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"For every petal on a rose
I shed a tear of pain--
That maybe I will lose you
And never love again." -Dori

DIALOGUE

Boston patrolman Richard McEachern, the controversial president of the National Patrolmen's Association, spoke at a recent meeting of HUB. Dr. Theodore Lindauer, the psychiatric consultant for HUB and DOB, commented afterwards on what was said. Mr. McEachern, who was shot a couple of months ago while on his beat (reportedly by someone against patrolmen unifying), arrived at HUB with a bodyguard and a very tense expression on his face. He was warmly received and loosened up considerably during the forty minutes he was there. He made a short introductory remark saying that his views did not represent the Boston Police Department--only that of the Patrolmen's Association--and also that he could basically only defend himself for his own actions because patrolmen were as different from one another as all other human beings. There then followed a question and answer period, which was too short to get into any really good dialogue.

The question was asked if entrapment was still a legal device that could be used to arrest homosexuals (entrapment is when a cop poses as a homosexual to trap others into making a solicitation). He said it was mostly used to get prostitutes and junkies (in fact, every night) and very rarely to trap homosexuals; however, he made the point that it is still a legal device, and could be used. When asked about an "arrest quota," Mr. McEachern said that any such thing was a pure myth. He also

said that much had changed in Boston regarding the relationship between police and homosexuals in the last ten years and that the situation was much better today. McEachern made the statement several times during the evening that the police were mainly just too busy with so many other problems (anarchists was one that he mentioned) to bother about homosexuals. "Policemen are not going to bust you for walking down the streets. Unnatural acts are what they're trying to push against...and what is unnatural since we all have different natures?" (Applause)

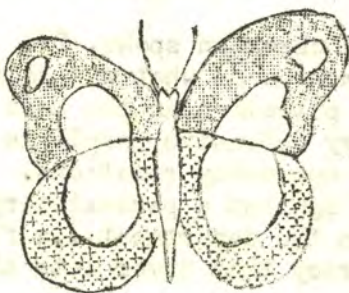
When asked about police pay-offs by gay bars, he answered that a gay bar is not illegal. However, it was brought up by Frank Morgan that there is a city ordinance against dancing together by members of the same sex. Mr. McEachern said that he had not realized there was such an ordinance. He admitted that here one would find reason for pay-offs, but that the patrolman on the beat was not the one who got it. Mr. McEachern ended by saying that he hoped homosexuality would be eventually accepted socially and that he would try to help as head of the Patrolmen's Association.

After Mr. McEachern spoke, Dr. Lindauer commented on what was said. He said that patrolmen on the most part were very defensive people in the realm of community relations. "They are up against a paramilitary system within the department...a faceless bureaucracy that never lets them

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question their superior's judgement or their own." Still, a patrolman is often faced with making split second decisions on little evidence, which leads to tremendous errors at times; thus one can begin to appreciate the defensiveness that the patrolman starts developing for himself as he continually receives criticism from the community. Because of this defensiveness, the two-year old community relations department of the Boston Police Department has made a "half-hearted effort" to do a tremendously hard job.

Dr. Lindauer said that we should concentrate our fire on what happens in October, election time. Then the men running for reelection step in and have arrests made on certain groups of socially unacceptable people. He gave as an example the raid last October, staged by a sheriff running for reelection, on Bard College...for marijuana... as if there were not any during the other months! (Bard is quite well-known for its drug scene.) October is notably the month that "queers" are dragged in, too. Dr. Lindauer concluded by saying that our whole legal system needed to be overhauled. He said that the Mafia would not exist except that it caters to groups of people (homosexuals, gamblers, prostitutes) whose needs are not rationally handled by our society. "Our laws must become more rational, because having a bad law is worse than having no law at all. You can't enforce it properly, so it leads to harassment."



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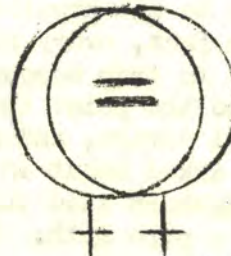
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OPEN FORUM QUESTION NUMBER 4

Q: What should you do if you are living in a gay marriage, and are quite content with your partner, but find yourself strongly attracted to someone else?

A: "Love does not consist in gazing at each other, but in looking outward together in the same direction."

--Antoine de Saint-Exup'ery

This quote could almost be used as a good answer to your O. F. Q. #4 without any further elaboration.

Love consists of much more than mere physical attraction. When we choose a partner, we (hopefully!) choose one who fits into our long-range life plan--our ambitions, our needs, our dreams. Anyone choosing her partner otherwise, merely on a physical appeal basis, will find herself sorely short-changed.

Contentment and desire can easily be found in two separate people. Only an adult realization of all the factors can enable a person to make proper decisions.

Before falling prey to one's physical attractions by acting on these desires, there is a lot more to be considered than just a revitalized sexual drive, which often is fairly short lived.

More often than not, a new partner involves complete changes in most of our ordinary functions, even in eating and sleeping. Very often it interrupts our work pattern. In general it causes an upheaval in our whole way of life. And for what? Can we continue to go through a life of major upheavals by changing partners with every new strong desire we feel?

Real love is sometimes impatient...but if it is real, it will last long enough to survive a period of consideration. If what seems to be an attraction should really be more than that, there's always time to make the proper evaluation, whether you happen to be single or

unhappily married.

But married and "quite content with your partner"? Go take a cold shower and think it out!

--Andy Cox

A: I don't see how you could be strongly attracted to someone else beyond the temporary infatuation level if you're truly content with your partner. If you were to become deeply emotionally involved with a third party, it would show serious discontent with your partner. Otherwise, there would be no need or desire for the third party.

If I found myself strongly attracted to someone other than my partner, I would weigh what I know I have now against the risk of settling for something not quite as good with the third party.

This has only happened to me once in the three years of my gay marriage; and I resisted the impulse by facing the fact that my marriage, although gay, is as binding and sacred to me as any between men and women. I don't approve of cheating in marriage--gay or straight. I think you should either make a clean break or be faithful; no middle ground.

I also feel that as long as I love my partner as much as I do, no one could ever attract me enough to threaten what we have spent so long in building together. Marriage is built on selflessness--not on selfishness; not in the sense of being a martyr to marriage, but in the sense of being a sharing partner in it.

--Candi McGonagle

OPEN FORUM QUESTION #5 - MAY ISSUE:

DOB is a woman's organization for homosexuals. Do the members consider themselves as women first or as primarily homosexuals? Would DOB benefit more by aligning itself with the women's liberation movement or by joining with some of the more male-oriented homophile groups?

All opinions welcome! ! ! !

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor--

Let me tell you a little story. Not so very long ago there was a girl who happened to be a lesbian. This girl lived in the great state of Massachusetts, and she found the inhabitants less than liberal in matters of morals. This girl wanted to educate and inform the heterosexual inhabitants of Massachusetts; she wanted and deserved acceptance and understanding, not pity and tolerance. She joined a homosexual organization and participated in a panel discussion and on Saturday night dated a nice gentleman to keep her parents from suspecting anything. She succeeded in educating a few clergymen who were interested enough to come to the panel discussions; she did not educate her parents.

Nice story, huh? And short. And to the point. DOB wants to inform and educate--somewhere along the line its members cop-out. Who do you suppose comprises the straight community? I'll tell you whom--just these parents and friends that everyone is trying to protect from the "awful truth."

In an article in last month's M.V., Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon state: "The Lesbian minority in America, which may run as high as ten million women..." Now let's assume each woman has two parents, one brother, one sister, and three straight friends. A grand total of at least seven close friends and relatives. Now suppose that each woman educated these seven people. Now we have seventy million educated people plus ten million lesbians--eighty million educated people. That is approximately 40% of the population of these great United States. By any standards that is a hell of a lot of educated people.

You know, kids don't learn how to read in reading class, nor do they learn about sex in their sex education classes. No, they learn at home or on

the street corner from friends. And are your parents to learn about homosexuality from a lecture in the church basement on a Wednesday night?

Think about it and then don't give me any song and dance about "it will hurt them or upset them." That is a bunch of junk and neck deep. Do you really think the priest or the minister or rabbi will give them the "word" and then--and only then--they'll embrace you and your social phenomenon? If you, yes you, can't inform them, then no one can.

Hang in there. Keep pitching and maybe by mistake Mom will find out, and then you can inform and educate her. That's one small step for man and one...

--Donna Wyatt

To the Editor--

I would like to comment on the letter in the last issue of M.V. from "The Saint." She contradicted herself in her first paragraph, saying that a boycott of the Cafe Florian would be a good idea if "DOB Boston were comprised of all blacks or some other suppressed group." She goes on to say that we are not a black group, "we are a group of lesbians, looking and working toward the day free from oppression." Saint, we are an oppressed group...and there are many of us who believe that open confrontation with our oppressors at times is a good thing. There are many of us who are going to march on Moratorium Day, April 15; who are going to march as homosexuals, and who, no doubt, are going to be holding hands. I understand your point of view about the Cafe Florian incident; however, I fail to see how anybody--even the great monsters, "parents," could regard holding hands as filth. I feel that you are really too super-sensitive to your oppression as a Lesbian. I think, Saint, that you are scared... and I think that some of the "filth" that comes from two homosexuals holding hands in a public place

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might be a little in your mind, too.

I say educate, too...but I also say let's start now and be as free as we can--at least let's hold hands in public sometimes!! After all, hand-holding between gays has been going on for years in New York and California. Why not in Boston? And I'm all for demonstrations, too... if they're peaceful. A demonstration can be an education, also--it means standing up and saying bluntly that homosexuals are humans, too, and deserve equal rights, and are going to stop taking derision, laughter, or indifference as society's (another great monster) answer.

I am yours for a free and new today.

--Diana Travis

EDITOR'S NOTE

Due to the volume of letters to the editor, the Maiden Voyage would like to request readers to make letters short and to the point. Again we are faced with a space problem and can only allow a limited amount of space to letters.

We would prefer letters not to exceed a single hand-written or typed page.

Thank you for your help.

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Dear, you know your mother and I disapprove of hippie boys with long hair.

I TOLD you we could trust her judgement!!!

HOMOSEXUALITY AND SOCIETY

Six members of Boston DOB participated as a panel in a course, at Brandeis University, entitled "Homosexuality and Society."

Described as "perhaps one of the first of its kind devoted as it is solely to the topic of homosexuality and not hidden or couched within some social problems or deviance class," the course is student organized and run.

DOB was asked to participate in the course by the instructor who cited the "awareness that there is very little material available on Lesbianism."

Members of the Homophile Union of Boston and Student Homophile groups have discussed their organizations and personal experiences in meetings with the Brandeis students.

MOTHER'S COMING

Raise your voice an octave,
 Wear a skirt around,
 Mother doesn't get the bit,
 And she'll be in town.
 Call some faggots darling,
 Ask them by for drinks,
 Mother's on her way, my love,
 And I'm straight, she thinks...
 Push our beds apart, pet,
 Put our rings away,
 Mother doesn't understand,
 She arrives today.

(anon)

FOR BETHY

Some people forget,
 When the years grow long,
 The sound of a voice
 And the depth of a song;
 But my memory
 Will never more fade
 Of all the beauty
 In my life you've made.
 For your eyes are a poem,
 Your lips are a prayer;
 And always the ocean
 Murmuring there.
 And so I shall cherish
 All of our days
 The joy you are giving
 In hundreds of ways.

-Candi McGonaglo



A silver shadow comes to me
 -the only color I desire-
 when the sun breaks away
 from massive structures
 the wood-stone daytime life
 and rests for a few salty hours
 beneath the earth's brown
 blanket.

This silver shadow aches for these
 hours
 begs the day to die sooner
 so she can light her way home
 mysterious, silent
 speaking only with her soft
 wings
 and I answer with my eyes:
 'silver shadow, it is nighttime,
 ours.'

-Linda Susan

THE LESBIAN

Scattered we are, over land and sea,
 How many we number will never be
 known.
 Each one must learn from the start,
 She must wear a mask on her heart.
 We live in a world set apart--
 A shy secret world of our own.
 Here's to the day we yearn for
 To give our hearts as we may.
 Love's always love in sincerity given
 Despite what others may say.
 They cannot dare to deny us,
 We've been here since centuries past;
 And you can be sure our ranks
 will endure
 As long as this old world will last.
 So here's to a finer tomorrow,
 When we'll face the world with
 a smile,
 The right one beside us
 To cherish and guide us--
 This is what makes life worthwhile.

(anon)

WOMEN'S LIB AND THE LESBIAN

The March 23, 1970 issue of Newsweek carried a special report on "Women's Lib: The War on 'Sexism.'" In reading this article, I found several interesting and enlightening points worthy of note.

Some of the women interviewed felt the need to give up sex and love, both fundamental male means of enslaving females. They also felt that a "woman is a 'sexual object,' born to be a man's toy, limited and defined by her sexual role rather than open to the unbounded human possibilities held out to men--or at least, to some men. Usually she is not yet out of diapers when she learns that girls play with baby dolls, boys build things."

The basic tone of the article is one of hostility to the male who has imprisoned women, exploited them, denied them equal advantages and laughed at their requests for fair treatment. "When she has children, she is chained to their needs for most of the years of her vigor and youth. She is Fred's wife and Jenny's mother and, beyond that, she may realize one late day, she has no other identity."

Although this role of woman as wife and mother has little bearing on the life of the female homosexual, I think the feelings expressed by these heterosexual women is interesting because they share the same anti-male feelings held by a good many lesbians. In discussing female homosexuality, Frank S. Caprio, M.D., states that lesbians "express their protest in the form of anti-male psychology, convincing themselves that all men are alike--selfish and inconsiderate. This resentment of the male sex (masculine protest reactions) often leads to the development of a preference for their own sex (Lesbianism.)" Dr. B. Bauer states: "Freedom for women means freedom to love. But we cannot go

against Nature. Woman is intended for reproduction; she has been appointed to take an active part in the reproduction of the race by pregnancy and child-birth. And while these laws of Nature remain every attempt at emancipation is futile."

It is pertinent to note that if woman is appointed to take the part of child raising for fulfillment because of her biological design, that men have just as much responsibility. After all, how many babies were born without some very active male participation in their conception? Men, however, do not feel that they are unfulfilled because they cannot stay home all day long to take care of the children they helped to create. Maybe when the first test-tube baby is finally created, the doctors and scientists in charge will feel unfulfilled if they do not give up their jobs and stay at home to take care of this child they have created.

The theory that wife-and-mother is the only fulfilling role for women is shot so full of holes that it needs a diaper desperately. Or maybe that theory is ready to be toilet trained. Nanette Rainone of WBAI in New York says: "The guy on the assembly line doesn't want to be a woman. It's not that the work at home is worse than at the factory. It's that he realizes it's nothingness, total nothingness."

It is no wonder women in the liberation movement today feel so anti-male. Caprio feels that this is unhealthy. "Some authorities fear these trends have seriously affected the sexual happiness of modern women. They claim it has more than likely influenced the susceptibility of many women to a homosexual way of thinking and living."

There are somewhere between 10,000 and 500,000 women who are active members of the lib movement

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deprived, they're suffering greatly, not only from that but from the basic anxieties that produce their condition."

Dr. Socarides is a heterosexual who feels the male-female union is the most meaningful in life. Any homosexual would disagree. Who is right? Is anyone? Isn't it just a matter of live and let live, with Dr. Socarides keeping his prejudices to himself? People are oriented in a particular direction--to the institution of heterosexual marriage. What of the people who do not want to get married? Are they "sick," too? What of the person who remains single to pursue a career? Is this person "sick?" It would seem that everyone who does not fit into the doctor's neat little pattern is labeled "sick" to justify his own anxieties about his need to conform.

Homosexuals do not feel they are deprived or suffering greatly. Neither does the woman who divorces her husband for cruel and abusive treatment. Neither does the man who divorces his wife for adultery. Not everyone, as Dr. Socarides would like us to think, who can find happiness without marriage is suffering from emotional illness.

I think the doctor's attitudes do much harm to all people, gay or straight. As any member of the women's lib movement can testify, just because a woman decides to forego marriage in the chance to establish herself as an equal human being with a career and a life independent from a man's, she isn't "sick."

Maybe Dr. Socarides should be psychoanalyzed himself by someone with a more enlightened and tolerant view of mankind today.

-Candi McGonagle

P.S. Please withhold my name and address as I hold a job where people in charge do not agree with me--and I'd like to keep the job for a while. Thank you.

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today. Does this mean there are between 10,000 and 500,000 new lesbians on the loose? This seems rather dubious.

The new hope for the lesbian in the liberation movement is great, and the promise seems to justify the hope.

"The recurrent preoccupation is sex; the disappointments of sex, the failures of sex, the failures of orgasm, the ineptitudes of men. Men seem transfixed by the notion that all any of these women need is really swell copulation. Few men pause to ask whether causing the earth to shake for a woman each night will obliterate her boredom, frustration and sense of injustice each day. And they are all very puzzled by her complaint that the predominant male view of women is sexual." Lesbians have felt this way for centuries. It seems as if the straight women are just beginning to catch up in their thinking. In fact, there are now some "sober debates over whether lesbianism is a viable alternative to heterosexuality. A woman who doesn't mind any other insult--'go home and take a bath,' 'what you need is a good screw,' 'dirty, Communist pinko'--will dissolve in tears because someone calls her a dyke." So women have "started asking why women react that way, to welcome lesbians into the movement as 'our sisters,' and to consider the idea of homosexuality as a means of population control and a path to equality."

Whether she is straight or gay, just about every woman has known fury when she is addressed as "Hey, honey!" on the street by men or yelled obscene entreaties. "Casual annoyances to the unenlightened, this masculine custom becomes, in the heightened atmosphere of women's liberation, an enraging system of

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male supremacy reflecting man's expectation of female passivity and, more important, the knowledge of her vulnerability."

For years, since Freud started dissecting and dogmatically classifying every minute emotion, lesbians have been told they were "sick," neurotic and immature. Their anti-male attitude was said to be a symptom of their homosexuality. But with so many straight women in the lib movement expressing their own anti-male feelings, Dr. Judd Marmor, an eminent Los Angeles psychiatrist, warns against dismissing the protestors as neurotic. "Women throughout history have become sensitized to the iniquities of a male oriented society. Many have been sisters in a family where the brother got the better of it-- the brother got to go to college, though the girl was brighter. Is she neurotic or justifiably angry?"

Perhaps someday the world will accept the lesbian, too; not as a neurotic, maladjusted, sick individual. Maybe one day we will be accepted as people first, women second, and homosexuals third. Not mental cases, not neurotic; merely justifiably angry.

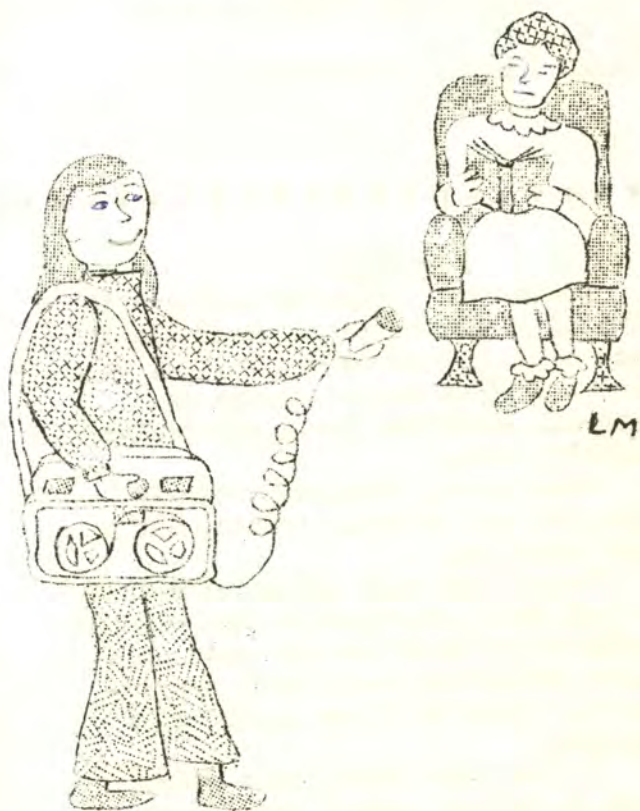
-Candi McGonagle

The Public Education Committee is continuing with plans to compile a marketable book on the homosexual experience.

Anyone interested in contributing should submit typed double-spaced copy of any length relating personal experiences. Editing will be done by members of the committee.

Please contact Katie coordinator, at 277-8952 for additional information or assistance.

Getting dialogue for
DOB book --



"Mother, there's something I want
to tell you..."



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BOSTON HOMOPHILE ORGANIZATIONS

The groups listed below offer homosexuals a chance to meet one another and interact as persons. They also work to promote the civil rights of homosexuals and their acceptance by society as worthwhile members. The groups have a variety of social events, lectures, discussions, and social reform activities. Some offer legal, religious, and psychiatric referral. Anyone interested (including heterosexuals) in joining or supporting any one of these organizations is invited to contact them. All inquiries are welcomed and will be kept strictly confidential.

HOMOPHILE UNION OF BOSTON

Membership open to men and women
Phone: 282-9181
Write: P. O. Box 217, Dorchester
Station, Boston, 02124

BOSTON UNIVERSITY HOMOPHILE CLUB

Membership open to all students, faculty, and staff of Boston University
Phone: John Rennell at 387-5287 or
353-3653

DAUGHTERS OF BILITIS, BOSTON CHAPTER

Membership open to women
Write: P. O. Box 221, Prudential
Center Station, Boston, 02199

GRADUATE STUDENT HOMOPHILE ASSOCIATION
AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Membership open to students, officers, and faculty of Harvard University
Phone: Mark Russell at 868-3153

STUDENT HOMOPHILE LEAGUE

Membership open to students from the Boston Area
Phone: Terry at 868-0706

GAY LIBERATION FRONT

"GLF is an interface between gays and the world; it will sponsor open political and social action. Membership open to all interested."
Phone: Stan at 868-5630

NOTICE

Due to the volume of mail and the limited number of pages available in each issue of the Maiden Voyage, we regret that we cannot always use material submitted for a particular monthly issue.

News items, stories of timely interest and upcoming events must have priority.

Poems, art work and stories that do not have a particular time element influencing their use are used on a space permitting basis with consideration given to items in order of receipt.

If you have submitted a story, poem or drawing and do not see it in the current issue, please watch for the next edition.

Remember the Maiden Voyage is always interested in hearing from its readers. Please keep the material coming in. --Editor

DOB PLANS SPRING WALK

Boston DOB is planning a Spring Walk along the Squannacook River in West Groton on Sunday, May 17.

Walk along a well-worn fishermen's trail beside the Squannacook River. It's a two hour round trip at a relaxed pace. Bring a picnic lunch and--since some spots may be muddy-- use your own judgement on shoes. Meet at 1:00 p.m. in front of the West Groton Town Hall.

To get to West Groton from Boston, take Route 2 to the Concord Traffic Circle, follow Route 119 to Groton, then take Route 225 to West Groton.

If you need transportation or want to offer a ride, please call Charlotte at 665-3976.

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THE SAYINGS OF SOCARIDES

"For Women Today," a television program on WBZ, channel 4, Boston, at 9:00 a.m., devoted the week before Easter, 1970, to discussions about sex. On Wednesday, March 25, the topic was "Homosexuality." Guest discussants were Dr. Charles Socarides, psychiatrist in New York; Rev. Robert Weeks, minister in Manhattan; Ann Haloy, president of Boston DOB; and Frank Morgan, president of HUB.

Questions from two moderators occupied half of the hour; then questions came from members of a small studio audience. This article includes mostly quotes from Dr. Socarides because the reviewer found them interesting. They are taken from a tape recording.

The largest number of questions were directed to Dr. Socarides, probably because he was the psychiatrist, had written a book, and so was considered an authority. Although Ann and Frank said they did not feel "sick" and Rev. Weeks spoke of the many well-adjusted, happy homosexuals he had met through his church program for homosexuals, Dr. Socarides said: "Well, that's wonderful...I'm not going to tell anybody they're sick when they say they aren't...But I think that if Mr. Morgan or Ann went to a psychoanalyst and subjected themselves to in-depth psychoanalytic penetration...we would probably find in them similar psychopathology which accounted for their having to choose a mate of the same sex...That doesn't mean anyone should force them to change..." "There are forces in these individuals which compel them to live a certain way, which deprive them of the most meaningful relation in one's life--that is, the male-female sexual union and all that goes with it. They are terribly deprived, they suffer greatly."

The moderator asked Dr. Socarides why he felt that homosexuality was

an illness. At first Dr. Socarides replied by way of analogy with diabetes, that he had treated enough homosexuals without treating them all to be able to tell they were sick, just as doctors can tell that a diabetic is sick without treating all diabetics. The moderator pursued this point, saying, "and yet you haven't drawn the same conclusion about all (the) heterosexuals (you treat)."

Dr. Socarides replied: "Well, you see, heterosexuality per se is not an illness, is not pathological, but to me, homosexuality is pathological. Now I'll tell you why...through cultural indoctrination and upbringing...we are programmed in that direction, and also, we have about 2½ billion years of evolution out of which came a male-female standard pattern of sexual procreation."

Dr. Socarides also explained why so few of the homosexuals in America have joined organizations such as DOB. Frank suggested they were afraid to. Dr. Socarides said that his homosexual patients had given him another reason: "They say that those organizations make a terrible mistake and I agree with them, that they accept homosexuality as a normal form of sexuality, co-existing with heterosexuality, normal and equal... If you sell this bill of goods...you do tremendous harm to the growing adolescent...to the marginal heterosexual. The majority of homosexuals won't join in because they say, 'You people have given up...' You could get these people into therapy."

Rev. Weeks offset Dr. Socarides somewhat by saying that from his experience, the problems encountered by many homosexuals were caused by the attitude of society towards homosexuality, and he hoped that greater acceptance would be forthcoming in the future. Frank Morgan pointed out that there are psychiatrists who do not agree with Dr. Socarides that homosexuality per se is continued on page 12.

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EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION

On Friday night, March 20, we were privileged to be led in a discussion on employment discrimination led by Mr. Douglas Glassman, who employs people for Automotive Market, Inc., in Mattapan, Massachusetts.

The discussion touched on such sub-topics as the reliability of homosexual employees. Mr. Glassman felt homosexuals are not consistent in attendance. This was vigorously contested. He said a poll showed that employees looked for security over all other benefits, but that homosexuals never stayed on the job long enough to reap the benefits of this security.

Discussion was active and everyone participated in an enjoyable evening.

HOMOSEXUALITY AND THE THEATRE

The homosexual is an accepted member of the theatre community.

What happens in the theatre? Why is it different?

According to actress, director and teacher Phoebe Wray who spoke at the March 27 meeting, "a person in the theatre is allowed to do his thing. It doesn't matter what his thing is as long as it doesn't infringe on his or her creative life." When she queried members of one of her theatre arts classes at a local college, they took it lightheartedly because they felt "it doesn't matter, no one gives a damn in the arts."

The role of the homosexual in society was discussed in terms of acceptance. A quick glance at the flood of fairly recent films dealing with the theme might indicate that the public attitude is changing. Some films tend to lean on the sensational to reach the audience, such as "Therese and Isabelle" described by Miss Wray as "pornography dressed as art," while others like "The Fox" lean in a more realistic direction.

The point came up that there are people in every-day life, who might have these tendencies, who are using films as a source of identity.

Perhaps what has happened, suggested Miss Wray, is that "we have created an artificial society. I have found, in terms of the arts, there is a growing acceptance--like Truman Capote going on television and not fearing a loss of his book sales."

Other areas discussed were attitudes toward interior decorators, transference of roles and reality between the performer and the audience and writers.

HOMO-HETEROSEXUAL DIALOGUE

Boston DOB invited by telephone and mail a large number of clergymen, college and high school guidance counselors, psychologists, social welfare people, doctors, and others to a question and answer evening featuring a panel of six DOB members at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, April 3, in the chapel of the Arlington St. Church. DOB hoped to "create a long overdue dialogue between heterosexual and homosexual members of the Boston community" with emphasis, naturally, on lesbians. However, very few of the people invited from the heterosexual world came, and the meeting became largely a discussion between the DOB panel and gay members of the audience, especially men from other homophile groups in Boston.

Boston DOB concluded that either its method of inviting people was wrong or the people invited were not interested, for whatever reason, in coming to such a panel discussion. All was not lost, however; the unexpected discussion between gay men and women was valuable and showed that more of this kind of communication would be helpful.

THE SAYINGS OF SOCARIDES cont.
an illness. When Dr. Socarides was permitted to plug his new book on homosexuality, Ann Halcy squeezed permission from the moderators to give the address of Boston DOB.

--Laura Robin

COPY OF A LETTER TO THE PLAYBOY
FORUM

To the Playboy Forum:

On March 25, 1970, WBZ TV in Boston presented, on its program "For women Today," an hour-long discussion of homosexuality. The guests included Dr. Charles Socarides, from New York, a teacher of clinical psychiatry at Albert Einstein School of Medicine, and a private psychoanalyst; Rev. Dr. Robert Weeks, an Episcopal minister at St. John the Apostle Church in Manhattan; and two homosexuals, Frank Morgan, president of the Homophile Union of Boston, and Ann K., president of the Boston Chapter of the Daughters of Bilitis.

One woman questioner from the audience asked Dr. Socarides why he was fighting homosexuals by insisting they were "sick," emotionally ill. She said: "Let's just say the homo revolution is here to stay...Let's embrace it."

Dr. Socarides' answer was:

"You see, what you don't see is the man who's taking the train home to Scarsdale or to Brockton, Mass., or whatever town there is nearby, and who is suddenly overwhelmed by homosexual impulses, and this is completely unacceptable to him. And then what can he do? If he's sold a bill of goods that homosexuality is normal, and he cannot tolerate it, he'll go home and blow his brains out, or he'll have a psychotic break from his terrible anxiety. But if he has a feeling, through public education, that something can be done for him, that this is a product from his own conflict from early childhood, this man has a chance."

I'm not as well-educated as the oh so eminent Dr. Socarides, but I can't help feeling that my logic is somewhat superior to his. I think that if this poor fellow on his commuter train, who is "suddenly overwhelmed" by homosexual impulses (which is most unlikely. If he were

at all self-knowledgable, he'd have had some inkling of his tendencies before this eye-opening train ride,) and he believed that homosexuality is normal, co-existing alongside heterosexuality, then he would have no reason to do something as drastic as having a psychotic or worse, blowing his brains out. If he felt that homosexuality is normal, if he had been taught that homosexual persons were merely people with a different sexual orientation, not horrible monsters doomed to eternal hell-fire and damnation, then he would not feel this terrible anxiety in the first place! He would be able to tolerate it because he was not brainwashed, as so much of the public is, that homosexuals are somewhat below "ordinary people."

And if he couldn't tolerate it, if he felt he must blow his brains out, it would be because psychiatrists like Dr. Socarides have told him that he is "emotionally ill" if he is a homosexual.

The public has got to be informed that homosexuals are not mental cases, or degenerates, or monsters. They are people, just like everyone else, who choose to love someone of the same sex.

Dr. Socarides, however, feels: "Homosexuality is pathological. Our choice of partners in sexual relations is not innate or inborn. From the moment you're born till the moment you die, you're oriented in a particular direction. Blue clothes for a baby boy, pink clothes for a baby girl...the cultural indoctrination and upbringing from the institution of marriage and all that goes with it, we are programmed in that direction (heterosexuality). There are forces within these individuals (homosexuals) which compel them to live a certain way sexually which deprives them of the most meaningful relationship in one's life--that is, the male-female sexual union and all that goes with it. They're terribly

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C H A P T E R C H A T T E R

JUNE IS BUSTING OUT ALL OVER

P A R T Y ! ! ! ! ! ! ! !

(bras optional...)

Saturday, June 6, 1970, 8:00 p. m.
till midnight at Candi and Beth's
place. Plenty of free off-street
parking available. On MBTA line.

ADMISSION: A SNACK (potato chips,
pretzels, crackers, dip, etc.)
THAT'S ALL! NO STRINGS (or straps)
ATTACHED!

Beer will be sold for 50¢ per
bottle. If you want stronger
stuff--bring your own. Ice
and glasses provided. Plenty of
music. Plenty of fun.

For directions to this event-of-
the-year, call Beth or Candi--
any night after 6:30. The
number is 773-6978.

WOMEN
ONLY

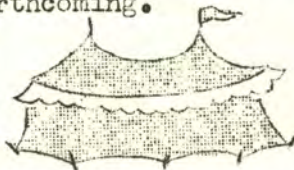
DON'T MISS THIS ONE!!!

THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO TOWN!
Sunday, May 24, 1970
DOB goes to the Ringling Bros.
Circus at Boston Garden!

Anyone who would like to go with
us should send a stamped self-
addressed envelope and \$3.00 per
ticket to:

DOB Tickots
P. O. Box 221
Prudential Center Station
Boston 02199

before May 12. Tickets will be sent
shortly after this date. More on
this forthcoming.



NEW YORK - Plans for the DOB Con-
vention to be held July 10, 11 and
12 in New York City are in the final
stages of planning. Registration
and all meetings, other than the
banquet and dance, will be held at
the Overseas Press Club. Registration
fees have been set at \$25 per person,
\$45 per couple and \$15 for students
with identification cards. Fees will
cover attendance at registration,
brunch at the Sunday morning session
as well as admission to the dinner
and dance on Saturday. N.Y. DOB is
also planning to hold an auction
and a June cruise up the Hudson River.

CLEVELAND - On May 10, psychologist
Elaine Hammond will speak on dynamics
and sensory awareness with reference
to lesbians. There are now more
than 100 books on the chapter's lib-
rary list. The books are available
to members for 25¢ a week.

SAN FRANCISCO - Metropolitan
Community Church in San Francisco
holds Sunday services for "hundreds
of believing male and female homo-
sexuals who have had to be as secre-
tive in their church life as in their
jobs" each week. S.F. DOB recommends
Grandma's House in Oakland for the
gay gourmet. It is a combination
bar and restaurant.

-Charlotte Boudier

PERSONALS COLUMN - - -

Two ex-ENC girls want to meet other
gay ENCers. Discuss ENC, Mrs. Arnold,
underground gay life in church
colleges. Call 773-6978 after 6:00.
Ask for Beth.

PEACE MARCH

April 15 marked an anniversary for the gay community in Boston.

Fifty men and women came out of their closets, grabbed signs and, as members of the gay community of Boston, marched from Harvard Square to Boston Common to demonstrate support for Vietnam withdrawal. This was the first time men and women representing six homophile organizations stood together as a community.

For each of us to stand as brother and sister; to demonstrate on behalf of our community, was a joyous affirmation of our whole selves.

--Gail King

ANNOUNCEMENT:

The DOB Program Committee is looking for ideas on things we can do. We would, naturally, prefer any fund-raising suggestions.

If you have any ideas for recreational, fun-type things, please contact any member of the Program Committee. Or call Candi at 773-6978 after 6:00 p.m. Thanks.

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"Revolution is a dangerous scene, and you are apt to lose people. This generates protective instincts for the preservation and continuation of life, meaning anti-homosexual attitudes."

--Julie Lee in "The Ladder"



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DOB recommends those men listed below to members who want professional advice.

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RELIGIOUS

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Boston, Massachusetts
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536-2376
or
277-4847

RELIGIOUS

EPISCOPAL

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876-0220

METHODIST

Dr. William Alberts
Old West Methodist Church
131 Cambridge Street
Boston, Massachusetts
Phone:
~~277-5088~~
227-5088

COMING EVENTS FOR DOB*

- Fri., May 1 - 9:00 p.m., Clarke Room. Slide Show. Arlington Street Church, 355 Boylston Street, Boston. Pam, Jo and Betty will show their slides.
- Thurs May 7 **Public Education Committee meeting (see below). **
- Fri., May 8 - 9:15 p.m., Clarke Room. Members' meeting.
- Fri., May 15 - 9:00 p.m., Clarke Room. Homophile Community Night. All homophile organizations in the Boston area are invited to get acquainted with each other and to discuss common concerns. Both MEN and WOMEN are welcome.
- Sun., May 17 - DOB Spring Walk. Contact Charlotte at 665-3976 for more info.
- Fri., May 22 - 9:00 p.m., Clarke Room. GUEST SPEAKER Dr. Theodore Lindauer, psychiatrist, will lead a discussion on being a woman in America.
- Sun., May 24 - DOB goes to the Circus. Details elsewhere in the Newsletter.
- Sat., June 6 - Party at Candi and Beth's place. Details elsewhere in the Newsletter.
- July 10 - 11 - 12 -- DOB National Convention in New York City.

HUB ACTIVITIES

- Sun., May 10 - 8:00 p.m., St. John the Evangelist Church, 33 Bowdoin Street, Boston. Three Boston area clergymen will lead discussion on Homosexuality.
- May 23 - weekend of - Mattachine Annual Meeting in New York City. Call HUB for more info. Phone 282-9181.
- Sun., June 2 - Tentative--Bill Baird will speak on individual sexual freedom and law reform. At St. John's.
- June 21 - Annual HUB picnic by boat to George's Island.

* PLEASE NOTE: Unless otherwise specified, all Boston DOB events are open to women only.

We look forward to seeing you!!!

**Public Education Committee meeting (works to promote public acceptance of homosexuality) at 8 pm at Laura Robin's house (phone 625-1263 or Ann Haley for directions); everyone interested in possibly joining this committee to give help or ideas is strongly invited to attend.



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