

ODDMENTS

Another cheapie debuts. If the big-city newsstands burgeon with slimy mags that promise cheap thrills for your money, who is to blame when another one comes along? The public of course. The public that buys them, but why anyone would buy the latest of these rags, **USA; Inside Report**, we will never know.

Its twisted title, trades on a well-known one, just as its twisted ideas trade on the reader's good nature. A silly mish-mash of half-truths and truths perverted, it ranges over such surefire sex-hexes as "The Molester," "The Rapist," "Thrill Killer," "The Homosexual," lumping the whole under the heading, "The Sex Psychopath."

Drew Johnson, Editor of this degenerate pulp with the slick cover, snidely maneuvers his argument from implication to insinuation, with a weather eye out for those damning truths that would open him to libel. Yet how leeringly he mouths the stale lies that the male homosexual's "psychosis holds the threat of murder," or that the lesbian "is capable of chilling violence, viciousness, destruction and moral degradation."

His completely dishonest and repeated linking of deviation with crime should be stopped—by law. Did we feel this soggy little mind deserved the dignity of legal notice we would be tempted to squash it, once and for all. But why soil our hands? Or feet? We extend to **USA; Inside Report** our heartiest wishes for quick failure and an early demise.

Crossword puzzles anyone? Some people are liable to get the idea that sexual deviates are especially talented for coding or are attracted by it. Investigators for the super-secret National Security Agency said their coding dept. was a "nest of sexual deviates" and fired 26 as such this past summer. We don't know how big that coding dept. is so can't tell what percentage of the personnel the 26 represents. Probably it would be the same percentage Kinsey says is in every group—including government investigators!

"Gay"-Bush Cafe. All but about 6 of the 103 persons (89 men, 14 women) arrested in the Tay-Bush Cafe in San Francisco last Aug. got off with dismissal of charges. Cops complained men were dancing together. Cafe owner protested there were really 242 people in his place and not just the "less than 110" cops reported. He also claims cops took jostling for dancing. Four days after the raid, columnist Herb Caen dubbed the place the "Gay-Bush Cafe" Kenneth C. Zwerin is the attorney for the owners of Whoo Cares bar in San Francisco where the State Liquor Control investigators were shocked to see mannish women and swish men. Atty. Zwerin remarked to the court that his clients weren't shocked by any of their customers, that not a single patron complained about being shocked, and that apparently "It is only the tourists from the liquor board who are."

Drag not infrequently seen on the streets in L.A. is now on the stage in the form of the "Jewel Box Review" from New York at the Music Box Theatre on Hollywood Blvd. It is the liveliest show to hit L.A. in some time. The girls compare favorably to those this reporter has seen on Main street and in Pershing Sq. and everyone of them is talented. Despite sour reviews in most papers

and none in some, we wish the show a long run. The police commission which controls entertainment licenses in bars, fortunately cannot touch this show on the stage unless it receives a complaint. Most gay bars in L.A. are now without entertainment for that reason. We are certain Chief Parker is searching for some way to get the better of a situation that has him beat. Meanwhile, we must remember, Hollywood is not New York City. When you try to do a drag show in L.A. you are dealing with the experts.

Fairy flickers anyone? Any suggestions for dream casts for movie versions of **Sam, The Price of Salt, Somewhere Between the Two, Quatrefoil, The Middle Mist**, etc.?

Such will soon not only be the stuff dreams are made of, what with the Motion Picture Association of America's recent lifting of its ban against sexual deviation in movies.

Foreign-made flickers have long dealt with homosexuality, but now they'll increase the gay content. "The Loss of Innocence" is being lauded for its good taste in the lesbian strain. Nobody seems to have anything good to say of "The Third Sex"—even for laughs. The Italian-made "Rocco and His Brothers" is a real shocker to some people—but for its raw hetero scenes, not the homo ones. "A Taste of Honey" and "Victim" are having remarkably good reception in England.

Because it is so much more acceptable to society, the gay aspects that will now come in movies will probably be predominantly lesbian. "The Children's Hour" is already filming. And let's all pray for a real good "Well of Loneliness."

A young friend whose knowledge of French is extremely rudimentary, rushed in big-eyed the other day, wanting to know about the contest in Riverside, Calif., called The Grand Prix!

Liberal L.A. keeps growing. Los Angeles will, by 1971, have the biggest Jewish population of any city in the world, a B'nai B'rith official predicts. The traditional liberal intellectuality of Jews undoubtedly has played a part in making L.A. (the birthplace of almost every major homophile organization) an intellectual center of the world. Harry Golden's world famous bi-monthly, **The Carolina Israelite** (a real bargain) nearly always contains a comment (and never anti-!) on homosexuality. He says there are three

great homosexual periods in history—the third being right now.

And Alison Hunter was wondering about the socio-sexual significance of the increasing number, in ladies restrooms all over the U.S., of standee urinals—and in the **very** best hotels, dept. stores, office bldgs., etc. Havelock Ellis, who wrote extensively on the subject, as that was the key to his aberrant sexuality, would have been fascinated. Few people know that the norm in ancient Egypt was that the women stood—and the **men** squatted!