

# tangents

news & views

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## HOLLYWOOD, SAN DIEGO, MADRID, BERLIN

The U. S. Supreme Court now has the appeal of the Hollywood book dealer accused of selling **Tropic of Cancer**. The decision will affect censorship of future books. The major problem of enforcing censorship is the problem of who is to decide what is obscene. In San Diego it is suggested that a committee of churchmen should decide. Which churchmen? The Black Muslims? The Quakers? I notice that all the newspapers are quoting a report by the Quakers on sex. ONE reported the same thing years ago; where were the newspapers then?

What ONE can't print and others won't is often printed by **The National Enquirer**. For instance: Tallulah Bankhead's face turned crimson with anger when, at a social soiree, a nasty remark was made about her mannish voice. Tallulah answered with such tones and words that the Big Mouth couldn't make further reply. Cary Grant caused quite a furor when he and 3 young men with bleached hair, plucked eyebrows (2 were wearing

lipstick and makeup) and wiggles in their walk, made the rounds of the notorious bars on the left bank. While in Madrid, Laurence Harvey caused a stir in one spot when he and his young male escort hugged each other. In Berlin, Barbara Hutton's ex-husband, Baron Gottfried Von Gramm, was arrested in a raid on a late-night party at which several men were found in drag.

## IN THE COLUMNS

Readers of **Dear Abby** saw a letter from a man whose wife went on a rampage when he and their son took a shower together (child, age 4). Abby replied that the wife should have a talk with her doctor about her unnatural ideas, which should be traded for some enlightened, healthy ones.

Dr. Crane, writing in the **Akron Beacon Journal**, claims to have talked a boy into curing himself of homosexuality. I have never seen the proof of such a claim. I hope Dr. Crane doesn't think that marriage is proof. . . . Up in Oregon they have what appears to be an insane female osteopathic physician: waving

scalpels around, she says that the best way to treat sex offenders, particularly those guilty of sodomy, is to "cut out their illness." And people say we should let the "experts" do the investigating and pass the laws!

But back to the columnists, we find in the **New York Standard** that Peter Cook of "Beyond the Fringe" doesn't like homos, and complains about the number of them in New York City. And all those magazines for homos on sale!

NOTE: Homosexuals aren't welcome in the Virgin Islands!!

I find very interesting that report by Jack Mabley of the Chicago paper in which a psychiatrist, a youth counselor, and a priest (Catholic) unite in an appeal to parents to educate their children against the dangers of homosexuals. The reason given is that it's unnatural. Now I find it difficult to follow such logic. If nature has a law against something why do we need man-made laws? If being heterosexual is so natural, then why all the big deal to convince the children that being homosexual **isn't**? Maybe being heterosexual doesn't come naturally. I'm waiting for a similar statement asking parents to warn their children against violating the law of gravitation.

### **STRAIGHT LOGIC!**

Example #1: Try following the thinking of an Air Force Colonel who is reported to have handled the case of an Airman accused of murdering a woman in Idaho. The situation made the Colonel think the man was homosexual and he thus set out to **get** the man. It is reported that the same Colonel has caused several suicides with his methods of investigation.

Example #2: Dr. John P. Dunn is asking that he not be barred from practicing in the only hospital in his

area of Texas. The medical board just might have gotten the idea he wasn't interested in practicing medicine since he is reported to be spending so much time practicing detective for the FBI (he claims he tipped the FBI to the activities of Billie Sol Estes) and acting as hatchet man with the reputations of other MDs. He gave "evidence" that one young MD was homosexual. The young man killed himself.

Example #3: William Higgs was scheduled to be honored by such men as Lt. Gov. Anderson of California, Pulitzer prize winning editor of the **Arkansas Gazette** Harry Ashmore, and Burt Lancaster. He graduated from Ole Miss at the head of his class when he was 19. He attended Harvard Law School. He was state chairman of the Kennedy-Johnson ticket. He holds a Lasker fellowship in Civil Rights. **Life** Magazine included him in its list of 100 rising young men and women in the United States. The first of February of this year Higgs asked the Federal Court in Jackson, Mississippi, to admit a second Negro to the State University. The people of Mississippi had to find a way of destroying this man before he succeeded in educating the Negro, before he brought decency to Mississippi and exposed their ignorance and sins. They found a way of stopping Higgs. Three hours after he spoke to the court, he was in jail, charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor — a 16-year-old runaway from out-of-state. You can always accuse your enemies of being homosexual. Even if they prove you lied, the doubt is always there for the future.

Example #4: A man who claims to be the nephew of Atty. Gen. Mosk of California is arrested on a morals charge. Mosk recently made a protest that he is against sex deviates. No comment.

Example #5: You discover that about 1 out of every 6 persons in America is homosexual. What do you do to understand the problem or to adjust to the idea and fact? Do you want to change this situation or do you find that it is not worth worrying about? Scientific solution: study the problem and all of its suspected causes, proposed cures, and implications for the individual and society. And after all the evidence is in, draw a probable answer. Solution of the professors in our colleges, the preachers in our pulpits, the vice squad men in our toilets: Shout fire. Don't investigate — you may be proved wrong in claiming that you are doing a job by locking up homosexuals — and need a pay raise for doing this dangerous work. Don't waste time on this, you can't get a grant for studying queers. Study the depths of the ocean. They can't accuse you of being a fish, or can they?

Along this line of thinking, we have the case of the young marine who jumped into the ocean to save a buddy who had slipped off ship. The marine didn't use his head. Doesn't he know that this will make people think he's too **friendly**?

### **MORE EXPERT THINKING?**

The English people sure advance fast. They've been talking about the Wolfenden Report for how many years now? Illinois did less talking, but now has the law in effect.

An item in the **London Daily Mail** presents a different British attitude towards homosexuals and their traits. "How many homosexual traitors since the war? Two. How many normal ones? Forty-odd. Let's purge the **heterosexuals**." But the bureaucrats of England have other problems. They are afraid that if England enters the Common Market it will have a VD problem due to "greater mobility" among the peo-

ples of the various countries. They don't say which country they fear.

### **SAME PROBLEMS: DIFFERENT GEOGRAPHY**

In Texas, as well as in other states, they are trying to pass censorship laws. One man writes the **Houston Chronicle** concerning the proposed new bill covering obscene movies as follows: ". . . Drowning men catch at straws. Unable to explain or to cope intelligently with the increase of crime, such persons revert to ancient taboos which have never accomplished one iota of good in behalf of society. . . . Such legislation is in itself un-American; and its very nature creates an unusually high degree of irregularity in enforcements." But few people in a democracy are willing to put forth this effort of thinking, much less acting. How many people in California even know, for instance, of Bill #3? All too often the reply is that one person just can't do much, what with working, etc. Yet the same person seldom contributes to or joins a group or organization which could work for him.

### **MAGAZINES**

It would be interesting to know how well the **Ladies Home Journal** checks the facts in an article before printing it. In the case where it quotes a Los Angeles doctor saying that statistics show how much homosexual VD in LA has grown, we at ONE could have told them that, based upon the word of the Public Health officials themselves, no such statistics exist. The article later speaks of homosexuals being cured through "psycho-therapeutic intervention", whatever that is. We know of no experts, psychological or medical, who have proved that homosexuals can be cured, or that there is anything to cure.

In the **National Review**, November, 1962, there is a very humorous

article titled "What Ever Became of Bachelors?"

But one of the most eye-opening articles of recent date is found in the **Michigan Quarterly Review**, Winter, 1963. Titled "The Supreme Court — 1937": it will certainly be a shocker to the people who feel FDR served democracy, and to those who believe that our Congress and law enforcement agencies are "serving" the people. Some quotes: "The courts are the ultimate protection of the people against tyranny. There is no worse tyranny than that of a majority over minorities, and every citizen is at some time or other a member of a minority. 'Arbitrary power exists nowhere in a republic,' says the constitution of Wyoming, 'not even in the largest majority.'" ". . . a great arsenal of ammunition, in the form of factual information and of wholly or partly written speeches, was in storage . . . for the final battle, to be used by Republicans and Democrats alike. Perhaps this ammunition may never be needed. Perhaps some of it may serve in a battle yet to be fought. We have just begun to realize that the war between democracy and despotism never ends, and that every victory should be followed by preparation to meet the next attack." To which ONE adds, AMEN!

#### RECOMMENDED READING

New to the stands is **The Genetic Code**, by Isaac Asimov (Signet, 60¢); **Dictionary of Erotic Literature**, by Harry E. Wedeck (Philosophical Library, \$10.00) has been added to our Library. **The Wolfenden Report**, mentioned previously, is now available in hard cover from Stein & Day Publishers, as is **Consenting Adults**. And while you are reading, notice the article on psychiatrists and the courts in the March issue of **Pageant Magazine**.

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