal difficulties was quite small. The feeling of isolation was the main difficulty most homosexuals had to face.

Women befrienders were particularly difficult to recruit, and Friend would be pleased to have more female offers of

Richard Thomson

Swedish'sex bible **OK's gays**

STOCKHOLM: The Swedish church has published a new "sex bible" saying homosexuals are equal to other members of society can even be priests but that marriage

CHE~pressario

News

LONDON: St John's Church, Smith Square, was the setting for the latest CHE ventureconcert management.

Peter Katin, president of the CHE Music Group, gave a well-attended piano recital in a programme composed entirely of pieces by Chopin. Mr Katin is acknowledged as one of the greatest interpreters of Chopin, though he is anxious not to be type-cast and often performs works by other classical and romantic composers.



International concert pianist Peter Katin

The recital is the first of seven public concerts which CHE Music Group plans to stage this year. Various artists will be appearing, and details will be announced in Gay News when they are settled.

Peter Katin has also agreed to give his services free of charge when he plays to CHE conference delegates in Malvern on May 26. Michael Mason writes:

Peter Katin opened his all-Chopin recital with a performance of the Barcarolle, Op 60 In this opening piece above all he demonstrated those qualities which have won him world-wide applause for his Chopin playing; masterly leguto playing and a judicious use of dynamics to give the piece its motive power. In the waltzes that followed (the three

waltzes of Op 64) he made greater use of rubato than he usually does, but nowhere to excess. The B-minor Sonata Op 58 that wound up the first half was a showcase for his technical skill. The breadth of expression he achieved in this many-mooded work. strong lyrical phrasing, the brilliance of the Scherzo, left the audience eagerly anticipat-ing the second half of the programme.

That second half included the Polonaise in F-sharp minor Op 44, the Impromptu in F-sharp Op 36, two Mazurkas, the Nocturne in B Op 62 No 1, ending with the Scherzo No 4 in E Op 54. Whilst the virtuosity and sympathy for the music was still more than apparent, the latter part of the recital lacked something of the fire of the earlier part. until the final Scherzo which brought the whole concert back to life again.

Peter Katin was enthusiastically received by his audience, and the evening augurs well for future CHE Music Group concerts.

Breaking out Salisbury style

SALISBURY: This quiet cathedral city is experiencing the beginnings of a Gay Rights campaign which it has so long needed.

GLF5votes behind Liberals

LONDON: Local council elections in the Tulse Hill ward of Lambeth, South London, did not return any of the three South London Gay Liberation Front candidates to the council chamber. But all three were very happy about the effects of the campaign. The Labour party candidates were returned with a substantial majority over their Tory

rivals. The two Liberal candidates in third place collected a total of 206 votes, and GLF won 201 votes. The Communist candidate got 74 votes.

Individually the GLF votes were shared as follows: Malcolm Greatbanks 77, Michael Mason SS, and Alistair Kerr polled, would you believe it. 69 ("Well, really" was you believe it, 69 ("Well, really Alistair's only comment). About two and a half thousand people were believed to have voted

If the three candidates were disappointed at the result, they were not letting it show. "One of the main things about our

campaign," said Malcolm, "was to let people know that the gay centre had arrived, and to publicise the activities of GLF. In that respect we've done far more than we set out to do. Our campaign made front page headlines in the local press, was picked up by all the local radio stations, and we made the national press and radio as well."

As for the comparatively low vote, Michael Mason pointed out that this was the first time GLF had ever tried to run an election campaign. They did not have a political machine like the other parties. "Seeing we only got 5 votes less than the Liberals, we're delighted."

On the night of May 2nd, at the Lambeth town hall count of votes, the Gay Lib Three were the centre of a good deal of attention. They received a warm welcome from Labour party candidates who wished them luck in this and future elections. Even the Tory agents seemed interested in finding out what their campaign was all about. They were invited to further talks by the Tories and by the local Communist party.

Soon after the result was announced at 12.45am, they were rished off by news men for photos and interviews, and they told the world as they left the hall that GLF would be fighting again.



The show goes on for Lindsuy

Larry Parnes, however, refused to pay the bond. He pointed out that he had been paying people properly, and there had never been any question of his closing on people without notice. His bank guaranteed that the money was available (Parnes himself disclosed that his companies had assets of over one million pounds), but Equity insisted on having cash. They said that the bank guarantee was not enough.

Things looked grim for the show. A number of the actors were fairly new mem-bers of Equity and would be unwilling to carry on in a show that had been blacked by the union.

But at the last moment, Lindsay came to the rescue and found enough money to put up the bond himself.

He has had offers from New York and Paris to open the show there, but he was determined to let everyone who wanted to see the show in London get a chance to see it.

One of the most extraordinary shows on the West End stage, Flowers is a must for anyone who has not yet been. You almost lost your opportunity to see it. So you have been warned.

is still to be limited to heterosexual pairs

"Marriage is a holy institution, and this means the union of man and woman," states the pocket-sized book published as a group project led by associate professor Holsten Fegerberg and ordered by Sweden's Archbishop Olof Sundby. The book deals with medical and social literature on sex and its last chapter is dedicated to the "Church and Homosexuality."

Aside from saying there are no barriers to prevent gays from filling official posts within the church, the book also calls for a new publicity campaign to spread the idea of sexual equality. The campaign is to be aimed at the schools and is to be carried out in collaboration with other groups working for the end to sexual discrimination.

A special post is to be set up in the church to work out information programmes and to establish contacts with the press, radio and television.

"It is also important to follow up the information campaigns afterwards, considering that the homosexual is under strong pressure from society and that homosexual relations are subjected to more tension than other relationships," concludes the book Kurt Schiller

In response to the National Union of Students call to action, local Campaign for Homosexual Fquality members determined to find a platform for their views. Moves were first made to mobilise the city's 2,000 students by gay activists at Salis-bury and Wells Theological College. It was realised that a local meeting place for gays was essential as the closest established groups

are at Southampton and Bournemouth. Following the establishment of a Gay Rights

Workshop at the Theological College earlier this year, it was agreed that the key areas for action were in education and awareness

Ordinands at the Theological college arranged public meetings, the most recent of which attracted an audience of 50 to hear David Blamires on 'Homosexuality from the Inside

It is hoped that the interest shown in the recent meetings will continue to grow and a large gathering is expected to hear Ms Rose Robertson (of Parents Enquiry) when she visits the Theological College on

June 5 at 7.30pm. All are invited. This is only the beginning. The need for the improvement of gay consciousness in the area is undoubted and, if left unhindered, activists within the Theological College are prepared for a long campaign.

Persistent efforts are needed if Wiltshire is to be able to offer gays facilities to meet socially. I shall be interested to hear from anybody willing to help in such a venture. Contact Richard Kirker, c/o CER, 19, The Close, Salisbury, Wilts.

Richard Kirker

that after twelve months of negotiations, the Charity Commissioners have at last agreed to award Centre the status of a charity as a company limited by guarantee. Companies House has given its approval to the name 'Centre Charitable Trust Limited'

Interest in the work of Centre has also been shown by Radio Medway, who have approached Father Peter to do a programme for them.

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News Feature



Switchboard workers: (left to right) Bryan King, Tim Perrott and John Lindsay

Keep on ringi

LONDON: The new telephone number for Gay Switchboard is 01-837 7324. And the reason for the change of number is the phenomenal success which the phone service has had since it swung into operation on March 4 this year.

To begin with, volunteers worked off one phone with the old Gay Liberation Front number. But the number of inquiries they get has been growing at a steady rate and they are now handling over 300 calls per week. Pressure on the single line at peak times has become too great, and the organisers have been forced to apply for extra lines

Unfortunately there were no spare lines available which could be tied into the GLF number, and so, to get the three lines they needed, they have had to change the number to 01-837 7324. Calls made to 837 7174 will be transferred for the time being, but if you have any friends who have a note of the old number-get them to change it in their little black books. 01-837 7324 is in operation NOW.

Beginnings

After a piece of 'kite-flying' in GN31, representatives of fifteen different gay organisations met together in September 1973 at the Boltons in Earls Court. At that time the scheme seemed to be just a mass of headaches. Where could we find accommodation? Where could we find the money? Where could we find the volunteers? Where would we get the information? Were we sure that the gay community wanted such a service?

Yet one by one the problems were overcome. Accommodation was solved when GLF decided that they could no longer provide enough people to run their office, and so they agreed to hand it over to Switchboard. Money came from many sources, donations from gay groups, gifts from well-wishers, enough any way to get the service off the ground. Volunteers have steadily been applying to help out, and the word has got around that an evening spent on the Switch-board can be a lot of fun. The information was culled from many places, commercial gay guides, the Gay News info page, CHE and GLF offices - a good enough pile of base information to be getting on with.

That left only one question unanswered. Did the gay community want the service?

theless divided up the jobs to be done between about a dozen people, and these look after the background chores that have to be done if there are going to be enough volunteers with enough information to answer the phones

Tim Perrott acts as a sort of hustler-inchief and chairs the committee which makes sure that money is spent in the right way. Bryan King takes care of the secretarial side of things, looking after Switchboard's correspondence. John Wilmott is the one responsible for the volunteer roster. Two people are involved with information-John Metcalf makes sure that it comes in, and checks that gay groups are feeding him with all the stuff they know about, and to John Lindsay falls the unenviable task of keeping all the records up to date, and devising fiendishly simple schemes for storing all the information so that someone on the phones can lay their hands on it in a matter of seconds. Yet another 'John' (Beswick) keeps Switchboard up to date on legal affairs, accommodation and employment, and Paul Simmons feeds back information about foreign gay scenes. Looking after the purse is treasurer Jo McVay-Abbott, and public relations and advertising are handled by Gay News editor Denis Lemon.

The committee meets to talk over the Switchboard's activities and has the final say on money affairs, but the meetings are deliberately left open to anyone associated with the service to attend if they want.

Outside reactions

They have also decided to fix up occasional meetings when representatives of all the gay organisations can meet with them for joint discussions about the most effective role Switchboard can play. At these meetings they are going to report back on the work that they have been doing, keeping in touch with the rest of the organised gay world. The first of these 'consultative meetings' is to be held on June 9 at 7.00pm in the Prince Albert, Wharfedale Road, Kings Cross

One of the things they will be able to report on is the success of their regular Saturday night disco at the Prince Albert. Besides helping to pay the rent, it seems that a lot of people have 'come out' within the gay community for the first time here. People who phone the Switchboard and want to meet someone from the organisation are invited along to the Saturday night fling. Many of them have never been to a gay disco before, some of them never knew they existed, and they often ait shyly on one side to begin with. But they seldom do for long. If there's one thing they don't want to happen, it's to have people left out of the fun. According to Tim, some newcomers have to be dragged on to the dance floor. But they always end up glad that somebody did the dragging! And the discos are also a good opportunity for the volunteers to meet. New volunteers often end up here after their introductory briefing session, which takes place between 4.00 and 6.00 on Saturday afternoon. The introductory sessions were started when it was found that some volunteers had previously had very little contact with gay organisations. So at 4.00 on Saturdays, newcomers are taken through the works. If they don't know already, they're told roughly what each of the main gay groups does. They are shown the 2,000 index cards which carry details of clubs, GLF groups, pubs, lesbian organisations, discos, solicitors, CHE branches and you name it!

with a diary. In this diary are entered details of all the events taking place on any particular day which would interest gay men and women. John Lindsay told us that in London alone there are probably half a dozen different things happening on any one night except, perhaps, Sundays. Switchboard finds that many big events clash, and they hope that anybody organising an event in future will realise the advantage in checking with them first to see if they've heard of anything else going on the same day.

Up to date

Keeping all their information up to date presents them with one of their biggest problems, but one that they seem to have dealt with efficiently. Anyone who calls from out of town for information is given what he or she wants to know, and is then asked for information in return. If they are planning to go to the place Switchboard recommended, they are asked to phone back. afterwards with a report on the place. And apparently a good number of people do. They also pass on any information of their own which might be of use to everyone else.

Switchboard has also written to groups around the country asking for information on them, and asking to be put on their mailing list if they produce a newsletter. Again, there has been a good response. Foreign organisations will also be getting similar requests from them.

Because the group works hard at helping callers, and they offer a friendly service, all sorts of snippets of news are picked up in the course of a conversation; a local club has just shut down or opened up, cottages in Sheffield are called 'taylors', the local CHE group is getting air time on local radio. Every-thing is carefully noted so that no piece of valuable information goes astray

All calls are logged in a simple way. There of course, no record about the person who called, but they keep a note of what sort of information was being asked for, what time the call came in, and if it is a call from outside London then what are it came from.

What they ask

From these logs they have found that about 40% of the calls are for pubs and clubs, half of them from outside London. GLF and CHE inquiries account for about 10% each, with other gay organisations making up another 20%. Assistance with medical, counselling and VD problems constitutes 10% of the total, and the remaining calls are about legal affairs, accommodation, em-



A volunteer at the Switchboard

ployment and 'miscellaneous', which includes the occasional abusive call from a kid, or from a middle-class person mouthing obscenities in a 'nice' accent. But they don't have much trouble from phone cranks.

They would welcome more calls with information from women. At present, some 20% of the calls are probably from women, but they do not get nearly enough information about clubs, discos, and other events or groups organised for women. They asked us to make an urgent appeal for more women's

information. Other bits and pieces that Switchboard is short of include 5" x 3" card-catalogue drawers, filing cabinets and publicity outlets. They would be delighted to hear from anyone who could offer them help with any of these. They would of course still welcome donations to help them keep going, and there is still plenty of room for any volunteers who would like to help out on the phones. Information too; if you go away for a holiday and try a gay club or gay group, let them know about it. Even if they know that it exists, they still want to know how you enjoyed it. Did the club np you off? were they friendly? How many members did the gay group have? What have they got planned? In the end, the value of the Gay Switchboard is in the hands of the people who use it. They will always be glad of your help in this way.



Information, the heart of Gay Switchboard

There was no way of knowing without actually trying. And everyone involved sat around twiddling their thumbs anxiously, waiting for March 4, the first day of operation, and the day they would get their answer.

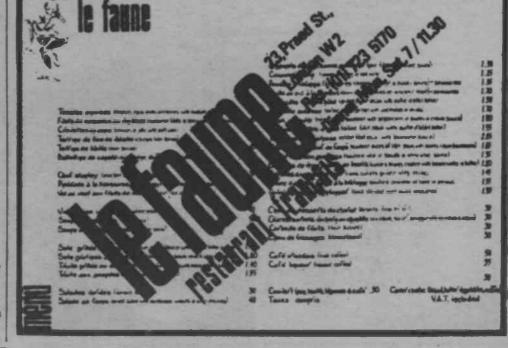
There were between fifty and sixty calls on that first night alone. Some of course were messages of congratulations and good wishes, but many were for the sort of infor-mation that Gay Switchboard had been set up to provide, and Tim Perrott told GN at the time that their information system was being stretched to the limit. But they coped with the job they had set out to do.

Today

How are they coping today, two and a half months later? This was the question GN asked Tim Perrott, Bryan King and John Lindsay when they dropped into our offices recently

First, organisation-something that can often be a tricky problem for a new group with a lot of work on its plate. Fighting shy of strict titles (President, Vice-President, Deputy-Vice-Rear-Batman), they have never-

The information desk is also equipped



Gayness

Hand in hand with Feminism

By Veronica Harvey

I am a lesbian-and a feminist. In my view, the two are inextricably linked, one to the other: they are not separate ideologies.

It is only in comparatively recent years that I have become actively involved in the women's movement, but ever since I can remember, I have been gay (though coming out inevitably took a little time). Even had I not been gay, radical feminism of the kind that exists today would almost certainly have tipped the balance for me.

Granted, by no means all gay women are militants. Some do not support the movement at all, taking not the slightest interest in the continuing struggle to free half the population of centuries of oppition. By their collective head-in-the-sand attitudes, they are merely helping to create yet another minority group. The very least they can do is to acknowledge the existence and the right to fight of the feminist element. And they should encourage and support that fight

Changing society's attitudes towards gays means changing countless other die-hard ideas, the traditional notions regarding lifestyles that permeate our culture. The totally false assumption that the family must come first-in housing, in benefits, in status, in LIFE- must be eradicated once and for all. We have to educate society into accepting alternative lifestyles. One valuable way in which this could partially be achieved is, I believe, through a coming together of all gays, both sisters and brothers. Because until women become equal citizens- in every sense of the word 'equal' the nuclear family will continue to reign supreme. It will continue to receive society's seal of approval as the ideal 'state', and the old structure of husband, wife and two-kids-in-a-suburban-semi will remain intact.

Even in the gay world, women are still too often regarded as the second sex- and some of us are not entirely blamcless. Women, we are told, are their own worst enemies . . . and it's true. Many sisters, whether het or gay, have a tendency towards apathy, a basic lack of drive, after years of conditioning (from parents and society) to the passive role. This underlying insecurity,



this "let's leave it to the men" approach, can be found in all corners of society. I've seen it happen in so many gay organisations: the men take over, as of right, and the few women who do turn up get disillusioned and finally chicken out.

Thankfully, this situation is changing somewhat. In Holland and Belgium, for instance, there are Women's Houses for feminists and gay women. In London, our own Sappho is, I believe, working towards a similar end: an all-embracing (pardon the pun) club where women can meet, rap, drink, dance, etc.

Yes, gay women are out to prove that the club world is not just a man's world. As women everywhere are relying less and less on MANpower to mend our fuses, fix our shelves and hump our furniture, so we gay sisters must establish more and more of our own clubs and campaigns. We need to raise the consciousness of all men, gay men included. Having done that, we shall then be in a position to declare: "I am a woman-and I'm proud."

Here we are again we make a habit of such things, but it appreciated by all of the GN team.

It's not as if we make a habit of such things, but it seems as if a few words about the last issue would not be amiss. Of course, the content was for you to judge, but we were rather pleased with the new style front cover and the extra use of colour. Hope you were too.

As you will see by reading the letters columns on page 2, some readers are divided in their opinions about the sort of paper we are currently using. Although the newsprint GN was previously printed on is still impossible to obtain, our printers are mentalistic for supplies of upper that is a creat negotiating for supplies of a paper that is a cross between ordinary newsprint and the type used by us in the past.

Local Correspondents Wanted

Thanks to the work of our local correspondents, GN's news section includes more items from around Britain than ever before. That's no reason to rest on our laurels, but to increase our news coverage out-side of London and the Home Counties we need the assistance of more people who will send us in reports of gay events and/or cuttings from their local newspapers. If you're interested in helping, please phone news editor Michael Mason at our offices

Gay Rights Fund

The amount of money in the Gay Rights Trust Find's bank account has now risen to £175.85. The fund was set up for the purpose of helping to protect the legal rights of all gays. Initially this can be done by making financial assistance available to anyone in the United Kingdom who needs help with legal costs. Payments will be made at the dis-cretion of the fund's two trustees (Mr Richard Creed and myself) and when the applicant's legal Creed and myself) and when the applicant's legal advisors agree that there has been an infringement of his or her legal rights and legal aid is not fully obtainable.

If you want to help, please give us your support If you want to help, please give us your support by sending a donation (crossed cheques/postal orders made out to Gay Rights Fund) to Gay Rights, c/o Gay News, 62a Chiswick High Road, London W4 ISY. A receipt will be sent if requested, and full details of the trust fund's progress will appear in forthcoming issues of GN. The trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have already contributed to the fund.

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Friendly Chilterns

Many thanks to all members of the Gay Chilterns group, especially Haydn, for giving me such a friendly reception when I attended your meeting on 8th May. Your constructive comments, criticisms and suggestions were particularly interesting and the support you give the paper generally is much

History Of Nude Photography

We are planning to publish an article on the history of male nude photography from 1915 to 1950, and would be indebted to anyone who will loan us any prints or magazines which will illustrate the historical development of the genre. Any information you can provide is also welcome. Please send photos etc, with your name and address for their return, to Rictor Norton at the GN offices.

Ann Hathaway Competition

Because of the reaction of some readers, we'd like to point out that we weren't joking when we announced our first amateur photography compe-tition. As stated last issue, all you have to do is take a picture of a magnificent cottage, historically fascinating or otherwise. The two factors which will be taken into consideration when judging the entries will be architectural beauty and the quality of the print. First prize is £5 and runners-up will receive £1.

Entries should be no smaller than 6%" x 8%" in black and white only, and they must reach us no later than Monday, 1st July 1974. The entrants' names and addresses should be printed in block capitals on the back of the photographs sent in and the winning entries will be published in GN. Please send your photos to Ann Hathaway Competition, c/o Gay News, 62a Chiswick High Road, London

W4 15Y. They cannot be returned. So dig your cameras out, blow off the dust that has accumulated over the winter, and get cottaging. Guide Delayed But .

Some of my best friends make typesetting errors, bless 'em. Unfortunately, the one in this column last issue, in the section under the sub-heading 'Guide Delayed', meant that the last sentence related the exact opposite of what it was intended to convey. It should have said: "Because of the printing difficulties that have held up production of GN's Mini Gay Guide, any information readers may care to send in during the next few weeks will now be included in the guide."

Dates And Deadlines

The next issue of Gay News (No 48) will be pub-lished and available on 6th June. Details of advertis-ing deadlines and copy dates for that edition can be found under the credits section at the bottom of this page and at the beginning of the Personal Ads columns on page 17. It is important to refer to these dates to avoid disappointment, as they will be strictly adhered to because of printing schedules.

Denis Lemon

Aches&Pains

Although gay people are less reticent today about admitting their gayness to their own doctors, and although it is to be hoped that doctors are a bit more enlightened on the subject than they used to be, it is still true that a lot of gays are reluctant to discuss their particular problems with their local GP. For this reason, and because gay problems may be of general interest to our readers, we have installed our own resident doctor. If you have any medical problems which you

Women in Bristol

BRISTOL: I am involved with the Women's Liberation movement, and am also a homo-sexual woman. There is a small group of us who take ourselves seriously enough to want a stable organisation. Up to now we meet more or less casually in pubs or clubs etc, and clearly it is not possible to hold discussions in such surroundings, nor is this a suitable way in which to meet or introduce new friends. Now at last progress is being made, and after talks with the Bristol Women' Liberation Group they have agreed to let us use their centre at 11, Waverley Road, Redland, in Bristol each Wednesday from 8pm on wards.

It is our hope and intention to provide a place where women who are perhaps uncertain of themselves may meet those who have accepted their homosexuality or bisexuality.

Going further into the future, we would like to start something in the nature of a club or disco, and would welcome ideas and suggestions. Clearly there will be many women who may be reluctant to meet a group for the first time, so why not write to the address given, and one of us will meet Mary Rhodes

think are related to a gay life-style, please send them to Aches & Pains, c/o Gay News, 62a Chiswick High Road, London W4 1SY, and we will print them and the doctor's reply. Please keep your letters brief and to the point. The doctor has also promised to answer some who do not want their letters printed, if a stamped, addressed envelope is enclosed. State CLEARLY if you do not work work letter printed. Naturally, all correspondent not want your letter printed. Naturally, all correspondence will be treated in the strictest confidence.



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Queens of the May



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Left to right: Mimi (third prize), Rajah (second prize), Jean Fredericks, and winner Graham Antony, crowned Queen of the May at the recent Mardi Gras and Crowns Ball. The next Porchester Hall ball will be on Saturday July 6th, the theme of which will be 'The Roaring Twenties and Swinging Seventies'.

With the advent of yet another London

Season, a girl's first Coming Out Ball is bound to be something of an event in her young life. So it was with some stirrings of trepidation that I faced the prospect of Jean Fredericks' inaugural May Ball and the launch of this year's Fun Ball Calendar on Saturday, 11th May.

Porchester Hall stands, a massy eminence grise, frowning down the length of (in the circumstances, appropriately named) Queensway; and entering the Hall can be a hazardous procedure for anyone unfamiliar with its geography—but, after inspecting my ticket with interest, the Public Baths attendant kindly redirected me to the correct entrance in Porchester Road.

I'm not sure quite what I was expecting; but whatever rosy visions I may have had of excesses rivalling those of the pre-Adamite Sultans remained unfulfilled. Above all, the immediate atmosphere was cheerful and jolly which does not augur well for any spirit of decadence. Jane Austen might well have recognised the effect which was essentially decorous in the liberated manner of our times, and personally I was reminded of the Rugger Club dances of my youth—except that the girls are prettier at Porchester Hall.

The Hall itself presents immediate difficulties. The stairs leading to the Ballroom lead upwards. It is possible to make an interesting exit from, but not a spectacular entrance to the Ball, and, as any lady knows. it is better to arrive divinely than to travel hopefully. Nevertheless, bearing such disappointment stoically, the top of the stairs is conveniently and publicly placed for maximum effect. It was here I encountered my hostess-the maternal and unfailingly kind Jean Fredericks in one of my favourite gowns of the season-a festive georgette rainbow gathered in soft folds from a small (well, relatively) brassiere top by John Bates at Jean Varon.

The main ballroom, as my partner re-marked, looked like a gay Hammersmith Palais-decadent it was not. Nothing like it. As an exercise in unpretentious Low Camp, and none the worse for that, there was none of the overpoweringly competitive atmosphere that can easily degenerate into heavy bitchery. Little knots and groups of people having a good time provided the characteristic overall flavour of easy amiability. Therefore it was not inappropriate that the music to introduce the forty-five contestants was by 'Love Unlimited'. Now, there are several criteria by which standards of drag can be assessed-but one acid test of feminine poise is whether one can step down from a raised dais without tripping inelegantly on one's dress, launching oneself into space and the audience, and/or breaking one's

pretty neck. I regret to say that a good fifty per cent of the contestants failed to make the grade. They appeared, ascended, giggled, and fell off into outer darkness from which, mercifully, they declined to reappear. Only one lady had to be cajoled into her public appearance and then equally persuaded to step down again.

First prize winner was Graham Anthony, and, if Mr Anthony continues to win first prize time after time, it is simply because there is no one to touch him for sheer fashion, poise and elegance. Clearly, he takes careful note of contemporary style and adapts it perfectly to suit his undoubted personal advantages of height, figure and colouring. In addition to commending the fantasies of the second and third prize-winners, who interpreted the spirit of Mardi Gras in a thoroughly determined display of conspicuous excess, I here wish to award a personal honourable mention to a quartet of chocolate-box Southern Belles in emerald green, lilac, bronze/black and blue/cream respectively, who were successfully backed up by two divine gentlemen in sober black dress suits relieved by occasional splashes of sparkle and chic Sassoon haircuts.

Ignoring the canon 'Never apologise, never explain', I'd like to say a word in my own defense. A fashion critic is not necessarily also a walking fashion plate. The writer who can sit down at a typewriter to bang out "Elegance is a fashion must this season" should not be assumed to personify the truth of such statements. Indeed, we get a little jaded towards the end of a heavy season and there is nothing we like better than the very simplest and most understated of outfits for ourselves. Appearing, therefore, in a discreetly comfortable grey cord Norfolk jacket by Cacharel, black New Man velvet trousers, and a striped silk Gatsby shirt from Jermyn Street, I suffered some embarrassment at being rather under-dressed for the occasion.

Relief of sorts was afforded by the cabaret, which consisted of a belly dancer who, as a finale, lay on her back facing the judges, thereby inadvertently revealing that under the cache-sexe there was no sexe to cache. Clearly, under-dressing is a state of mind as much as it is a state of nudity, and in this ect I wish to take public issue with Mr Denis Lemon who assured me he would appear in his customary informal attire. So I did, too. And he didn't. In fact, Mr Lemon, having been successfully up-staged by your chic blue velvet suit and butterfly bow tie, I'd just like to say, right here and now, that in future you can whistle for your . (ED: Is there much more of this? - ITF: Yes ED: No, there isn't. Article ends ...)

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May Fever ~A 20th Century Horror Story

Police persecution of queers always hots up in May, I understand. You perhaps recall a member of the Manchester CID who was quoted as saying he "hated queers because they are weak." Queers are an easy target-and the more convictions the police can get at this time of year the more likely are their promotion prospects which I'm told come up for review around June. I will continue to use the word 'queer' if I may -hopefully it may inflame the reader into action-for that is what the police and far too many straight people think of us as-

It will not surprise you to learn I have had reason to distrust the police all my life. Thanks to them I have a 'record' I was arrested by them when as a young man, lonely and friendless in London, I was 'trolling' in the West End. I will not bore you with the details, but as a result I was wrongly convicted on the perjured evidence of two CID men. I had nobody I could turn to my sense of shame and terror was so great. Others who have shared this kind of experience will know full well what it's like Like any criminal I had my prints taken (if it happened now, being older and wiser, I would refuse) and I was placed on probation. And probation, despite what I was told to the contrary, is a conviction. I had committed no offence before this incident and have committed none since-but this branding has been with me mentally and emotionally all my life-thanks to those corrupt CID men and the Magistrate who took their word against mine. However, I am now in my carly middle age, law abiding, unhappy, fairly presentable, pretty good job, paying my taxes-but NOT LIVING FREE! I read recently there are about five million homo-sexuals in Britain, all tax payers and all paying heavily for the right NOT TO BE FREE TO BE THEMSELVES. I suddenly woke up and realised what a scandalous state of affairs this is. I wonder how many people realise what a dangerous and unjust Act the current one is which permits homosexual acts ONLY between consenting adults over 21. It encourages not only blackmail (which it was supposed to prevent) but robbery and violence on a scale not previously experienced

There is a large percentage of the queer population that is middle-aged and overand is attracted to persons younger than themselves, and often under 21. They cannot help it—that is their 'cross', if you like. These men are trapped without hope of escape between the police and any young male of a mercenary and vicious disposition. And these young men exist in ever-increasing numbers as they discover how profitable queer-bashing can be-and because they know the older man has no hope of securing justice either from the police or through the Courts. To give you a couple of examples: A middle-aged friend of mine took home a young man and was savagely attacked as he was cooking him a meal. He was knocked out by a blow on the head with a bottle. After the young guest had smashed up the flat, he left with wallet, cash, transistor, clothes, cheque book, driving licence. My friend could not go to the police because the young man was under 21 - though over 16. It must also be pointed out that the young man went back to my friend's flat of his own free will. The attitude of the police

Despite Fr Cowper's good intentions in "Gays in the Eyes of God" (GN46), my own nagging conclusion is that the organised Christian Church is "essentially anti-gay", and anti-gayness is practically one of its theological tenets (certainly Christianity still promotes the oppressive structure of the nuclear family unit). Perhaps we can forget about ancient history, but anyone con-victed under the modern 'sodomy' statute

would, of course, be on the side of the young man, and against the queer. The police appear to condone this sort of violence-they always have done-but surely they are soon going to have to seriously reconsider their attitude. Another story not about someone in middle age for a change. Two young men living together-one goes away-the other picks up young man in a toilet - takes him to his flat-not realising he was being followed. Within minutes of getting inside the flat there is a tremendous banging on the front door, and when it was opened in rush three young men when it was opened in the owner-threaten and beat him-and proceed to take every-thing: colour TV, hi fi, records, clothes, personal papers, the lot. They load it all into the owner's own car (parked outside) and

drive off. This kind of outrage is happening daily to queers of all ages: and mostly they can only be silent. I know there are many wellorganised gangs of young thugs springing up who persecute queers in this way, and it is with the full blessing of police and state. For these thugs know they have the law and the police on THEIR side! I wonder if the straight world really would condone this if they knew all the facts: Anyway-homo-sexuals BEWARE! This appalling situation exists because DESPITE the Sexual Offences Act there is still termendous heatility ard Act there is still tremendous hostility and discrimination against homosexuals. We pay our taxes, are law abiding for the most part (except outside the Boltons and the Coleherne) but we are foully persecuted. Countless muggings and several unsolved murders are further testaments to police refusal to uphold the rights of homosexuals. This dreadful state of affairs in all conscience cannot be allowed, indefinitely, to continue without some kind of desperate reprisal against the police and the state.

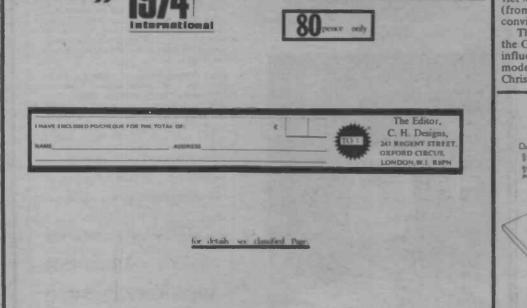
What are we going to do about it? We must campaign with all our strength for the age of consent to be lowered to 16. Your brave new paper carries articles which demand the right to kiss and hold hands in public and complain at police harassment outside the Earls Court pubs, but these things are trivial when one considers how many of our queer brothers are being persecuted in the way I have described. The Suffragette plays currently on BBC 2 might just give us a lead. These women campaigned against injustice. They had great courage and we all may need to take courage unto ourselves. We have been persecuted for far too long. We may need to be more militant—we may need to make a great nuisance of ourselves as did the Suffragettes—we want equal rights with straights—we want the right to live as we choose-without harming others-the right to be happy.

Richard Cameron

Other angels

been amply documented (Derrick Sherwin Bailey, Homosexuality and the Western Christian Tradition; Thomas S Szasz, The Manufacture of Madness, Wainwright Churchill, Homosexual Behavior Among Males; Edward Westermarck, The Origin and Development of the Moral Ideas, and others).

I certain respect Fr Cowper's rational, common-sense ethical humanism, but not his specific religion. In most modern Christian

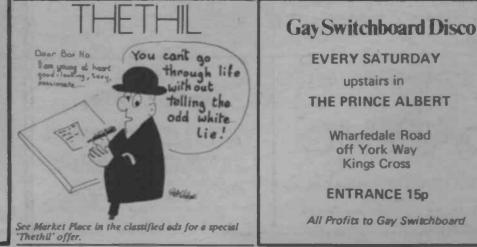


(from the myth of Sodom) was ipso facto convicted under a specifically Christian law

The officially-stated anti-gay attitudes of the Christian Church has had a tremendous influence upon the anti-gay attitudes of modern law, psychiatry, and education, and Christian homophobia and its effects have

religions as religions homosexual love is still theologically classified as a sin rather than a sacrament. This of course does not mean that it is a sin-it just means that we shall need other angels if we are to go to another paradise.

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by John Riley

Since we're talking about sex-appeal-and we are, so pay attention-you can forget all about Cat Stevens, Michael York and David Bowie, because I'm telling you: they can't hold a candle to me. Of course, it's not a thing I boast about, chaps don't; after all it's just something I was born with. But, from the alarming number of requests I've had to share the secrets of my success, none at all (What is wrong with this country?), I've decided that now is the moment to tell you, dear readers, just where you are not going wrong.

Did you know that in a recent poll, Gays overwhelmingly chose the burn as the part of a fella's physique which most appealed to them? Everyone's into bums, it seems, and a whole new vocabulary of in-jokes ('Nice one' and 'PLB'-meaning Pert Little Bum) has grown up around this singular phenomenon. Singular? Getting wind of this-oops-Gays, nationwide, went to no end of troubleespecially if they had no end to speak of-to enhance their posteriors, by throwing away their Y-fronts, tying their shirt-tails around their middles, Hawaiian-style, and wearing perilously tight trousers and a clenched expression.

Fatal! This adolescent display got them nowhere, unless it was the wrong end of a proctoscope. Riley Rule number 1 is: Hide Everything. No one has ever seen my burn. I tell a lie; the PT instructor at school once caught a glimpse (I was the only boy in 3C who sported a white satin jock-strap); he reported back to the staff-room: 'Nothing to ride home about'-but he was just jealous. Secrecy is essential in 'global' warfare. So I wear baggy trousers and thigh-length sweaters The theory is that what the eye doesn't see, the psyche grieves over-and it works! So often, when I enter a room, a hush cor over the assembled company. Most Gays

would find this bewildering, but I'm able to rise above it, because I know the area of speculation. I treat them all to a smile, a smile of complicity, brimming with dubious promise

Rule 2: Conversational Gambits-Don't Use Them. Eagerness to please has been the downfall of many a poor queen: 'Now Mr Eismann, tell me all about the Button business.' Those Swish finishing schools are wrong, believe me; turning on the full charm results in turning off the talent.

The best conversational gambit of all is total silence. It unnerves your companion; it throws the social obligation to communicate onto him and makes him think. After twenty minutes of this, any guy is simply worn out and easy prey to your evil designs.

Rule 3 is perhaps the most effective of all: Unavailability. The trick is immediately to establish that you are spoken for. A good opener here is, "Of course, I've always been 100% faithful to my friend; somehow his being mentally handicapped makes complete trust even more important." You may substitute "his being a Vicar" or "away in Ulster" if you wish-just make sure it's highly emotive. There now, at a stroke you have established that you're one helluva nice guy, someone to cultivate and, what's more, probably in need of a therapeutic romp. Naturally when the pay-off materilises, as it must, there will need to be a placebo for your stricken conscience-but that's his problem.

So now you are all set; follow my three rules, hide it, keep quiet, imply no diceand your glittering future will make the Yellow Brick Road seem like an obstacle race. In return for this guarantee of success all I ask, is that if you see me at a party, a vet again, you'll spare a litt

'Star_Gays' with Merlin



Gemini

May 21 to June 20

To dispel all rumours, Merlin of "Star-Gays" is not 98, doesn't boast a long white beard, or a flowing cloak covered with Zodiac symbols, hasn't owned a tall hat in his life, and rather draws the line at casting spells however tempted. But he is a GEMINIAN, which may account for a mild prejudice towards this exotic, ever-youthful, butterfly of the Zodiac and, incidentally, those rumours. GEMINIANS have a definite dual nature. Two

GEMINIANS have a definite dual nature. Two of everything, as their symbol. The Twins, indicates. They just love to share. Food, home, lovers, the rent, and especially the latest bit of gossip. Never give a secret to GEMINIANS. You might as well ask the Beeb to put it out as a special news flash, the effect will be about the same. Although GEMINIANS quite like to be alone,

Although GEMINIANS quite like to be alone, they can't stay alone for long. If they can't get out to a concert, the bars, a library, or park, or drop in on a friend for a chat, then on goes radio, record-player, TV. Out comes a deck of cards, the latest novel, a jigsaw or crossword, and GEMINI settles down to a really crowded evening. Everything at once? Oh, yes, but everything! A typical GEMINIAN passtime is to read, ext, listen to the latest record

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(classical or pop), have the TV on with sound turned down (so as not to miss the dreamy guy in that rather dreary series), and not turn a hair when the 'phone rings and a lovely gossipy chat ensues. When exhaustion sets in, GEMINIANS flop into

bed with a book, have lots of sleep, make a few 'phone calls to keep in touch, potter round doing a little light dusting, and eventually rush off again, minds and bodies completely relaxed. Sheer exuberance of living keeps GEMINIA NS looking incredibly ance of living keeps GEMINIA NS looking incredibly youthful, long after an age when they should surely be showing a few lines or at least a grey hair or two, as other Star Gays resentfully note. (But there comes a dark day, well into their old age, when everything comes up and hits them—teeth and hair drop out, lines appear, and overnight they catch up with the rest). Curlosity and sheer nosiness; bitchy remarks, witty throwaway lines; super-ficial knowledge often combined with a supersister bitchy remarks, witty throwaway lines; super-ficial knowledge often combined with a surprising intelligence; delightful caprices offsetting life-long relationships. All part of the very rich and varied pattern GEMINIANS weave around themselves as they dash off on a dozen differing activities, few of which will ever be completed—at least, not by GEMINIANS themselves. And how GEMINIANS love to change their jobs! Just when they seem settled at last, with a pension looming up in later years, away they go with a cloud of dust covering amazed onlookers. The next you hear, they are off by car, boat and plane, to Australia. A few weeks later, they suddenly appear again, having changed their minds half way

appear again, having changed their minds half way there!

there! One GEMINIAN problem is of moods. Up one minute, not a care in the world, they next they are in despair, contemplating a jump off the GPO tower. Don't worry though, introspective they may be, but in a day or two they will be back contemplat-ing someone else's conquest. "Just a chat, nothing more" they will say. But as they can talk them-selves and anybody to hand in and out of bed selves and anybody to hand in and out of bed, through the front door and out of their lives, it's best to hang around and snatch back any loved one before they emerge dazed and bewildered from a whirlwind experience. For good measure, GEMINI has probably had someone hammering on the back door as the first caprice is ushered out of the front. Silly to care though, because GEMINIANS are more often quite happy with a superficial response rather than a deep relationship: they can, after all, establish, draw out their needs, and throw away in the course of an evening what others take weeks or months to even get off the ground. If GEMINIANS sound difficult to pin down and

take seriously, there are fortunate exceptions. A serious-minded GEMINIAN, in control of his own confusing nature, will always talk with great emotional depth and respond to intelligent and intellectual reasoning. Their love of music, books, people, and anything set in the future rather than the present or past, tempers the most mercurial, many of whom are very conscious of their own failings. Harness a GEMINIAN'S brilliant mind to any worthwhile project, and it can reach the very heights. They can become really famous in their chosen fields, as witness Queen Victoria, news-paper magnate Lord Beaverbrook, Judy Garland, and several poets, other royalty, sportsmen, actors, statesmen, shop assistants, and, of course, Merlin!

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Inevitably, an attempt at an acceptable definition: bisexuality is the capacity to be attracted by people of either sex coupled with the ability to realise this in terms of emotional involvement and physical demonstration which are of similar intensity what-ever the sex of the other person.

A touch clumsy, and not wholly satisfactory to me, but to go further would be to enter a confusing and unproductive area of sub-definitions, until the bisexual is cate-gorised out of existence. The possibility of relating to individuals of both sexes simultaneously, or at different periods, should be provided for. But every person is a unique individual with his or her own pattern of responses and methods of coping with situations. It seems likely that a bisexual whose homosexual component is low, or only emerges at certain times, may chose to live a predominantly heterosexual life-style with occasional diversion. And the reverse may also happen. The possibility of there being at any given time, an equal choice is improbable since when there are two alternatives then one of them must always, for any amount of reasons, be ultimately preferred to the other.

So to define and attempt to examine bisexuals in terms of 40 (gay) : 60 (straight) or 10:90 would clearly be tedious and not very useful.

One reservation must be made. This paper is not primarily concerned with those many homosexual men and women who married before realising their homosexuality. Family pressures, force of social conventions, even a feeling that marriage might effect a 'cure' for a dimly recognised homosexuality are among the things responsible for such a situation. These men and women usually reject the idea that they might be bisexual. This is not to discount their problems, and it is certain that these are shared by many bisexuals. The function of this paper, then, is to discuss the situation of the bisexual (with the emphasis on the homosexual element) and to see where and how the bisexual and a gay organisation might interrelate.

This is the text of a paper by Roger Baker, in collaboration with Glenys Parry, commissioned by the Campaign for Homosexual Equality for the Malvern Conference. Gay News felt it worth offering the paper to a wider readership than the conference delegates as we believe it represents the first attempt, in this country at least, to make a statement about bisexuality from the gay point of view.

exploration and writings produced by the gay liberation movements (especially in America) that concepts of bisexuality have emerged in any thoughtful or serious way.

The bisexual is not unfamiliar in literature, from Shakespeare's Rosalind to the sub-liminal suggestions of *Design for Living*¹. And in some cases-notably those of Oscar Wilde and Victoria Sackville-West-life has certainly imitated art. But as has so often happened with the exclusive homosexual, the bisexualwhether a fictive device or a real persontended to be seen as something apart, a perverse creation or a living oddity and therefore of little relevance to the ordinary men and women in the street.

Until recently, bisexuality on this level (street level) has been given very short shrift. Consider, for example, the comment in D J West's still-reprinted Homosexuality² West even puts the word within inverted commas, as if the idea were a phony to start with. "Sometimes [bisexuality] is the symptom of a more serious condition, and betrays an underlying weakness of a character similar to that which makes men slaves to alcohol or drugs."

There is another paperback, The Homo-sexual Society by Richard Hauser and reprinted as late as 1965. He uses the term 'potential addiction' in reference to bisex-uality and says later: "In the cases where homosexual or bisexual persons can fully overcome their difficulties, it seems that their driving force is derived from using their energies in social useful activities, so that they do not feel the loss, or not un-bearably at least."³ The point of using these dated texts is to indicate that the bisexual has been given scarcely a glance in what were, for many years, the only popularly accessible source books on homosexuality. Both West and Hauser are pretty demoralising for a homosexual and offer no insight to the person who goes to them seeking information on the homosexual component in his nature. (Both books assume lesbians don't exist.⁴) Bisexuality does not get a mention in Anthony Storr's Sexual Deviation⁵ though he has much to say about male and female homosexuality and other related subjects. It seems that the main message we can receive from the foregoing is a warning against a certain type of thinking. It is clearly much easier and more comfortable to work within clearly defined limits. And to be able to do this one must firmly categorise the subject. The homosexual is ideal for this treatment; homosexuality can be firmly defined and contained and attitudes to it evolved: tolerance, rejection, sympathy, moral outrage etc.

So are exhibitionism, algolagnia, scopo-philia and saliromania.⁶ But the bisexuallike the transvestite-subverts this neat system and will not be contained. (Nor in fact should the other deviations mentioned above, since they rarely exist in isolation and should not have value judgments put upon them-but that's another subject.)

Take this a step further. If, like West and Hauser, your basic attitude to homosexuality is that it is a sickness or a mental abberation, you can summon up a basic attitude which says something like: "Poor things, they can't help it, so let's not persecute them with criminal laws, let's do it with psychiatry and socially useful activity ..." This attitude is only possible when the subject can be totally defined.

But is receives a severe shaking when confronted with an evident homosexual component in an otherwise heterosexual person, and the only conclusion is that it must be a disgraceful blemish, willful and evidence of certain moral degeneracy. The idea that anyone able to express themselves in heterosexual terms could actually chose to engage in an homosexual experience is clearly appalling. This is the sort of monolithic thinking that would say something like: "No healthy person would choose to acquire diabetes, even though we feel sorry for diabetics." Which might be reasonable where disease is concerned, but which can hardly be applied to sexuality, or, indeed, to the many other choices made at a psychic level. But such thinking is evident in West and in Hauser and goes some way to explaining why bisexuality has been given such scant attention in the past. There may be another reason, perhaps only dimly perceived. And this is that if the number of exclusive homosexual men and women were added to the number of men and women who are bisexual and have enjoyed authentic homosexual experience. then the total would possibly be greater than the number of exclusively heterosexual men and women. The significance of this conjecture is that it seriously subverts conceptions of what is natural or normal sexual practice (when normal and natural are judged on the grounds of what is practiced by the majority). The charge that homosexual activity is unnatural is a powerful and emotional weapon in the hands of the homophobic. It is possible that a mass coming-out of bisexuals, or at least some well-documented research on the subject, would assert that a homosexual connection was the most natural thing in the world. (Unlikely though, for as

Gore Vidal⁷ has pointed out, the most universally widespread sex act is masturbation-and no one is going to agree that any other sex practice is an unnatural deviation from this norm!)

Today, of course, bisexuality far from being passed over with a shudder is positively fashionabl-. Recently we have been subjected to revelations of the multisexual activities of such diverse characters as David Bowie, Vita Sackville-West and her husband Harold Nicolson, Emlyn Williams, Marianne Faithfull, Manouche, George Melly, Joan Baez and Colin MacInnes (who has written an essay on bisexuality8).

Certainly the work of women's liberation and gay liberation has helped to create a climate in which Lisexuality can be acknowledged. Introducing his mother's auto-biography⁹, Nigel Nicolson suggests that only now is the time appropriate for the publication of this blow-by-blow account of Vita's liaison with Violet Trefusis. But it seems unlikely that the much-publicised sexuality of the lunatic fringe of show-biz (however important to the individuals concerned) is of any more help to the bisexual next door than the knowledge that people such as David Hockney or Graham Chapman are gay is to the homosexual across the street

"All human beings are bisexual. Conditioning, opportunity and habit account finally (and mysteriously) for sexual pre-

Background Thoughts

It was Kinsey who evolved the now-famous sliding scale ranging from exclusive heterosexuality at one end through exclusive homosexuality at the other, suggesting between the two poles a fairly large and undocumented area of bisexuality.

Even though Kinsey's findings were published almost 30 years ago, the bisexual has always been an ignored, rejected, even lost member of society. In fact, it has not been until the valuable wealth of discussion,



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ferences, and homosexualists are quite as difficult to generalise about as heterosexualists. "10

That comment, from Gore Vidal, sums up the current attitude to bisexuality held by the sexual liberation fronts. It is a view developed from Freud's belief that the child seems to take an indiscriminate pleasure from all parts of its body ('polymorphous perverse'), and also from the related observation that the infant is equally indiscriminate as to the sex of the person it is getting its kicks from. All this suggests that our original sex drive is essentially bisexual.11 (1 did think of bringing in the Old English sheepdog from next door to join in the fun around the pram, but this might indicate that our basic sex drive is bestial as well as bisexual. a concept against which even our most advanced sexual theorists may well gag.)

Freud's theory of sexual development from this early stage places exclusive heterosexuality at a mature stage, more mature than homosexuality, which is, as it were, grown out of. This concept has certainly affected thinking about homosexuality to a very great extent, and still does. Such a linear theory of sexual development is rejected, however. The free, intuitive, creative polymorphousness of the infant is subject to conditioning by society, which wants it to grow up very straight indeed. Enough has been written about the links between sex, politics and economics to suggest there is a deal of truth in this argument.

Western society is certainly dedicated to ensuring that its children are heterosexual. Sometimes this is overt and militant, as through the teachings of the churches and the provisions of the law. Sometimes it is covert or subliminal, as projected by advertising and what we might call popular culture (To capitalise on homosexuality, whether in iterms of pornography, *The Boys in the Band*, or Larry Grayson's bizarre performances, far from implying an acceptance of homosexuality as some seem to believe, merely emphasises the apartness of homosexuality, its deviance from the mainstream of alleged normality.)

The forces of conditioning are so strong it sometimes seems surprising that even one in twenty people fail to succumb. And this in turn says quite a lot about the natural strength of the homosexual impulse. We need not, then, be particularly amazed to discover that there is yet another large proportion of the population who have not conformed entirely—that is, the bisexual contingent.

Male Outlets

It is, of course, impossible to suggest even an approximate number of bisexual people. But it does seem that there are more men and women who are able to accept their homosexual component than is generally understood.

I referred earlier to an "authentic homosexual experience." by which I mean physical contact culminating in a satisfactory climax. It is a widely-accepted commonplace that men particularly seem to seek out and enjoy the monosexual company of their peers, and that these groupings—whether they are Rotary clubs, rugger teams or just gangs of mates—appear to possess a fairly strong emotional undertow which the presence of women will disperse in tension, aggression and competitiveness, the result of course of a need to indulge in role-playing.

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Often such all-male groups are regarded (mostly by homosexuals I'm afraid) as having a significantly gay basis. In the sense that they represent comfortable single-sex gatherings, this might be true. Some of these groups may, at times, enjoy casual homosexual activity – fringe events during a gang bang for example, or a little sleepy togetherness in the back of an amateur pop-group's van.¹² But it would be unwise to project a physical bisexual consciousness onto such gatherings.¹³

However, it is known that a social situation can, under certain circumstances, move into a certain sexual one. It happens when there may be pressure or tension, as in prisons; or when there is boredom and danger, as in a military situation. And there can be few male homosexuals who have not had the experience of scoring with one or two members of an aggressively heterosexual gang of mates drinking in the dockland areas of London or in the more industrialised districts of our larger cities and not in known gay haunts either. Additionally a number of male homosexuals try only to have sex with men whom they perceive as being 'straight' and seem to find little difficulty in achieving this.14

There is plenty of other, more secure, evidence that a large proportion of men who lead apparently perfectly heterosexual lifestyles do seek out and enjoy homosexual contact. Saunas and public lavatories, some commons and parks offer opportunities for casual and impersonal sexual encounters. These facilities are used by many men who otherwise repress any homosexual outlet, emotional or physical.

This is more or less common knowledge to male homosexuals who explore these delights, but it was only when Laud Humphreys produced his survey of the American cottaging scene, *Tearoom Trade*¹⁵, that a fact subsumed into homosexual mythology was given the authentication of sociological research.

Finally one might mention the number of males who are prepared to engage in homosexual activity for gain or advantage hustlers, Guardsmen, gigolos and the simply, penniless. There may be many other sources of evidence to indicate that apparently heterosexual men can take the opportunity of releasing their homosexual component. For example, if a couple engages in a threesome or foursome, although the sexual activity may be exclusively heterosexual, the facts that there are two individuals of the same sex in such an intimate situation surely indicates that they are able to confront a potentially homosexual encounter without guilt or anxiety. How much troilism and wife-swapping goes on, I have no idea, but if the columns of Penthouse and Forum are to be believed, quite a lot.

Female Outlets

Evidence that might give some clues as to the extent women are able to release their homosexual element is more difficult to find. This is entirely due, of course, to the radically different social situation women hold. The examples above relating to men are mostly based on the fact that men are freer socially than women, have more opportunities anyway and are much more independent. It seems that social status of women probably makes the position of the female bisexual almost intolerable, for even the most perfunctory outlet must be very difficult to achieve. There can be no cottaging, no cruising the parks, no quick saunas for women-and I have yet to hear of the female equivalent of the Piccadilly hustler catering

to oppressed married women. similar to those of men. Notably where some sort of stress is involved. Lesbian activity in prisons, in the women's armed forces and among prostitutes is documented well enough. And as with men, these are situations in which the homosexuality emerges under certain conditions, but receeds when the pressures are removed. It seems that very few men and women who have enjoyed homosexual relationships in prison pursue a homosexual life-style on release. All this might indicate that given equal opportunities women may well react on the same level as men, thus questioning accepted notions about the sexuality of women (e.g. won't have sex without love / take longer to arouse , need a man to release full enjoyment etc etc). And one hardly knows how many bisexual housewives seek a homosexual outlet while their husbands are away from home or at work. Observations on wife-swapping and troilism apply equally to women, of course, 16 **Slightly Tainted?**

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of course assumed a high degree of oppression on bisexuals. There are some bisexual men and women who have come to terms with their sexuality and evolved a satisfactory life-style. But I do think that life is probably much more difficult for the bisexual than even for the homosexual. No matter how he organises his own life, the homosexual does have certain advantages, notably independence and autonomy of action. A married bisexual man or woman has, of course, committed himself or herself to certain patterns and pressures that have little to do with their sexuality. On this level the unmarried bisexual man or woman has, on the other hand, tremendous advantages and a better chance of achieving a full emotional and sexual balance. For this individual can behave in the same pattern as any other unmarried person, enjoying a series of relationships which alter and change perfectly naturally, except that some of the relationships are with men, some with women. The married bisexual must always place the disciplines of marriage before his or her sexual needs, if only because there will be great unwillingness to put a marriage

at risk for the sake of a same-sex lover. And this brings us to what is perhaps the greatest problem for both the bisexual and the married homosexual: the difficulty of relating to gayness and the gayworld. As we have seen, 'official' thought suggests that homosexuality is an unfortunate sickness or infirmity, that the bisexual is mildly tainted and should snap out of it. There is no reason why the bisexual should not see it this way ell. Never having had to carve a pla in an exclusively gayworld, then percep-tions will, inevitably be those of the stereotype-unstable, promiscuous, effeminate, etc. "Getting sex" is very easy; coming to terms with its ambiance in a gay situation is problematic since, until now, no models have existed. There is one outlet available to the bisexual I haven't yet mentioned: that is joinging a gay organisation. The exclusive homosexuals that flocked along in the early days of CHE and GLF like it was another Hermione Gingold first night, were faintly surprised and not a little suspicious when they detected the really rather high percentage of married homosexuals and bisexuals that came along. In retrospect, I think these individuals had a sharper awareness of the full significance of gay liberation than did many of the original adherents. Sure, many came along for a ride and went away again, but other, who have stayed the course, could see that the assertion of the viability of homosexuality would have a profound effect on them.

element in gay outfits because, as I argued earlier, their presence involves more people in homosexuality (ie wives, heterosexual lovers) and also helps to indicate that homosexual activity is more widespread than is often believed, thus making it less peculiar. But the homosexual often tends to view the bisexual with bewilderment. There may be a feeling of being exploited or ripped off, for the homosexual who gets involved is going to resent, sooner or later, the bisexual's commitment to a domestic situation, or be more than usually wary of heterosexual rivals.¹⁷

Homosexual chauvinism comes on strong as well, for, dangerously, the bisexual can support one of the homosexual's great fantasy-consolations in trying to deal with his self-hatred: ie "everybody's gay really." Not just Shakespeare and Napoleon and Burt Reynolds and anyone else who takes, his passing fancy, but this real guy here as well. The great myth among male homosexuals—"everybody's available if the time and the lights are right"—receives confirmation.

And, of course, there is another and apparently contradictory reaction to the bisexual. The much-promoted theory of universal bisexuality comforts the oppressed gay because it suggests that he's not really queer whereupon he proceeds to rationalise his own perfectly justifiable choice of homosexuality.

Colin MacInnes¹⁸ has suggested that homosexuals, like other minority groups, attempt to win support by conversion. This does not mean that the homosexual attempts to lay every man or woman in sight (though some do). But both reactions outlined above are in fact attempts at conversion. Say "everybody's gay" or "everybody's bi" and you have, of course, converted the human race My own view is that gay is good and natural; that straight is good and natural; that bisexuality is good and natural. I believe that many homosexuals like myself could not possibly find any sort of continuing satisfaction in a heterosexual relationship; I believe that many heterosexuals could not possibly involve themselves in physical homosexual contact. I do not believe that bisexuality is automatically more desireable than either, but that like both, can be-must be-rewarding and fulfilling. Many of the already accepted objectives of gay organisations would be of equal assistance to bisexuals as to homosexuals, notably destroying the fear and myths that surround homosexuality, and asserting the gayworld as a living reality and not a hidden subterfuge.

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In attempting to outline some of the homosexual outlets pursued by bisexuals, I have

Many people welcome the bisexual

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As a gay literary historian (of sorts), I have a certain desire to release my brothers and sisters and myself from that dark nasty niche into which we have been thrust by History 'history' being of course a nice euphemism for almost exclusively Heterosexual History. My endeavour is indirectly related to the more immediate concerns of gay liberation today (in the streets, in the courts, in the schools, in the professions, in the hearts), insofar as it can provide, at least theoretically, a sense of Gay Culture.

And I think that gay culture can provide an important liberation of gay pride, however much everyone thinks it's more important to bury the past, to stop worrying about the future, and to live as best one can in the present. It seems to me that the Now Generation is always dying yesterday and the trendy generation is always dying tomorrow I really don't agree with Shelley's revolutionary advice to "let the dead bury the dead." If the dead are heterosexual, then of course I'll help bury them, but if they're gay, I'll help resurrect them from their heretofore not-to-be-named graves.

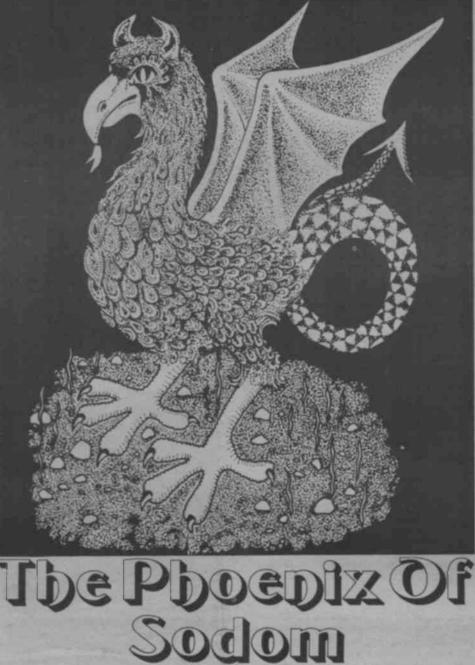
I don't think we need to be reactionary in order to be historians and culturalists. I think that we can in fact 'revolutionarily' discard the History created and distorted by hetero-sexual regimes and then try to find our own history, our own cultural heritage. Most people quite frankly need a sense of the past to give sustenance to their dreams of the future-there's even a more metaphysical theory proving that in the past lay our only claim to futurity. But how can we reclaim our heritage when our culture has been a subculture, supposedly filled with symptoms of pathological oppression, internalised guilt, the word unsaid, the bitterness that makes stillborn the great love in the heart, the repression that channels our love into hate?

The central fact of the modern gay liberation movement, the spirit that differentiates it from the 'homophile' reform movements of the 1860s, the 1920s, and the 1950s, is only partly the proud and public shouting in the streets of the slogan "Gay is good! Gay is great! Gay is just as good as straight!" Of even greater importance is the joy that is released during the chant, a joy that sometimes transforms the slogan into "Gay is good! Gay is great! Gay is twice as good as straight!" Humanist reformists believe that there is only one monolithic culture (they conceive of it in narrow Western Anglo-American terms and call it 'the human race'), and they quite properly emphasise as good as and our equality and commonality with straight culture (a tactic that has great sentimental appeal). We neo-barbarian liberationists, however, know that there are a great many different human cultures, that there are human natures rather than one human nature, and we quite properly emphasise twice as good and our uniqueness as gay peoples. This raises the thorny question about the natural superiority of homosexual love, and perhaps should be avoided when we appear on a university panel to reasonably proclaim our normal mediocrity. But, to be honest, gay persons are not just play folk we are quite extraordinary.

To say "It's a cliche to say that homosexuals are more artistic and creative and sensitive etc than heterosexuals" is in itself a cliche. We are not heaven forbid "the same same as' heterosexuals, but are uniquely different with our own positive and lasting contributions to humanity. Some of us are pederasts. Some of us are sadomasochists. Some of us are hustlers. Some of us are frenzied fairies in drag. In other words: we have amongst our ranks in our culture a wealth and variety of collectively liberating experience undreamed of by merely mortal heterosexuals.

We are Hamlet and his father in heaven and hell, while they are Horatio with his plodding commonsense. But we have listened to Horatio's cautious wisdom and the aca-

Comment



by Rictor Norton

Several of Rictor Norton's articles have appeared in GN – 'Bacon Rose High Under Queen James' (GN31), 'Blessed Are The Puer In Heart' (GN33), 'Gay Tales of Terror' (GN34), 'William Beckford, The Fool Of Fonthill' (GN41)– and more will appear in future issues. Now that Rictor has joined our staff as typesetter/contributor, we asked him to tell us a little more about why he writes on gay history and early gay literature. "Well, I'm sure it's a sublimation of some sort," he said, and then gave us the following essay as a fuller reply:

demic wit of Polonius for so long that we believe their gossip, that we waste our days meditating whether to be gay and proud or not to be. Too often we take up the dagger (to switch to Macheth) they offer us in order to cut off our rightful heritage, balls and all, unable to face the dilemma of integrating our liberation with our own culture

The less radical part of the gay liberation movement, as it exhibits itself in the public forum, is not so much political as politic Most of us seem willing to take three steps forward and two steps backward for the sake of expediency and 'hasten slowly' reform. We argue, according to the letter of the law, the case for private sexual behaviour among consenting adults (rather than consenting persons), and thereby forgo our inalienable right to fuck little boys on the courthouse lawn. We stuff our straight briefcases with a batch of statistics to show that 90% of all convicted child molesters are 40-year-old neterosexual husbands just in case someone has the unmitigated gall to mention that

some homosexuals have been pederasts (eg Socrates, Sophocles, Pindar, Horace, Goethe, Wilde, Genet, Gide, Theocritus, J Z Eglinton, and my good friend Harlequin Paramount). Pederasty happens to be one of the major phenomena of gay culture, certainly *the* major theme of gay literature. Those who go for the 'equality' theory argue that pederasty exploits the youth, that it involves adolescent fixation, that it's purely sexual, that it's this and that and the other nasty thing. Bah Humbug! The only bad thing about pederasty is that boys grow up and marry women, and get lock-stepped into the procreative dictatorship. The fact that we don't have a word for young boys who like older men which is often the case is a good indication of how effectively History has distorted our sense of our own culture. If we're going to have a viable liberated gay culture in the future, we're going to have to stop cringing under accusations of 'proselytizing', and foster the development of pederastic peda-gogy. Any experienced revolutionary knows

that real cultural change is accomplished only by the proper education of children.

Of course (of course) I myself am not a Proud Practising Pederast, and this is but an example to illustrate a point: nearly all of the programmes for "our" gay liberation (manifestos, gay organisations, gay con-ferences, etc) seem to imply that we will be liberated only by freeing ourselves /rom our own gay culture rather than by freeing ourselves for our own gay culture. In order to he merely 'just as good as' or equal to straight, we're supposed to eschew promiscuity, sadomasochism, transvestism et al. We'd have to domesticate Eros rather than free him. And we'd have to talk about 'the subcultural ghetto' as if it were something mean and nasty, for supposedly our salvation lay in becoming homogenised instead of homosexualised. I generally reject that notion, however well-suited it may be to 'the temper of the times' vis a vis straight culture. Accommodation with straight culture simply isn't the path of gay liberation or women's liberation, or black liberation, or economic liberation.

A liberated gay person's first political commandment is "Never trash thy kinfolk." We must grasp the bull by the horns and by the balls and steadfastly affirm, sing pacans of joy to, all of our significantly common homosexual experiences regardless of their seeming 'unhealthiness' according to heterosexual standards. We must celebrate the repressed.

And one of the many ways in which we can engage in such celebrative activity is the reclamation of homosexual literary history and the homosexual literary tradition, from The Greek Anthology to The Male Muse, from Christopher Marlowe through Walter Pater to Yukio Mishima, from Theocritus to Simon Raven, from the Marquis de Sade to David Storey, from the anonymous Recollections of a Mary-Ann through Whitman's Leaves of Grass. Even in terms of contemporary literature, heterosexuals have hardly attained the stature of John Rechy or Yukio Mishima or Jean Genet or William Burroughs or a host of other gay artists, nearly all of whom celebrate some sort of 'perversity' that would have to be rejected were we to become merely 'as good as' straights and thereby abandon our culture. "Some fish," says Casimir Dukahz, "constantly attempt to walk on land, and some birds refuse to use their wings. Thus Perversity becomes Progress."

Of course many of us are friends as well as pederasts and sadomasochists and trans-vestites etc, and we shouldn't cease cele-brating friendship while we celebrate other aspects of gay culture. Friendship, let us remind ourselves, is also the bond that unites men and their boys, sadists and their maso chists, etc. Homosexual writers ever since Plato and Sir Francis Bacon and Montaigne, up to Eric Bentley and Jean Genet and Allen Ginsberg, have always recognised the primacy of friendship in all worthwhile human endeavours. At our present moment in time, the long era of Romantic Love is breaking up and giving way to the more complex and the more broadly relevant era of Friendship. What will come of this in the political realm and in the realm of brotherhood and sisterhood I don't know, but a more relevant

democracy seems feasible. The gay liberation movement may be as much an effect as a contributing cause of this new emphasis upon friendship, but we have certainly contributed to the practical realisation of fraternity. And it would be well for homosexuals in the professions (psychology, sociology, history etc) to increasingly give their serious attention to an understanding of the psychology of friendship to replace Freud's outdated psychology of love. Homosexual love (ie friendship/fraternity) is a much more complex psychology, involving more nuances surrounding the nature of intimacy, and involving a much fuller perception of what is real and what is natural.

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Book Reviews

Delights of being a woman From Aberration to Zygote

CONUNDRUM, by Jan Morris, Faber & Faber, £2.25.

As the thinking man's transsexual, Ms Morris had a great opportunity and she's blown it. A book about 'My Operation' might, I feel, include some frank and inform ative details about that operation. But Ms Morris-possibly to placate the discreet qualms of the bourgeoisie-prefers a spiritual approach, with hushed references to the Holy Grail and the mystic qualities of the male-female entity in certain religions. We receive but a faint outline of the process

For example, the change is initiated with a lengthy course of hormones. The effects are described with an archeness that make me, for one, squirm. Men, we are told, possess "a kind of unseen layer of accumulated resilience . as though some protective substance has

... as though some protective the divine been sprayed on to a man from a divine aerosol, so that he is less immediately in the six and the sun We are then treated to some winsome paragraphs about Mr (at this stage) Morris's mild flirtations with the more butch representatives of the international working class that reads like a public school homosexual's wet dream. Included is a note on the magic of nude bathing in a lake in North Wales, "gently wading through the reeds, and feeling the icy water rise past my loins to my trembling breasts, I fell into the pool's embrace."

Now all this is probably one way of putting it. But consider in contrast this brief quote from Della Aleksander, a transsexual who has had a similar experience to Ms Morris: After I started taking them [hormones] I became rabidly homosexual. I had visions of having babies and adopted feminine interests, including an interest in men" (from World Medicine, February 1974). No divine ecrosols there, darling, or trembling breastsjust a direct and very revealing statement. Ms Morris also muffles the central exper-

ience of the operation itself, in the celebrated clinic in Casablanca where so many other well-known transsexuals have sought the expensive but efficient and cosmetically satisfactory surgery so difficult to obtain in this country. The chapter reads like a section of a James Bond novel adapted for Women's Weekly Library: "Powers beyond my control had brought me to room 5 at the clinic in Casablanca, and I could not have run away then even if I had wished to."

It is curious that James Morris, distinguished journalist and author of delightful travel books, should, as Miss Morris, start producing such sloshy prose. But this may be linked to what emerges as the book's central statement-that the roles and expectations of men and women are quite different, and suitably so. Consequently a man will write sharp, tough prose and a woman will attempt to be more intuitive and sensitive. "Maybe I'll make a novelist yet" she says at one point, suggesting that novel writing might be a specifically female activity. It would, of course, be unreasonable to

come heavy with a person for taking attitudes that are opposed to one's own and in this context one must, I feel, merely accept that what she believes is right for her. The impulse for James Morris's need to change his physical sexual attributes seems to come from a desire to assume the very superficial aspects o being a woman in our society. The delights of being a woman that she has embraced so happily are those of the oppressed woman, she who is subservient to men: pretty clothes, deference, being patted by taxi drivers, having doors opened for her, being regarded as incompetent to chose wine. Seen from this point of view, the transsexual becomes a symbol of the most extreme role-playing possible and as such has no significance, politically or socially, in the cause of sexual liberation. Ms Morris would have generated far more interest for me had she tackled head on the man-woman conflict. But her intention was simply to exchange the tough Everest-climbing, lean, handsome man for the flirtatious housewife gossiping over coffee in Bath. This attitude was incisively underscored by a list of some other 'delights of being a woman' in a letter to The Sunday Times from Irma Kurtz. Another aspect of Conundrum deserves some comment. Although you'd hardly know

it from the book, Jan Morris is not unique. Certainly only a very tiny proportion of the population is affected by transrexualism, but there are, nevertheless, others. And they are the shit-buckets of society, facing total rejection all round, suffering the most brutal



harassed and severely put-down by the doctors and psychiatrists to whom they, naturally, turn

The law remains inflexible, as for example, when April Ashley finds herself legally labelled as a "male homosexual transsexual." The penalties demanded for a desire to change role-which could be so simple and natural are formidable, and it says quite a lot for the impulse, and its overpowering strength, that the transsexual does persist, against so much opposition, in his or her desire.

A certain amount of this emerges from Jan Morris's experience. But all the way along the line the difficulties are palliated somewhat by an awareness of Ms Morris's rather privileged position. And in her context, privilege means more than possessing the financial resources to pursue the process. It means too, having a stable personal situation, a job that can transcend sex, and having the intelligence to be able to view the situation objectively and to make long-range plans. James Morris was privileged to be able to consult Dr Harry Benjamin in New York, privileged to be able to survive the long period of quasi-hermaphroditism that precedes the operation. When a transsexual enters this phase it invariably means that he has to change his job and the one for which he is equipped as a man becomes impossible; the alternatives are restricted, usually reduced to domestic service, bar-tending or some other form of casual labour, meaning a radical change in life-style. Ms Morris missed out on this. She also missed out on the oppression of facing a frightened and hostile family

I feel that she should have acknowledged this in the book. Unless one knows even a sketchy idea of the background-which many of her readers probably don't-one is left with the impression that the process is really quite simple and uncomplicated. There are the personal, inner conflicts of course, and these are fully expounded. And yet a person who presents as a significant experience the worry about whether they are to be searched by a man or a woman at Kennedy Airport can barely communicate with the person who dare not leave his house in Brixton without the protection of a large Alsatian dog. The feeling of privilege is supported in

this under-written yet over-stuffed book by Ravenesque passages about public school, Oxford and the 9th Lancers. Let me try to make myself clear on this. I am not for one moment suggesting that Ms Morris should present herself as anything other than she was or is; it is one person's experience and as such, valuable. However, as an accomplished writer (with the techniques, insights and potential audience implied) she had an almost unique opportunity to bring help and understanding to a cruelly victimized section of the community. And she blew it.

THE SEX BOOK - by Martin Goldstein & Erwin J Haeberle, Photographs by Will McBride - Bantam, 50p

At last-an absolutely splendid book that really does tell you everything you ever wanted to know about sex, and a lot more besides. It is cast in encyclopedic form with entries starting at Aberration and running through to Zygote. There are excellent photographs on almost every page, photogr phs that illustrate with considerable grace such things as erection, musturbation (male and female), 69, group sex, birth, foreskin,

petting ... etc. It is refreshing to see how the publishers have got this lot together without a trace of prurience, crassness or the sort of plastic glainour that sometimes attaches itself to such photographs. The book is aimed mainly 'at young people and their parents' which is about the only orthodox remark in it. The American authors have taken as their inspira-tion a note from the Federal Commission on Obscenity and Pornography which defined sex education as something "to be aimed at achieving an acceptance of sex as a normal and natural part of life and of oneself as a sexual being. It should not aim for orthodoxy rather it should be designed to allow for a pluralism of values."

Unless one is writing a biological textbook it is virtually impossible to write about sex without the information given being coloured by the attitudes of the author. David Reuben's book was offensive to heterosexual and homo sexual people alike because Reuben's own basic attitude was that sex is furtive, dangerous and secretive (hence his title) and he managed to project a deeply oppressive ortho-doxy in the guise of frankness which was clearly pseudo.

Inge and Sten Hegeler are dedicated to

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destroying such hypocrisy, to defusing heavy myths and to promoting love and tolerance. But good as The ABZ of Love was, the authors did tend to get bogged down in a confusing sort of hand-knitted prose that sometimes actually obscurred certain issues, such as homosexuality.

The Sex Book is direct and cool. It takes note always of cultural influences but instead of linking sexual information to existing convention, the authors separate sexuality out from culture and encourage the reader to relate the two in a realistic way. The best example of this attitude is found in a note on orgies. Sexual intercourse, they observe, is today generally associated with "guilt, shame, exclusiveness and secrecy." They say: "Since the reasons for this negative attitude cannot be found in sexuality itself, they must be attributed to social and cultural factors."

Such an approach is dynamic and healthy and informs the whole book. The essay on homosexuality is particularly good and includes the observation: "homosexual relationships tend to be comparable with heterosexual relationships. They can express just as much tenderness, respect, responsibility, and love." There is no cant about cause and cure, the slanders directed at gays are dealt with sensibly, ideas of

aberration and perversion are totally rejected. Apart from offering valuable technical information on all sorts of things, the book significantly includes notes on role-playing, male chauvinism, women's lib, gay lib, the nuclear family, communes and adolescence. Thus the book also promotes thought on wider social and cultural issues in relation to to sex. A first-rate performance, highly recommended.

Roger Baker

DALI, by JG Ballard and D Larkin, Pan/ Ballantine, £1.50.

Until now, the only aspect of Dali that the public at large had a chance to know, thanks to the international press and Dali's sharp sense of selfadvertisement, was the extravagant, lunatic character he portrays so admirably for the media. Books of Dall's reproductions have been reserved either for arts libraries or for the wealthy who can afford to buy them.

At last, there is one well-designed, sensibly-priced and cleverly-edited book of reproductions of paintings by the master of Surrealism. One can only deplore the fact that the emphasis accorded to Dail's 'madness' has prevented people from looking for further explanation of his paintings. Everythek with a normality developed paintings. Everybody with a normally developed visual sense generally acknowledges the perfection of his technique and the lavishness of his style, but doesn't necessarily recognise the relevance of the content of his paintings. This book (by the choice of the reproductions) intends to demonstrate that far from being the schizophrenic visionary trying to imitate Leonardo da Vinci, Dali is and has been for the last fifty years the psychoanalyst of our age, transposing on a visual level our century's deepest obsessions. Dali's art is preoccupied with the horror of the atomic menace, the search for a meaning beyond everyday life in religious mysti-cism, sex and paranola generally, and in this sense his work reflects, sometimes frighteningly but accurately, our 'collective unconscious'.

Jean-Claude Thevenin

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LOVE: ALL by Molly Parkin; Blond & Briggs, £2.75.

With her first novel, Ms Parkin, once a successful fashion editor, seems to start her new career in great style. If it has to be labelled, her book fails into the category of comic/erotic feminine fantasy,

and is undeniably funny. Ms Parkin's approach to the mate-chauvinist



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Roger Baker

Fast work

THE WHITE HOUSE TRANSCRIPTS -Bantam Books, £1.25.

Bantam Books' ingenuity in producing, and Transworld Publishers' speed in distributing, a complete and uncut paperback version of the transcripts of the Watergate tapes, within eight days of President Nixon's release of them to the press and public, is worthy of considerable praise. Besides the transcripts, useful editorial material includes an analysis of the background to the Watergate affair, a who's who guide to the chief participants

and a time-table of relevant dates.

The majority of those who have read the transcripts in their gargantuan entirety, seem to agree that they once and for all nail down the coffin lid on Richard Nixon's career, and commentators are left in little doubt that he should either be impeached or resign from office. Apart from the political and historical relevance of The White House Transcripts, it is also a fascinating document to dip into and sets a new high in chic reading.

Denis Lemon

orthodox from an outright liberationist point of view, might perhaps give her female readers the desire to exert themselves to get their own way with husbands, lovers and boyfriends. And this, certainly, is an important aspect of liberation.

Myopia, her heroine and storyteller, is a gorgeous (although desperately bourgeois) lady, mother of two, who is starting a new life. Having recovered from a few of her prime youth's illusions, and divorced from her well-endowed but annoying husband, she has decided to take full advantage her new-found freedom.

Obviously written for a female readership, the book makes an enjoyable reading, even for a gay male, as Ms Parkin has rather graciously sacrificed to the trendy temptation of having gay characters in her book, male and female. Even Myopia herself, once

Jean-Claude Thevenin

For information

Habitues of the slim-volume monde may be interested to hear of the useful magazine Poetry Information (if they have not already come across it). Published by Peter Hodgkiss, with the support of the Greater London Arts Association, the edition we saw opened with a section on Latin American Poetry, followed by a number of general articles (including one by a personal favourite, Barry MacSweeney, passing on his enthusiasm for Chris Torrance).

Molly Parkin: from fashion to fiction

A useful teature of the magazine is the Poetry Index, a list of relevant articles on poetry which have been printed in other mainly British publica-tions (TLS, Encounter, New Statesman, as well as other specialist journals). The whole thing is wound up by a section of potted reviews, written behind a mask of TLS anonymity, but presumably con-cealing the penmanship of Peter Hodgkiss. Copies are to be had at 80p for 4 issues from Peter whose



Fashion







Playin' to the Gallery

"The Gallery", said recent ads in *Gay News*, "is your sort of place." From approximately 7.30 to 11 on the evening of 8th May, I hope it was. The Gallery, newest unit store on the Kings Road, opposite Chelsea Town Hall, had opened its doors and floors to readers of GN who were invited to come along and homefully have a send time. In come along and, hopefully, have a good time. In the event, some 300 people must have turned up throughout the evening, if the final bill for free wine is anything to judge by | And if there were

fewer than 300, I guess you did have a good time. Personally, sometime about the middle of the afternoon, there is nothing I'd have liked better than to sneak off home with a full bottle of scotch in one hand and a bottle of instant oblivion in the other. But the show, I was told, must go on and at 8,30 and 9,30 it did after a fashion. A production of forty-eight separate outfits, on six models, to be shown in the space of half an hour might be a mere bagatelle to Peter Brook. For myself, by the end of it, I felt like the original good time who was had by all. The anxious, white-faced little creature dashing about at 10 o'clock, demanding reassurance that all was well, was myself. There are moments when the awful reality of Blanche Dubois' phrase "I depend upon the kindness of strangers" is borne home upon one. Friends may be relied upon to provide affectionate but cruelly candid comment, whereas strangers will always be kind. For their support and help, I take in one hand and a bottle of instant oblivion in the

always be kind. For their support and help, I take an opportunity to thank several people SABRE swimwear who provided a selection

by Lain T Finlayson

of men's trunks and T-shirts from their summer of lermyn Street who showed a black velvet smoking jacket and two light, white summer men's suits; and SAGE MINK who provided six stunning mink jackets for wear in the finale. And, of course,

mink jackets for wear in the finale. And, of course, the cool julius jason in who's gallery, along with the exhibition of drawings by entrants to the Saga Mink Competition, the shows took place. The Gallery itself is a number of shops under one roof, together with the Chelsea Art Gallery, and a branch of Pizza Express decorated in bright, primary pop colours by Apicella. The restaurant is open to midnight and a sound system percolates constant musical accompaniment throughout the buildings encouraging either syncosated chewing of

building encouraging either syncopated chewing of pizza or a rhythmic progression from shop to shop. The introductory parade of fashions in the two shows featured men's casual clothes from Peche on a ground floor unit. This shop imports such well-known French brand names as New Man and known French brand names as New Man and Fontenoy and has a wide selection of summer light weight separates, some exclusive to Peche. The girls' clothes came from three units—Topage for denim and cheese cloth full-length skirts and tops; Rosemary at the Gallery (and also at Leonard' in Upper Grossenor Street) for French Imports such as Daniel Hechter; and a unique combed wool from Iceware which specialises in the import of very pretty creamy jackets and skirts from Iceland. I really liked the little blouson jackets and the long

skirts from this unit.

skirts from this unit. For swimwear, the Sabre men's range is available from Harrods, Simpson's, Selfridge's and other large stores throughout London. Women's swim-wear is again from Rosemary, and also from a ground floor unit at the Gallery called Jira which carries the full range of Nelbarden, Slix, and other popular brand names. Matching wrap-over sarongs and the subject of the store sarongs are also available.

The selection of long, sinuous evening dresses were all from Rosemary at the Gallery and also at Leonard's. The best-known names in British couture are featured in her shops—Bill Gibb, Gina Fratini, John Bates, and the ravishing full-length black mink djellabah is available, made by Austin Garritt. The jackets, in Saga Mink, were variously by Kay West Furs, Femina Furs, Austin Garritt, and some were ased on designs by winners of the annual Saga Mink competition.

Shoes throughout the show were supplied by the popular firm of Bona Toes and I personally liked the grey shoes piped with black, white with liked the grey shoes piped with black, white with brown, and the brogue co-respondent fantasies in white/bottle green, white/black, and white/brown. A range of delicate little strapped, poep-toe shoes for women in brown or black accessorised the evening wear. Heels were three inches in height and showed a much more refined, slimmed-down shape from the boring old clompers of the recent past. A quiet oasis for half an hour during the after-

noon pressure was when I gave up, left everyone to their own devices, and had my hair washed and

blown dry at the Chelsea Barber on the top floor.

blown dry at the Chelsea Barber on the top floor. The owner has been Sassoon-trained, there are copies of *Playgiri* (to suit most tastes, obviously!) to browse through, and, best of all, the Chelsea Barber is willing to listen to your own ideas about how you want your hair. A rare creature. Hair for the two shows was done in the salon. An interesting feature of The Gallery is the unit called Wild Africa. Bowls of semi-precious stones can be bought by the handful, necklaces and brace-lets and rings with an African theme make con-temporary, good-looking, and unassuming decora-tions. Tanned zebra-skins, for sultry reclining, hang around the walls. around the walls.

Latest addition to the Gallery roll-call is the unique Laura Jamieson collection of lacy pastel-coloured dresses in delicate traceries and will-o'-the-wisp wool-like cobwebs. Ravishing, Also by Laura Jamieson are rayon velvet hand-appliqued kaftans and stuffed toy tigers, cushions, and even palm trees for unique interior decoration. Finally, my most sincere thanks to Susle Hold-

away and Ray Edwards for their advice, help, moral (and sometimes physical) support, and great good humour. In short, they could have done with-out me perfectly well and were kind enough never to admit as much! Blanche Dubois never had it so good.

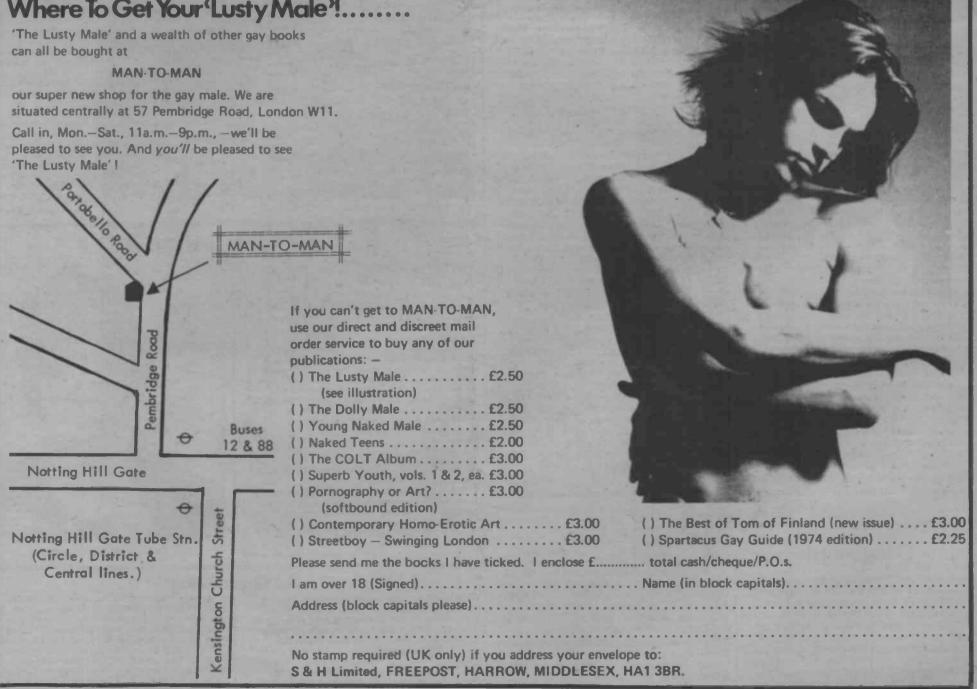
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Stage and Films

Hits & misses Joshua Smith, as Billie Holiday, has a few

OFF THE PEG at the Arts Theatre Club, Cranbourne Street, W1.

Off the Peg, the new all-male revue, tries courageously to give to the drag pub-act a more respectable name amongst other theatrical genres. One can only regret that, while successfully doing so, it also misses the opportunity to go ahead in this type of entertainment towards a more openly

gay performance. The cast, at times showing real togetherness and talent, deliberately sacrifices glamour, sex appeal and gay pride in favour of a satrical view of personalities of past and present. One recalls particularly a grotesque take-off of David Bowie's stage act, or the neurotic back view of Judy Gar-land, shaking from too many pills and drinks and singing "The Man That Got Away". Ignoring the several sketches that missed their marks, there are enough good things in the show to

warrant a fun evening. Two of the best sketches were "Death In

Venice" with Rayner Bourton as a far from innocent Tadzio being pursued by all and sundry on the beach, and Kurt Weil's "Alabama Song" sung by a group of frumpy night-club hostesses.

dramatic minutes as we see Billie transformed from a young singer of an uptempo love song into the jaded performer of her finale doing "You've Changed'

Amongst the cast, Rogers and Starr make good use of their talent and professionalism. Their sketch "Superdrag" features them as two over-worked performers in an all-male bar. Their routine covers snatches of many voices and songs, all ignored by their onstage audience. Roy Starr's bitter determination to finish singing "What Now My Love" to a by then empty club, is hysterically funny. Great applause for their double version of Marlene Dietrich, Roy singing the German version of "Falling In Love Again" astride a chair, *a la* "Blue Angel", followed by the English version as Michael, in a glittering pink gown, finds his chorus hours and idea build and a start of a lak chilfon boys enfolding him in yards of pink chiffon. Still, the great moment of courage was in "Strippers", where Alan Jones and Rayner Bourton undress each other in a male love dance. One expected more of this kind of material, and less

sexist caricature. Barry Conley & Jean-Claude Thevenin

Former 'Rocky Horror Show' star Rayner Bourton

Cat & Mouse

WHO SAW HIM DIE at Haymarket Theatre, Haymarket, London W1.

In London's theatre world, the thriller has become This latest effort is not as good as some, though it has its moments along the way, with occasional surprising twists in the plot. Stratford Johns, who tends to overact, is a Superintendent intent on tracking down big-time crook Lee Montague, and to recover the money Montague has stashed away somewhere. They games of cat and mouse are at times quite intriguing, and the performance of Elizabeth Wallace as Montague's shrewish Scottish wife allows a little light relief now and again. Possibly the best thing about it is Lee Montague's performance as the crook, quick with the snide

Day dreamer

BILLY at Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, London WC1.

Billy Liar, that indestructible creation of Kelth Waterhouse and Willis Hall, is back with us once more. After a book, film, play and recent television series have been successfully presented, he now emerges as the hero of a new stage musical. Fortunately, Michael Crawford is now essaying the role, and if he brings more than an echo of his TV character from 'Some Mothers Do Have Them' to the part, it is to the advantage of the show.

Billy day dreams in order to escape from the boredom of his humdrum life. This affords several opportunities for some big musical numbers as he sees himself as a famous dancing film star, and a rock & roll idol among many other characters. It is here that Anna White's choreography rightly stops the show. Whether it be a touch of Astaire & Rogers, nostalgic tap, or modern disco dancing, her work is brilliantly inventive, and next to Mr Craw-ford (who handles his dancing chores with dexterity) is easily the best thing about the show. I was less than happy with the three girls in our

hero's life: Gay Soper (so good in 'God-spell') portrays the prim, virginal girlfriend, but brings out little of the humour of the girl. The same must be said of Elaine Paige's exaggeration of the cheap tart Rita. A little camp would have helped both characterisations. In the role of Liz (which made a star of Julie Christie in the film), Diana Quick never for a minute convinced me that she might be the one to make Billy leave home for London. Avis Bunnage's gruff north country mother is a role she has perpetuated for the past decade, and she brings nothing new to this latest one. Billy Boyle, as Billy's pal, is his usual likeable and reliable self. John Barry's music has only two tunes likely to remain in the mind. "Some Of Us Belong To The Stars" is catchy, but unfortunately Don Black's lyrics, which I liked in the main are a bit



Billy daydreams he is a new rock star idol, as he sings "The Lady From LA".

too clever for this song's ultimate success. "} Missed The Last Rainbow" has an extremely pretty melody, but for the rest-forget it. It may sound churlish of me, but in spite of Mr Crawford's super star performance, and Ms White's splendid choreography, I was disappointed. However, I feel that Crawford and the subject matter already have a large enough following to ensure the show's success in spite of all.

Barry Conley

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An evening of supper club songs

WILDER DAYS and LANDESMAN LAYS at Commonwealth Institute Theatre.

An interesting evening took place recently, when a group of young singers presented a selection of music by two American writers, who sadly re-main unknown in Britain. The first half was devoted to the works of Alec Wilder, considered by many as 'the musician's composer'. It is Lon-don's loss that, unlike New York, we lack any mail initiate group club where each second small intimate supper clubs, where people can gather to hear one or more vocalists, backed by small groups, singing songs such as Wilder's, which seldom reach the hit parade. His music encom-passes a lyrical world of love songs both sad and funny. Of the many featured, "The Winter Of My Discontent" and "I'll Be Around" are two tender

Discontent" and "Fill be Around" are two tender masterpieces sung with great style by Malcolm McNeill. Maggie Nichols sang the melancholy "Trouble Is A Man", Joan Grantham scored a comedy hit with "Goodbye John" and Jane Walter began the proceedings with the semi-classical "Sneedon's Landing". The first half ended with Barry Martin's romantic rendering of "While

We're Young". Part Two was devoted to the lyrics of Fran Part Two was devoted to the lyrics of Fran Landesman, whose song "Spring Can Really Hang You Up The Most" (sang with great feeling by Maggie Nichols) has been recorded by many jazz vocalists. Fran also wrote the musical *The Nervous Set* from which several songs were featured: "The Ballad Of The Sad Young Men" (a truly sensitive reading from Malcolm McNeill) is dedicated to the many gay young men who drift from bar to bar in search of love (recordings made by Andy Williams, Roberta Flack and Shirley Bassey fail to do justice to the song). "Fun Life" and "How Do You Like Your Love?" (with a listing of the many types of love sought by people) were both sung with great verve by the attractive company. Ms with great verve by the attractive company. Ms Landesman has more than a touch of cynicism to her lyrics, which contrasted neatly to the romanticism of the earlier Wilder songs. Director Barry Grantham is to be congratulated in keeping the atmosphere nicely informal, and I sincerely hope plans will materialise for further bookings for this excellent 'supper-club' entertainment.

Barry Conley

Marvellous Morley

A GHOST ON TIPTOE at Savoy Theatre, Strand, London WC2.

There are two schools of thought on Robert Morley and for anyone not liking him, read no further-this play is not for you. Personally, I've been an admirer of his for many years. There's something so reassuring about that shape and his benign smile that makes me forget my immediate worries and settle down to enjoy watching him grapple with all kinds of absurd situations. Years ago he made a guest appearance on TV as compere of that dreary long running show 'Sunday Night At The London Palladium'. I shall always remember his handling of the asinine 'Beat The Clock', as he said to the contestants "now come along my darlings, there's only this silly word game to do and you'll win a lovely prize."

But I digress! In his latest vehicle he portrays a grumpy business-man who has never had time for the pleasures of life. When given a year to live by his doctor, he plans both his funeral and will, constantly changing them as the mood takes him. A young woman visitor informs him that she was due to attend "a young gay youth rally" (whatever that's supposed to be), but instead, to suit his whim, she agrees to go to bed with him. After

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this, his life-style alters, as he takes up modern art and cookery, adopts a pet bat, and changes his mode of attire to bright pink. His family come to accept this, until finally (this being a comedy) he is told that he will survive after all. Stalwart support is given by William Franklyn, Ambrosine Phillpotts and Joyce Carey as his friend, wife and mother respectively. A must for Morley fans.





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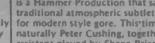
Michael Rogers as Marlene Dietrich

Now showing

Quality British films are a rarity these days, so it's pleasing to report that THE OPTIMISTS OF NINE ELMS (Scotia Barber, director Anthony Simmons) is both a compassionate and entertaining portrait of two of London's deprived children's lives. Set in Battersea, it chronicles their experiences with an ageing, isolated busker, played with engaging pathos by Peter Sellers. He teaches them that there is another world across the river, away from their innocent rubble-strewn riverside playground; the world of London's West End, with its grand remote buildings and seething lonely pavements, where many a man must dance and sing in the cold in

order to live. The film's other salient point is its realistic con-The film's other salient point is its realistic con-ception of so many Londoners' pressurised life-styles. The kids' mum and dad both work excessively hard, to the extent that the baby is in a day nursery while the slightly older children hardly know their father. All the parents' drive in fact is pointed towards moving out of the one-room slum that is wrecking their sexual and emotional life, and which description are subscenarially with the order doesn't comform environmentally with the omni-

present material success syndrome. The Optimists is as intrinsically English, and highly original, as SLEEPER (United Artists, star/ co-writer/director Woody Allan) is a definitive satire on American life. Allan is the ultimate parody of the 1970's man. A health food restaurant pro-



remark, he makes the character a true cockney hero/villain Barry Conley

prietor in Greenwich Village who's been admitted to hospital with a stomach ulcer. Miraculously waking up two hundred years later in a zany world peopled by secret police, orgasm machines and a Marxist underground attempting to oust the state dictatorship, it is quickly apparent that Mr Allan to treating us to a slightly discuised satisfe on the is treating us to a slightly disguised satire on the present-day world.

Sleeper is far less episodic and more technically accomplished than Allan's earlier films; the mixture of slapstick and satire being consistantly extremely ny, and I don't laugh easily. FRANKENSTEIN AND THE MONSTER FROM funny

HELL (Avco Embassy, director Terence Fisher) is a Hammer Production that sacrifices all the traditional atmospheric subtleties of Gothic Horror, for modern style gore. This time Frankenstein, naturally Peter Cushing, together with his handsome assistant played by Shane Brian, is experimenting with the vital parts of inmates of a lunatic asylum. After several blood-curdling operations, a new-style monster, played by Dave Prowse, goes on a good old fashioned ramase

old fashioned rampage. Serious horror fanatics will despair at the vulgarity of the film. The remainder of you should be moderately entertained by the eccentric per-formances and excesses of blood.

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Record Reviews



Bemember Marilyn

REMEMBER MARILYN - Marilyn Monroe - Pye International

It was a natural development that after Mailer's book was published a few months ago, the industry found it the right time to re-release some of Marilyn Monroe's

ago, the industry found it the right time to references some of Marilyn's supple, honeyed So here is a superbly-produced album containing Marilyn's supple, honeyed voice in a selection of songs from There is No Business Like Show Business, River of No Return, and Gentlemen Prefer Blondes, evoking her unforgettable image. The first side includes the immortal "One Silver Dollar", "Heat Wave", "Lazy", "After You Get What You Want You Don't Want It", and "I'm Going To File No Ching". My Claim

The second is an open invitation to sing along, with such hits as "River of No Return", "A Little Girl From Little Rock", "When Love Goes Wrong", "Diamonds Are A Girl's Best Friend", and closes beautifully, of course, on "Bye, Bye Baby". The album itself contains a twelve-page photo-book of Marilyn, and it was a good idea to revive yet another 50's fashion by engraving the songs on a trans-parent dark purple disc.

lean-Claude Thevenin

Soul scan

Most critics including myself are acclaiming James Brown's latest release, a two-record set called The Payback (Polydor), as his best album in recent years. Although the title implies it, the recording isn't a film soundtrack, and the eight tracks—none of which are less than five minutes long, many of which are over 10 minutes-all follow a central social theme which criticises Western society's preoccupation with rat-race ideals and the subsequent effects they have on people. Unlike some of Brown'



release as a single-Starr rights a losing battle with mediocre material and insipid arrangements.

As mentioned in 'Soul Scan' a couple of issues ago, albums on the Jewel/ Paula/Soul Power labels are now being specially imported into Britain by Contempo Records and nationally distri-buted by Pye. Amongst the initial batch of records made available, the two albums most likely to interest soul enthusiasts (apart from the first-rate LP by Tommie Young reviewed in GN45) are It's Just A Matter Of Time by Robby Patterson and Dreaming Out Of Season by The Montclairs. Previously heard from with their first UK single "Make Up For Lost Time", the group made an Impressive debut with that cut, and although it isn't included on Dreaming Out Of Season, there is enough excellent material featured to firmly establish The Montclairs as one of the leading outfits working in the soft soul genre Making full use of dramatic and inventive orchestrations, the five-man v team have a considerably more ad-venturous approach to their material than most similar groups, which is made especially effective by the string arrange ments not being used as just lush embellishments. Very much a part of the exciting new soul scene currently emerging in the States, The Montclairs look destined for an important future. In the meanwhile, *Dreaming Out Of* Seeson is not to be missed.

When reviewing Tommie James' Do You Still Feel The Same, I particularly stressed the contribution made by producer/arranger/songwriter Bobby Patterson, which to my mind significantly influenced the overall effect of the recording. I must admit, however, that have a number of reservations about Patterson's role as a solo artist, now that I've had a chance to listen to his album It's Just A Matter Of Time Although the technical quality of the record is faultiess each cut is competently constructed, proficiently executed and builds to a satisfying climax-by the end of the first side, I became weary of his reliance on time-worn soul cliches. Also, it was hard to differentiate between tracks. Whereas his creative talents were completely to the fore on Ms James' record, as a solo artist he holds back and seems reluctant to apply the same rigourous inventive and evocative techniques to his own performances. It just results in a slick professionalism, with very little soul. Nevertheless, an enjoyable album if one isn't expecting too much, and some of the material will undoubtedly prove popular in discos. And, despite m criticisms, I feel confident that Bobby Patterson's future albums will amp! make up for the limitations of this set. It's just a matter of time ...

short plays

Lesley Duncan's last single "Watch The Tears" bubbled under for a while, but eventually failed to make the charts. Standing a much better chance, is "Every thing Changes" (GM Records), a slightly different mix, the title track of her latest album. It's a tremendous song, about real people as opposed to advertis ing executive fantasies, and it doesn't matter if you're gay or otherwise to relate to the lyrics. Intelligently produced by limmy Horowitz, this exquisite per-formance must at long last take Ms Dun-

can to where she belongs to the top. Bound to be another big hit for Status Quo is "Break The Rules" (Ver-tigo). The number boogles along like there's no tomorrow and contains all the ingredients that have made the group one of the country's most popular rock

Acting as Lou Reed's new single is a live version of one of his most outstanding compositions, "Sweet Jane" (RCA). Lifted from his recent highly acclaimed Rock n Roll Animal album, the song begins with some thundering collective guitar riffs, which lead into Reed's brittle, almost deadpan delivery of the lyrics. Must be a monstrous hit.

Particularly good value is The Staple Singers' latest single, as it features this leading soul outfit's last two Stateside hits, "If You're Ready (Come Go With Me)" and "Touch A Hand, Make A Friend". The cuts are from their recent Be What You Are album, and both equally showcase the Staples' smooth, ultra

professional approach to their material. Taking the prize for what must be the most original single for quite some time is "Central Park Arrest" by Thunder thighs (Philips). I'm not sure what it's all about yet, although the story line seems to indicate it is concerned with a gun-point rape, in New York's Central Park and is perpetrated by a policeman. I suspect that the large-scale production and fun sound effects owe a good deal to the work of Phil Spector and Shadow Mor-ton, and Thunderthighs seem to be a

seventies reincarnation of the Shangri-Las. To sum up, bad taste at its very best. "Big Machine" by Turnpike is rather dismal, as it is little more than a reminder of the seedier aspects of conformist heterosexual love, especially the impress-at-any-cost game. Depressing song, for

het masochists only. Herb Alpert & The Tijuana Brass' first release for almost five years is a bouncy instrumental called "Fox Hunt" (A&M), and features the familiar brass sound one immediately associates with Alpert and his band. Could well become a big seller if given enough radio exposure

Taking the theme music from a tedious, always predictable television series, Jungle Juice's version of "The Zoo Gang" could become a popular novelty number in discos. European flavoured soul food.

On his latest single, Leon Russell takes a number of liberties with Tim Hardin's memorable song "If I Were A Carpenter". After great versions by the Four Tops and the late Bobby Darin, as well as the original by Hardin, who needs this one? Absolute over-indulgence.

Kevin Coyne is not a easy singer to get into. His grating, emotion-charged voice is a unique experience and listeners' initial reactions are likely to be quite varied. For those who persevere, however, his recordings are extremely rewarding, and Coyne's new single is no exception. Taken from his forthcoming album Blame It On The Night, the cut serves as a good introduction to his unusual singing and writing talents. "The Boogle Man" (Tamla Motown) is one of the best tracks from the Jackson

Five's finest album to date, Skywriter. Nowadays the group produce a more mature, far funkier sound, that wasn't evident on their earlier hits.

Launching the Contempo-Raries label are two solid funky instrumentals that are certain to please soul enthusiasts. They are "Cagarette Ashes" by Jimmy Conwell and African Music Machine's "Black Water Gold (Pearl)". The latter appeared on Mojo a couple of years back and features a brass section that really cooks, as well as a superb rhythm section. "Cigarette Ashes" is extremely popular in the North and has been a much sought after collector's item for some time. Future releases on the label should prove interesting too, for as the name implies, Contempo-Raries is devoted to re-issuing 'golden soul oldies', and public demand, whether in the North or South, determine what is put out. Bobby Darin was signed to Mowest during his last years and as a tribute to him the company have issued a live ersion of his biggest hit "Mack The Knife", coupled with a rocking take of "Blue Monday". I'm not sure of the Knife' disc's commercial potential, but it is bound to please people who remember his earlier records with affection. Returning to the source that has given them some of the biggest hits of their career, the Carpenters have choser another Paul Williams composition to act as their new single. Entitled "I Won't Last A Day Without You" (A&M), the duo's interpretation of the song doesn't stray from their phenomenally successful hit-making formula; rich, tasteful, full orchestrations provided by Richard to accompany Karen's clear, powerful voice. Already a chart-topper in the States, the record will assuredly be the same in Britai

JC's choice

WEREN'T BORN A MAN - Dana Gillespie - RCA.

Backed by an impressive list of musicians such as Mick Ronson, Chris Ray, Terry Cox, Jim Ryan, and a dozen other great names, Dana Gillespie gives us a well-balanced performance for her first album with David Bowie's producing company, Mainman.



Bowie himself produced two songs on the album, "Mother Don't Be Frightened" and "Andy Warhol", which he wrote for Dana a few years ago, before he recorded it himself on the *Hunky Dory* album. The opening track is a poignant ver-sion of a Three Dog Night song, "Road To Stardom". Numbers such as "Dizzy Heights" and "Backed A Loser" show that there is room for a good female rocker in the predominantly male rock music.

'Weren't Born A Man'', a song about the love of a woman for another, is sufficiently ambiguous and humorous to create the kind of atmosphere that best suits Dana's original personality as a singer.

BEST OF THE ANDREWS SISTERS The Andrews Sisters - RCA Records.

Patti, Maxine and La Verne-The Andrews Sisters-were an American showbiz phenomena, from 1937 to 1950, and were responsible for a succession of hit records which made most of the pre-rock 'n' roll era danceable music.

Their singing style, bubbly and energetic, was based on carefully worked-up swooping harmonies, and all their songs were delivered with a punchy swing-era feel that continues to fascinate nostalgia-addicts. This double-album contains their

This double-album contains their biggest successes, such as "Bei Mis Bist Du Schon", "Apple Blossom Tree", "Rum & Coca-Cola", and the classic "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" (more recently duplicated by Bette Midler). The Andrews Sisters, in their time America's crooning sweethearts, are part of the talents who resist well the passing decades and are still able to delight us.

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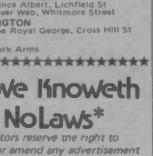
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Gwen, Newcastle, met on Saturday, 20th April at club—would like to see you again, as didn't have time to give address. Please write, Connie. Box 47/185.

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Intelligent puy, 27, Herts/Essex/London, straight appearance, slim, dark, un-interested in gay scene, seeks discreet friends, preferably in 20's with whom to share music, theatre, cinema etc. Photo appreciated. Box 47/26.

Doctors. Can we refer callers to you for sympathetic advice? Please write (in con-fidence) to Gay Switchboard, 5 Caledonian Rd. London N1.

5 Caledonian Rd. London N1. Young 45, stocky 5'3", interests theatre, chiema, travel. Own flat London W1. Would like to meet slim, active friends 25etc for Sundays and occasional even-ings. Photo, phone number, if possible. ALA, Box 47/31. Personal Ads continued on Page 18

Page 18 Personal Ads continued from Page 17 Seafare expecting long leave 1975 Australia, New Zeland, Pacific Islands, mets information local scene, particu-tary Mebourne, and of gay publications (copy appreciated). Box 47/27. Visiting England June. Morocco July. Request Information scene in Tanglers, Gasabanca, Marrakech. Box 47/28. North Lincolnshire pianist, actor, seeks active guys. Many interasts including leather & rubber. Box 47/29. Active Londoner, 22. 6°. Interasts body-building and German, seeks active German or German-Speaking suy for friendship and German conversation. ALA with photo. Box 47/30. Leeds bachelor, 50. slim, seeks actres spondence view friendship with sincere younger man, photo appreciated. ALA. Boy 50. Seeks younger lonely Lincathine Active. Photo appreciated. Active Joy. Seeks younger lonely Lincathine Active. Photo appreciated. Active Joy. Seeks photo appreciated. Box 47/32. Turnable. Box 47/33. Young Honda 250 owner, 23, seeks others living North London/Essee Intersted in bites. Photo appreciated. Box 47.34. Bow 25, slim, bonghaired, wants friends, both 2000 south Yorkshire. Photos schanged. Box 47/35. MIKE TAYLOR-DERBY/MANCHES-TERDARLINGTON. Phases rime

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TER/DAR LINGTON. Please ring URGENTLY 75560. Jon. Two lovers, one black, one white, wish to meet other couples of any race aged 26-36 for social meetings. Will travel most places, Box 47/36. Love possible with strong, sincere, fun 28yr old American businessman, 6', 180lbs, hairy bodybuilder with sophisti-cated life style, sæks young man over 21 for sharing friendinip. Photos exchanged. Come on, write and be happy. Box 47/37 You wore blue denims. Ist May, at Leeds Station with "Alaska" on jacket. I was in mext telephone with blue suit. Please contact. Box 47/38. Trendy young-boking guy, 30, seeks interesting guy/s 25-39 with view to sharing holiday. Photo please. Mine in return. Box 47/39. London, 35, seeks sincere quiet type 25-35 Interested theatre, chema, country-side and travel. Box 47/40. Ordinary mate wanted. ALA. Box 47/41. Straight-boking active 35, London, needs younger uncamp friend over 21. Box 47/42. Wailates, Wirral or Liverpool area, guy 26, non-camp, genuine, seeks younger guy over 21 for friendship. Photo please. Box 47/43. Sail, or laze among deserted beaches. Amiable mid-forties, silm and quiet, offers no strings companionship to young box 047/44. Attractive Londoner, 26, bored with meast market, looks for a lasting friend.

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appreciated, by male going in June. Box 47/51. Young man, 24, London area. Looks for sincere young man, similar age, to share interests and triendship. White view to permanent triendship. Photo please, returned with mine. Box 47/49. 24, tail, good-looking, fun-loving, car-owning Christân seeks younger guy over 21 who is compatible. ALA with photo. Kan. Box 47/50. Lonely good-looking Chinese boy, 22, wishes to meet British, American, Euro-pean boys of about same age. Photo please, ALA: Box 47/52. Mappy 30-year-old lives in South York-shire, I won't know who I love until I meet him. ALA, Box 47/53.

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FEMALE ICEBREAKERS welcome all gay women for a chal and coffice every other Fri, Tei: 01-582 8762. BRISTOL GAYSOC BEFRIENDING GROUP for all Bristol students with problems or worries. Contact Jo, Gaysoc, Students Union, Queens Road, Bristol 858 JLN. NUTSHELL INFORMATION SERVICE phone Birmingham 772 2483, 24 hours every day (ask for Nutshell as we share a line with St Basils Centre) ICEBREAKERS at 274 9590 between 7,30 and 10.30 every evening of the year to talk over their problems with other gay people. BRISTOL Help and Info. Send SAE to Confidential Friend, CHE, P Islol, PO Boa 171, BS99 7ND. CENTRE COFFEE BAR/SOCI. L CLUB Befrianing and Counselling Help. Op a Sun-Fri from 10.30em-10.30pm. Tei: 01-723 3889 or write to Centra Broadley Terrace, London NWI.

INFORMATION SWITCHBOARDS

Eritain's First GAY SWITCHEOARD: 01-837 7174, Every evening 6.00 to 10.30, Your hot-line to the say community. What, when, how, where.

NEW YORK GAY SWITCHBOARD: PO Box 929 Madison Square Station, New York, NY 10010, USA. Tei New York 924 4036. Open 6pm to midnight, 365 days a year. Info available on all ory subjects. NEW JERSEY GAY SWITCHBOARD and Info Centre. Contact Box 323, Princeton Junction, New Jersey 08550, USA. Service free of Charge although an international reply coupon would be appreciated.

GAY GROUPS

GAY CAMBRIDGE-c/o 3 Round Church St. Cambridge TRANSPORT ENTHUSIASTS GROUP-Monthly events London area. Details tel: 01-402 8053.

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Ads & Info

GAY COMMUNITY CENTRE OF SOUTH LONDON' Coffee Bar, books, papers and paople. Open 7-11 pm Mon-Fri, 11-11 pm Sats, 2-11 pm Sun. 78 Railton Road, London SE24 (Brixton lube). Tel: 01-274 7921.

78 Railton Road, London SE24 (Brixton lube). Tel: 01-274 7921. FRIENOS HOMOSEXUAL FELLOW-SHIP a gay group for Quakers. Details Michael Hutchinson, 15 Daikeith Road, Harpenden, Herts AL5 3PP. COVENTRY GAY GROUP meets fortnightly every Tuas 8.30pm in Rose & Crown, High Street, Coventry. GREATER LIBERATED CHICANOS is a gay Latin/Spanish Liberation Move-ment offering help to all gay, bi and straight Latin-speaking people. Write to GLC, PO Box 38216, Los Angeles, California 90038 USA. LEICESTER GAY AWARENESS. Ring Leicester 706050 (Steve) or Leicester 738832 (John or Clive). EAST OF ALDGATE a social group for gay men and women. Details: SK Group, c/o Albany Trust, BA Christchurch Ave, London NW8. GAY MARXIST STUDY GROUP Datails 01-794 3368. REACH a nationwide homophile group of members of Christian churches. Reech, 23 Blackfriars Road, Manchester 3.

GAYSOCS

GLASGOW STUDENTS GAYSOC-Contact SMG (Students), 214 Clyde SI, G1 4J2. DIDSBURY GAYSOC-Discreet meetings arranged. Contact Gay Rep. Students Union, Didsbury College of Education, Manchester M20 RPB

EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY GAY GROUP meets twice weekly during term in Societies Centre, Hill Place, contact Mike Foreman, 5 Dalkeith Rd (031 667 7049). Open to all students. New members welcome.

Contact Mike Foreman, 5 Dalkelth Rd (031 667 7049). Open to all students. New membars welcome. WAKEFIELD/BARNSLEY—Bretton Gaysoc now forming—all welcome. Henry Tickner, Bretton Hall, West Bretton Nr Wakefleid, Yorks. KENT UNIVERSITY GAY LIB SOC meets every Thursday evening in Canterbury, Everyone welcome. For details contact Gill Irvin, Keynes Cottage, The University, Canterbury. MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY MOMOPHILE GROUP meets every Thursday 8pm in meeting Room 4, Union Building, Oxford Road, details Gord 061-225 9779. NORWICH GAYSOC contact Peter Thomas, Gaysoc, University of East Anglia, Norwich Nor 8EC. Regular meetings every Thurs 7.30, University Mouse, Regular meetings on Thurs evenings 7.30, Gramophone room, Students Union. Info from Secretary. BRISTOL GAYSOC Write to Societies Pigeon Holes, Students Union, University, Western Bank, Sheffleid, or ring Sheffleid 306930. UNIVERSITY OF SURREY GAYSOC. Contact David Reeks, Student Pigeon holes, University of Surrey, Guildford, UNIVERSITY OF SURREY GAYSOC. Contact David Reeks, Student Pigeon holes, University of Surrey, Guildford, UNIVERSITY OF SURREY GAYSOC. Contact David Reeks, Student Pigeon holes, University of Surrey, Guildford, UNIVERSITY OF SURREY GAYSOC. Contact David Reeks, Student Pigeon holes, University of Surrey, Guildford LOUGHBOROUGH STUDENTS GAY-SOC open to all students and staff of Loughborough colleges. For Info ring Pater at Silaby 2048. ESSEX UNIVERSITY GROUP FOR MOMOSEXUALS. Details Ruth, Students Union, Whiteknity of Essex, Wivenhoo Park, Colchester, Essex. READING UNIVERSITY GROUP FOR MOMOSEXUALS. Details Ruth, Students Union, Whiteknity of Essex, Wivenhoo Parks. EXETER GAYSOC. Info Gay Liberation Scoret y, University of Essex, Barks. EXETER GAYSOC. Info Gay Liberation Scoret y, University of Essex, Barks.

Union, Whiteknights Park, Reading, Berks. EXETER GAYSOC. Info Gay Liberation Society, University of Exeter, Devon-shire House, Stocker Road, Exeter, Devon. GAYSOC for men and women in any school or college of London University, undergraduate or staff. Write (anc SAE please) Gaysoc, ULU, Malet Street, London W1. DURHAM UNIVERSITY GAYSOC. Contact via Students Union, Duneim House, University of Durham, Durham City.

City. GAYSOC for staff and students of the Open University. Write to David Mclean 4 Western Gdsn, Brentwood, Essex.

4 Western Gdsn, Brentwood, Essex. SUNDERLAND-Contact Tom Mellish, Students Union, Wearmouth Hall, The Polytechnic, Sunderland, Co Durham. NEWCASTLE NCC-Contact John Virtue or Judi Hawkshaw, Pigeon Holes, North-ern Counties College of Education, New-castle-upon-Tyne, NE7 7XA. NEWCASTLE POLY-Contact GayRep, Students Union, NePolytechnic, 81 St Marys Place, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY-Contact Gillian Moon, 61 Brighton Grove, Fen-ham, Newcastle-upon-Tyne 4. YORK-Contact Javid Hai, Derwent College, University of York, York.

SCOTTISH MINORITIES GROUP

NATIONAL OFFICE, 214 Clyde St, Glasgow G1 4JZ, 041 771 7600. Please address all communications to The Secretary, An SAE is a great help. BRANCHES OF SMG MEET IN-INVERNESS: Contact John Matheson, 5 Castle St. ABERDEEN: Contact Denis Wilson, 0224 20376

0224 20576. DUNDEE: Contact Lem Mcintosh, 0382 452433.

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BRADFORD-New group formins. Details from Don Milligan, 10 Victor Road, Bradford 9. MANCHESTER-Meets every Wed in Upstairs Room, Lower Turks Pead, Shude Hill, Manchester at 8pm. Contact John Ash, 1 Hunts Road, Irlam o' the Heights, Salford. Ring 051-738 2045 or ring Gary 061-434 2019. SUSSEX-Meets every Tues at 8.30pm at Maskweils Bar, Junction of Kings Road and Grand Junction Road. Disco emry Fri and Sat a tame place. Adm 209. Contact Graham Wilkinson, 2A Mom-peller Villas, Brighton, Teli 23814. LANCASTER-Meets on Weds at 7.36 upstairs at the Farmers Arms. Contact 14 Hope Street, Lancaster.

Bisexuality

attitude neither dismissive nor sus-

for the moment at least, entirely

picious. Many gay groups assume that the bisexuals in their midst are,

homosexual. This is not necessarily

true. Gay groups might make an effort to discover what the bisexual experience involves, through encour-ageing discussion, papers and seminars

In effect the bisexual offers a bridge

level. This should be taken advantage

between the gay world and the straight world on a very realistic

1 Design for Living. Play by Nool Coward (1932) suggesting an intimate

triangular relationship between two men and a girl. The present production, by Michael Blakemore, emphasises the possibility of a sexual relationship be-tween the two men, without straining

Homosexuality, by D J West, Pelican.

The Homosexual Society, by Richard

Hauser, Bodley Head, 1962. Described as "a new approach to the problem." One can only hope this book is now out

of print. Hauser's prose style is as ugly as his attitude to homosexuality.

4 Not absolutely accurate. West does make passing references to lesbianism. And it should be remembered that at the time when these books were written

it was the question of male homosexual-ity that was exercising the great minds as they faced the possibility of legal reform.

5 Sexual Deviation, by Anthony Storr, Pelican Original, 1970. Not at all bad and

a good section on pedophilia. 6 In order: self-exposure; a neutral term for s/m; a sexual need to witness

sex acts or equipment; sexual desire for

7 Bisexual Politics, an easy by Gole Vidal printed in The Gay Liberation Hand-book edited by Richmond and Noguera,

1973.
8 Loving Them Both, by Colin Mac-linnes, Literary and social observation good, but MacInnes' own attitude with its automatic put-down of women and homosexuals makes the essay untenable.
Martin Brian & O'Keeffe, 1973.
9 Portrait of a Marriage, by Nigel Nicol-son. His parents, Vita Sackville-West and Harold Nicolson. were both bisexual.
10 Const Vidal (const).

11 Dennis Altman develops this theme further in Homosexual: Liberation and

Oppression. 12 An example suggested to me by two young men, both now married, who toured their amateur pop group about the midlands in the mid-60's. 13 Dennis Altman stresses the way in bind with males make a furm disting

which straight males make a firm distinc-tion between emotional relationships

(with each other) and sexual ones (with

14 I think something of this desire ex-plains why so many homosexuals do so

much cottaging when they already have plenty of social outlets and lovers. To

have sex with a man who appears straight reinforces their own view of the homo-

sexual role, as when they refer to their peers as their sisters. 15 Tearoom Trade, by Laud Humphreys,

10 Gore Vidal (see 7).

of, for everybody's benefit.

D Roger Baker 1974

Notes

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1973

women).

Continued from page 11 A more generous attitude to bi-sexuals would be welcome, an

HOMOSEXUAL EQUALITY There are over 70 local groups. For details and membership information contact their offices at: 28 Kennedy Street, Manchester M2 4BG. Tel: 061-228 1985. Or contact London information Centre, 22 Great Windmill Street, Wi, Tel: 01-437 7363, Mon-Wed 3pm-10pm, Thurs and FrI 6pm-10pm, Sat 12-7pm. You can ring some groups direct at the numbers below: BATH-Bath 5013 (Norman), or Midsomer Norton 413465 (Angela). BOURNEMOUTH-Bournemouth 24842, Laurie. BRIGHTON-Brighton 778025, Mai-colm, or Brighton 732550, Roland. BRISTOL-Bristol 35035, Trevor. CAMBRIDGE-Cambridge 52661. Bernard. CHII TE RNS-High Wycombe 39321.

Bernard. CHILTERN5—High Wycombe 39321. Haydn. CROYDON—01-642 3692, Richard. ENFIELD-01 888 0800, Michael.

HASTINGS-Hastings (0424) 426997, Rick,

Rick. HERTS STH-Hatfield 69172, John. KENT EAST-Thanet 42059. Roger. LANCASTER-Lancaster 2750. LEICESTER-Leicester 706050, Steve. or Leicester 738832, John or Clive. EAST LONDON-556 5910, Tony. LONDON, STEPNEV-01-476 7980, Mike. ONDON, HIGHBURY & ISLINGTON

Mike. LONDON, HIGHBURY & ISLINGTON 272 8523. LONDON MARYLEBONE-352 9013,

Andrew. LONDON YOUTH GROUP-01-673 2703. Chris.

703, Chris. AEDWAY Medway 361576, Ken or

George. MANCHESTER-061-445 2889, Derek. NORTHANTS/BEDFORD Northamplu 22861, Alan: Bedford 53150. Andrew. PRESTON-Preston 59908, Wilf.

ACST ON Presson 59908, Wilf. SOUTHAMPTON-551335, David, 5-70m Only. STOKE-Stoke on Trent 25596, John or Mike.

OF MIKE. STREATHAM-01-675 2886, Doug. TUNBRIDGE WELLS-Tun. Wells 33175

Ross. TYNESIDE—Netwcastle 877701, Jerry. WIRRAL—051-327 5178, Jack. WINDSOR—51062, Mike. WOLVERHAMPTON—Contact Denis, Wolverhampton 752673.

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Brafford BOI 5YZ. LIVERPOOL PO Box 7, Liverpool L8 2XN for Info. Group meets first Thurs and third Wed each month at Gazebo Coffee Lounge, 21 Duke St, Liverpool L1 at 8.00pm. BLACK COUNTRY-For Info call Murray, Wolverhampton 28379, or Wyn, Waisall 34290.

Wyn, Walsall 34290. SOUTH DEVON-meets fortnightly on Wed at 8pm in Newton Abbot. Contact Manchester Headquarters. CARDIFF-Meets every Mon at 7.30pm in Chapter Arts Centre, Market Road, Canton, Cardiff 566419, Mike.

SmEFFIELD-CHE, PO Box 107, Sheffield S1 1EJ. Meet on 2nd and 4th Tues every month at the Friends Meet-ing House. No room for all CHE info, it will appear in full in next issue.

GAY LIBERATION FRONT

GLF INFORMATION: Although the office is closed, all postal enquiries concerning GLF should still be sent to 5 Caledonian Road, London NJ. GLF GROUPS: NEWCASTLE-Meet every Wed at 6pm in the Golden Fleece pub, Mariborough Crescent. DURHAM-Contact Sam Green, 41 The Avenue, Durham City. AOULT EDUCATION GRUUP-Meets every Thurs 8pm at Talma Road, Brixton SW2.

GAY WOMEN

GAY WOMEN MANCHESTER GAY WOMENS GROUP meets regularly in central Manchester. All homosexual and bisexual women are welcomed. Please phone Sue at 061 881 3683 for details of meetings. SAPPHO meets every first Monday in the month at Euston Tavern, corner of Judd Street/Euston Road, London NWI. 7.30pm upstairs room. Sappho 30p inc postage for single copies from BCM/ PETREL, London WCIV 6XX. CAMBRIDGE GAY WOMENS GROUP. Details write Allson, c/o Last Exil Bookshop, Mill Road, Cambridge or Te.: 64757. EDINBURGH GAY WOMENS GROUP details contact Ms M Laurie 4/15 Mallestand Park, Edinburgh. WOMEN'S LIBERATION WORKSHOP Kingsgate Place Women's Centre, 1 Kingsgate Place, London W6. Doen Mon-Fri 10. 30am-10pm. LESBIANS come together in London every Monday and Friday. Details Pauline or Saliv. 01-336 4684.

Pauline or Saliv. 01-346 4684. MOLIN DISCO CLUB (girts only). Haif Moon Lane, Harne Hill, SE24. Open from 8pm on Wed Fri and Sat. Buses 2. 3, 19, 37, 40, 68, 172, 184 & 196. Mus Herne Hill (BR) station. Ring 674 4004 or 274 2733. HOMOSEXUAL WOMEN are welcome in CHE, Find out more about CHE groups at 22 Gt Windmill St, London WI. Tel: 01-437 7363. LEEDS GAY WOMEN'S GROUP meet every Wed at the Viaduct Pub, Lower Briggate, Leeds. Contact Jane and Jenny, c/o 9 Roundhay Grove, Leeds 8.

KENT GAY INFORMATION, 160 Faversham Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent. NORWICH CENTRE 3ROUP details Pater Bishop, Flat D, Oak House Trowse, Norwich, Norfolk, NOR 01W, or tell or North Waiksman 2628 (Bill). FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST THE LIBERATOR Details: FCL, c/o 61 Earls Court Square, London SW5. JEWISH HOMOPHILE GROUP further Info write to Timothy Goldard. BM/JHG, WC1 6XX. BATH GAY AWARENESS GROUP Info from PO Box 86, Bath BA1 2YQ. GAY LIBRARIAN GROUP, SAE to GLG, 6 Worthington House, Middleton Passage, London ECIR 1XQ. YOUNG GAYS meet once a week wound central London at the CHE Youth Group, Tel: Chris 01-673 2703. MANCHESTER GAY ALLIANCE mewsiletter from Side Door, 7 Birch Hall Lane, M13 OXJ. Tel: Gord 061-225 9779. HARROW GAY UNITO for info ring John or Dennis at 663 5717. CHALLENGE Is a Social group for homo-matuas over 21. Meets weekly, Ring 01-567 5085 for the number of the member on duty. GAY CAMBRIDGE a young GLF/CHE

GASOF Solor for the number of the member on duty. GAV CAMBRIDGE a young GLF/CHE group covering both the town and the university. Contact Bernard Greaves, 29 John Street, Cambridge. Tel: Cam-bridge 52661.

bridge 5266). LSE GAY CULTURE SOC-May 10, Bob Cant on Annie Besanti May 31, Leista Fuilick on Victorian Sexuality. Meetings in Room S101A, St Clements Bidg, London School of Economics. May 18, Preliminary Workshop on Gay History, 10am-Spm at LSE, Contact Jeffrey Weeks, 24 Ivor St, London NW1 Tel: 01-627 0064. Further information cin pe

Further information can be obtained from the Gay Culture Society, C/O LSE Students Union, Houghton St London W2. The Gay Marxist History Group can also be contacted at this

CAMBRIDGE INTEGROUP. Gay/ Straight Integration. Tel: Cambridge 64599, John.

USE2 452453. EDINBURGH-Contect Ian Dunn, 031 667 7473. Women contact the Secretary, C/O VOC, 11 St Colme Street, Edinburgh EH3 6Ad. Bafriending contact 031 332 9149 Weds, Sats & Suns only, 6-9pm. ST ANDREWS: Contact Richard Batchelor, 45A South St, KV16 9QR, 933481 3914. GI & SGOW, Contact Inter Willing GLASGOW: Contact John Wallace, 041 882 3536. Women contact SMG Women, 214 Clyde St, G1 4JZ. CARLISLE-Contact National Office

IRISH GAY LIB MOVEMENT

BELFAST: Maeve Molloy and Margaret Ward, Queens University Belfast Gay Lib Society, phone Belfast 42124. COLERAINE: Don Gill and Pat Knight, New University of Uister Sexual Reform Movement, NUU, Coleraine, Co Darry, phone Coleraine 4141 ext

319. DUBLIN: E Lynche (CHE): Margaret McWilliams (Sappho): Peter Bradley, Hugo McManus and Diardre O'Mara (Trinity College Dublin Sexual Reform Movement). All these Dublin represen-tatives may be contacted through the Students Representative Council, Trinit College, Dublin, Phone Dublin 772941.

HOMOSEXUAL INFORMATION and befriending society can be contacted by writing to Cara, Gay Liberation Society, Students Union, Queens University, Belfast.

TRANSVESTITE / TRANSSEXUAL

TRANSVESTITE SOCIAL GROUP. Send SAE to Sam Cash, 10 Hosack Road. London SW17. TRANSSEXUAL ACTION ORGANISA-TION for transfexuals under therapy only. Contact Angela Nicol, 01-965 2520.

Acult EDUCATION GRUUP-Meets every Thurs 8pm at Taima Road, Brixton SW2. GAY WOMEN'S LIB (North London)-Meets at the Crown and Woolpack, 397 St Johns St, ECI (Angel tube), 8pm Mon. SATURDAY IS FUN NIGHT Put on your gliad rags and Journey down to the South London GLF disco in the Manover Arms, opposite Oval tube, Starts 8pm. GLF AWARENESS GROUP-Meets every Fri 8pm. Phone Central Office for details. RELIGIOUS GAY LIB GROUP-Meets on Sundays. Details 01-278 1701. LEEDS-Office open Mon-Fri, 7.30-9.30pm at 153 Woodhouse Lane, Leeds 2. Ring 39071 ext 57. Meetings every Fri 8pm at 153 Woodhouse Lane, Leeds 2. Ring 39071 ext 57. Meetings every Fri 8pm at 153 Woodhouse Lane, Leeds 2. Ring 39071 ext 57. Meetings every Fri 8pm at rades Council Hall, Upper Fountain St, Leeds. SUSSEX UNIVERSITY GAYSOC meets from time to time. Contact through students Union, University of Sussax, Faimer, near Brighton. BANGOR Group now forming. If you live in North Wals, please contact Simon Del Nevo, c/o UCNW Students Union, Deinloi Road, Bangor, Cerris, Nr Wales. CARDIFF-At RIB, 58 Charles St, Cardiff 4441. Advice on drugs and legal matters, entertainment and cheap food. WARWICK UNIVERSITY GLF meets fortnighty on Jues 8pm in Roots Hall, Univ of Warwick, Coventry. Contact 9 Stanley Road, Coventry or ring Coventry 76008. CHESTER LE STREET GLF-Contact via Mike Barnes, 1 Fenwick Terrace, Jasmond, Newcastle Upon Tyne 2. BIRMINGHAM-021-643 0996. Peace Centre, 18 Moore Street, Queensway. Weedly free discos every Wed at the Old Crown. Diabeth. SOUTH LONDON GLF-At Brixton Gay Community Centre, 78 Railton Rd, Mo 25 buis & miles Rubin tube and PDI

Crown. Diebeth, SOUTH LONDON GLF—At Brixton Gay Community Centre, 78 Railton Rd, (No 2 bus, 5 mins Brixton tube and BR), Mon-Fri 7011pm, Sats 11-11pm, Sun 2-11pm, General meetings every Wed 8.30pm. Tel: 01-274 7921.

BRISTOL GAY AWARENESS GROUP-New group forming, Contact Eddle Cherrie, 10 Fairfield Rd, Montpeller, Bristol 6.

Duckworth, 1970.

16 I am aware that this section is probably inadequate. Maybe some women (gay and bisexual) will be able to add information

17 Some homosexuals have complained that the bisexual and the married homosexual tend to treat the gay organisations as a sort of instant brothel by demanding sex under circumstances dictated by them (ie only on Wednesdays when the wife visits her mother etc). This is cer-tainly harmful and insulting to the homo sexual who seeks a permanent, creative relationship. Many other homosexuals, however, would quite enjoy a regular visitor.

18 Macinnes (see 8).

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Irish television first

BELFAST: In what amounts to a major breakthrough, Campaign for Homosexual Equatity's General Secretary Howarth Penny appeared on Northern Ireland's television station to talk about homosexuality.

Howarth appeared on the Gordon Burns Show ("Belfast's Answer to David Frost") on a programme about 'Aspects of Sexuality'. The first half of the show, which went out at 10.30 in the evening, was devoted to homosexuality. We understand that this is the first time that Northern Ireland television has broadcast a discussion of the subject.

Howarth has been told that the programme provoked a flood of phone calls, and letter to brish newspapers.

Scotland's repressive climate

GLASGOW: The Reverend Keith Steven of the Church of Scotland told the press that many young Scots fleeing to London each year did so because they were homosexual and could not cope with the repressive climate in Scotland.

He was announcing the establishment of a centre in Glasgow scheduled to open this summer. This Youth Information Centre is to be financed by Glasgow Corporation and it will give information to youngsters planning to leave for Inglish cities.

The plan was sparked off by pleas from tocial workers in London who urged their Scottish colleagues to take action. They were having to deal with many young Scots kids who, in the words of Keith Steven, "arrive in London totally unprepared and are therefore immediately at risk." In 1972 some 3,500 young Scots were dealt with by

London help organisations. The idea of the centre in Glasgow is not to put them off, said Keith Steven, but he warned: "One finds kids drifting into casual violence, prostitution and drug-pedding simply because they don't know." Informa-tion given will include employment and ccommodation contacts.

Caught by the short & curlys

ISLE OF WIGHT: When Mr Roy Kennedy of Cowes took a seat in a local cottage he acted with "unusual presence of mind" a police prosecutor told Isle of Wight magistrates recently.

The Court heard that while Mr Kennedy was in pursuance of his lawful business, "a very personal part" was offered to him through a hole in the partition to an adjoining cubicle.

The prosocutor, Mr John Ellis, then told the bench. Mr Kennedy look off his belt, fixed it round the offending part, and tied the other end to the downpipe of the cistern. "The person on the other side should

case it off,' but Mr Kennedy replied 'You'll have to wait until I've made a phone call. f'm going to phone the police

The police arrived to find the defendant Mr Edwin Wilcox (40) "still strung up help-less" in East Cowes Town Hall toilets. On arrival at the police station a doctor had to treat Wilcox for minor injuries caused by the belt.

For the defence Mr Anthony Gale told the Justices: "Clearly Mr Kennedy was not frightened. The action he took shows that."

Wilcox, a local government officer of Ryde pleaded guilty to trying to procure an act of gross indecency. Sentence was deferred until July pending reports, presumably to satisfy the Magistrates that the accused has no further hang-ups.

Richard Thomson

Norwich Friend

NORWICH: Bill, from the local Friend group, writes in a recent Norwich Centre Group Newsletter:

70 people have contacted Friend since last November, and Friend helpers have travelled hundreds of miles in an attempt to

CHE activists in print

MANCHESTER: The Campaign for Homosexual Equality Activists' first venture into the publishing field was triggered off by a meeting between women from the Women's Liberation Movement, and women in the Gay Movement. The meeting took place last January in Manchester Liz Stanley, of CHI, wrote four papers before the meeting to encourage discussion.

The pamphlet includes a reprint of these four papers, together with edited transcripts of the discussions that followed. The four papers are entitled 'Sexual Politics Is Gay Politics', 'The Stereotype-Defined Woman', Consciousness-Raising And Other Groups and Women's Liberation And Gay Groups' The edited highlights of the meeting

include contributions from both gay and straight women.

Called Women Together, the pamphlet costs 15p and copies can be obtained from CHE, 28 Kennedy Street, Manchester 2. Please enclose a large stamped self-addressed envelope

NUT considers gay claims

LONDON: The Education Committee of the National Union of Teachers is to consider the claims made by the National Colleges of Education Gay Rights Campaign. NCEGRC is urging the biggest teachers' union in the country (with over 200,000 members) to take up the matter of discrimination against homosexuals in schools and teacher-training

Earlier this year, NCEGRC asked the NUT for space at the union's national conference to erect a stall and supply delegates with information about the campaign and its demands. After a long wait, the group re-ceived a short letter from Fred Jarvis, the Deputy General Secretary, telling them that they could not have a stall. The decision was taken by the Education Committee. NCEGRC were angry at the decision.

They have written several letters to the union stating their position, and asking for the executive to examine their claims.

Gay News spoke to Fred Jarvis, who will be taking over from Mr Britten as General Secretary after the 1975 national conference. He told us that space was limited for stalls and only established groups supported by the NUT were given space. He did say, however, that a letter from NCEGRC was before the union's Education Committee and would be discussed in the near future. The Executive Committee would have to wait for their report.

Police cottagers take a rest

News

PORTSMOUTH: The city of Portsmouth Police vice squad appears to be adopting a low profile to gays throughout Portsmouth and Southsen

During the last three months no prosecutions for gross indecency or importuning in a public place have been brought before city magistrates, and the Crown Court has not heard a case for six months.

Police activity seems to have settled for verbal warnings coupled with occasional CID spot checks at police stations

Contrary to popular belief there has been no public outcry at the reduced level of police harassment of gays, even though this is the prime reason put forward by the authorities for the vice squad's cottaging activities.

A Portsmouth police spokesman declined to comment on the apparent demise of the sauad, which is now reportedly down to two officers operating from a battered blue Ford van. **Richard Thomson**

The battle for Hastings

HASTINGS: The Tunbridge Wells group of Campaign for Homosexual Equality proudly announce that they have given birth to a bouncing, healthy child, in the form of the new Hastings group. At a meeting held recently under the aegis of this group, it was decided by twenty-two Hastings and district members that the time was ripe to try to go

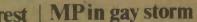
As a result Hastings now has all the necessary officials to provide a useful service to the town's gay community. Ideas in mind for consideration by the

new executive committee include a disco. beach barbecues, country rambles with 'farm house ten' to sustain the weary, coach outings, and, ambitiously, trips to Amsterdam The group will also seek liason with social

groups such as the Samaritans, Citizens' Advice Bureau, etc.

The group has 'fallen on its feet' as regards accommodation they have been offered a more or less permanent meeting place. The Palace Bars, and have been given a magnificent duplicator, with which they will be able to turn out all their own press releases, subscription forms, etc.

The first real social evening will be on the first real social evening will be holding a buffet and music-for-dancing evening at the Candle Room in the Palace Bars. Members and friends from neighbouring groups will be most welcome. Contact Rick buffet Mark at Hastings (0424) 426997. **Rick Nash**



LONDON: Tory Member of Parliament for Brentford and Isleworth, Barney Hayhoe, has come in for quite a bit of stick in the local press for his refusal to answer the **Campaign for Homosexual Equality's** general election questionnaire.

He claims that he does not answer questionnaires that come from organisations

and pressure groups. William Riffaugh of CHE wrote to the paper expressing the hope that Hayhoe did not intend to keep his views secret, but apparently that is excatly what he does intend to do. He told the paper (the Brent-"to deal with my constituents direct" (over-tones of consenting adults in private), but refused to deal with questions put by larger organisations representing many more people. One wonders whether he expects to be taken seriously at Westminster when he claims to represent the electorate. Maybe Parliamentarians should insist on consulting Hayhoe's constituents individuals if he does not accept the concept of democratically elected representatives.

Be that as it may, Hayhoe's views on homosexuality remain a closely-guarded secret from all but his intimates. Who knows, maybe they should stay that way'

Leather club's success story

LONDON: It soon became apparent at the first General Meeting of London's Motor Sports Club on Saturday, May 4, that the club's short history was nothing less than a proverbial 'success story'. In its first six months' existence, MSC's rapid growth in membership has resulted in it becoming the largest gay leather/denim/motorcycle club in largest gay leather/denim/motorcycle club in

the world, as well as the focal point of the leather scene in Britain. The first part of the meeting was taken up with reports from various members of the club's committees, the most s sprising coming from the secretary who announced that from an initial 90 applications for mem-bership, there were now well over 300 fully paid-up members. The treasurer related a very satisfactory financial situation. There are plans to make donations to a number of abarting (see 560 to the Semaritary) although charities (eg £50 to the Samaritans), although there was no mention of anything being given to gay voluntary services or

organisations. MSC's main purpose is a social one, and the continuing popularity of the club's Covent Garden headquarters confirmed that the members were happy with the present arrangements. The special events that have been organised have proved extremely suc-cessful, and forthcoming functions are likely to receive an equal amount of enthusistic support. It was also announced that the No-Name Bar at The Castle, Richmond, could be used as a meeting place for club members and their guests on Sunday lunch-times. Apart from questions from members on aspects of the committee's reports, the remainder of the meeting was given over to a general discussion of possible developments and expansions within the club. Judging from the members' responses and the amount Covent Garden headquarters confirmed that

from the members' responses and the amount of interest in all areas of the club's activities, there is every indication that MSC can look forward to a burgeoning future.

Gays invited to demonstrate

LONDON: The Prisoners' Wives Union has invited all gays in sympathy with their aims to join a demonstration in Central London on June 12.

The marchers will set off at noon from Trafalgar Square and head for Buckingham Palace. From there they will march on to the Home Office, Downing Street, and end up at Westminster Abbey.

And if you are visiting London then, it sounds as though you will be able to see all the sights without having to pay London Transport for a sight-seeing ticket.

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break down some of the isolation felt by a lot of gay people in East Anglia.

Some of our contacts have simply wanted information, others have made an initial contact but have not wanted to go any further. But most of our contacts have wanted to meet other gay people and make new friends like ourselves. It's difficult to assess how successful we have been so far. Some people feel we haven't lived up to expectation like the man of 70 who wanted us to put him in touch with someone of 18. This is beyond our brief, and we cannot provide sex partners like some contact agencies do. But we can supply understanding and friendship from people who know what it's like to be gay. About half our contacts have been from

the lpswich area and have now formed the nucleus of the Ipswich Centre Group. The other half are scattered over Norfolk. What we hope to achieve in the future is a net-work of gay people who can call on each other for support, and can work together towards an open and unprejudiced society where being gay is seen simply as an alternative life style.

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Liverpool Council looks at sex education

LIVERPOOL: The Education Committee of Liberal-controlled Liverpool Council is to consider whether sex classes in the city's schools should include lessons on homosexuality.

This was made public at a recent council meeting by committee chairman Councillor John Bowern, a Liberal, in reply to a question from Labour councillor John Hamilton. Hamilton asked: "In view of the resolution

passed at the Young Liberals Conference that sex education in schools cannot be considered adequate unless it includes teaching about homosexuality, does the chairman intend to encourage Liverpool school teachers to instruct pupils in Liverpool schools about homosexuality?"

The matter was being considered by the Teachers' Advisory Committee, said Bowen. When they had considered the matter fully, the Education Committee would consider their report.

This may be the first testing ground for the Young Liberals campaign if the matter becomes a major issue in council meetings in the future.