

tangents

news & views

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Dixie MaLane, office clerk, whose sex and name change we mentioned earlier, recently became subject of unusual legal hassle. Officer G. H. Nelson of the Pershing Square beat (who seemed to take the transformation as a personal affront) arrested Dixie soon after Superior Judge Arnold Praeger's ruling allowed the name-change. After making various threats and seeing to it Dixie lost her job, Nelson charged her with masquerading as a man, masquerading as a woman and "outraging public decency" (which runs pretty thin on Officer Nelson's beat). Police files falsely reported as showing two arrests, three weeks apart. — Would theory of Castration Complex explain extreme police vindictiveness in this case?

For 32 years as Earl MaLane, Dixie had felt trapped in hateful male body. Electrolysis removed beard. Hormone treatments and psychoanalysis. Interviews and correspondence with doctors here and abroad, and finally the trip last March to Mexico for the initial transforming operations.

In February hearing before Municipal Judge Ben Koenig, after much written testimony by eminent medical authorities (including Dr. Harry

Benjamin of NYC, Dr. Lyman Stewart of Elmer Belt Medical Group and Dr. Marcus Crahan of LA County Jail) Judge Koenig sidestepped attempt to determine Dixie's sex and dismissed the charges.

And Dixie now looks forward to future marriage, if possible . . .

GUTTERSNIPE . . .

A smut-sheet published in Frisco by "Generalissimo" Fred Weiss, which smears its front page with cheesecake, hyperpatriot slogans, lips and eyes, "Old Glory" and odd headlines, ran a story recently about ONE, headlined: QUEERS DEFY COPS? . . . MAGS EXPLOIT HOMOS . . . BAN ON MORALITY" . . . "Apparently seeking to put a ban on 'Morality,' the queer press invaded San Francisco with old back-dated copies . . . of the so-called America's No. 1 homosexual magazine . . . The supposed intention for publishing this magazine which is copied after the pattern of some European mags of homo origin, is to exploit sex deviates in order to encourage their mingling with the general public, and promote their integration into (fictitious) society of these perverts, lesbians, queers and homos, which of course would include the

criminal element of their ilk and sex deviates who have forced others into unnatural acts and molested little children. Do they have gall? Whether the Church and State is sound asleep or caught unawares in their responsibility to safeguard public morals and decency or not, — nobody is doing anything about the sale of these magazines, while the police see to remain blissfully aware of this outrageous encroachment on the unsuspecting public. The magazine headlines the activity of homos in Miami and Los Angeles and sets forth its views on how the homos are organizing in all parts of the World to increase the urge to sin. One headline reads: 'Great Civilizations plagued by Deviates,' Another is 'How L. A. Handles Its 150,000 Perverts.' What is San Francisco doing? The boldest gesture of the homos who are constantly looking for favorite gathering spots, is printed in the magazine, titled 'one' which states, 'In California the homosexuals have organized to resist interference by police . . .'

Readers will easily understand that the above nonsense from KEY-HOLE REPORTER does not express ONE's opinion, any more than the so-called quotes dishonestly lifted from ONE where they appeared only as quotes from the MIAMI NEWS, a paper whose opinions we do not share.

Some readers feel the lies and moronic pieties of the guttersnipe merely should be ignored. Little need to complain that the smut-and-slander publications misrepresent and misquote us. What puzzles us is the way these guttersnipes pose as guardians of **morality**. Most mags of the ilk are fascinated by the homosexual theme. A recent BARE "exposed" Shakespeare as a

"pervert" and a picture story alleged to show London male prosties in operation. BARE warned that "fruits" were about to take over the country. PIC suggested that homosexuals were competing with prostitutes. Many others have stretched press freedom to its utmost limits or beyond, with "revelations" about film stars, etc. . . . "There's-a-lot-of-sin-in-Sweden" has been a favored theme since TIME called this tune . . . Atty. Jerry Geisler, representing individuals who have filed several libel suits against CONFIDENTIAL and other scandal magazines, named a Bev Hills "research" firm as source of many of the revelations . . . VP Nixon's aide suing BEHIND-THE-SCENES . . . True that many public figures have skeletons in their closets (perhaps belonging to kin) yet readers are foolish to assume that anything these rags print must be true. There is no government process that bars publication of falsehood or slander. The victim can (after the libel appears) risk several hundred or thousand dollars, further bad publicity and many days in court (perhaps in another state) for the slight chance of a printed retraction (which will be less convincing than the original slander). Cash settlements are rare since most of these blackmail mags are fly-by-nite outfits with no tangible assets — tho the editors and publishers manage to live on their take-home pay . . .

OTHER VOICES . . .

BIG BROTHERS, well-meaning "old-buddy-boy" group working with delinquents, gets away with terminology that might get others jailed on morals charges . . . ". . . that you have acquired the boy's love and further that you love him." Through their highly effective program, Platonic in concept, they

seem to have discovered the value of generally sublimated emotions, a value to both the big and the little brother. And element of artificiality, of embarrassed overmasculinity, of pompousness in their work seems to stem from their inability to face the implications of their discovery . . .

NYC pediatrician sez parents over-emphasize trivial habits like finger-sucking. Deplored tendency to consider all child problems as psychiatric . . . Hacker Clinic's Mrs. Jean Livermore tells parents: don't fuss when kids cuss . . . Noveist Margharita Laski sez one-third of British brides pregnant . . . Albert Edw. Wiggam, D.Sc., sez women seldom have sort of friendships men do; also notes mental hospitals need volunteers to cheer up patients . . . J. Edgar Hoover sez rise in sex crimes . . . Natl. Inst. of Health psychiatrist Leonard Duhl deplores suburbia conditions creating conformist matriarchal society with men merely overnight and weekend guests . . . Dr. Franz Alexander sez insanity on increase because man and his world too complex, too changing . . . Deploing current anti-intellectual patterns, Worcester Bishop John J. Wright said we should be slow to label those who have new or disturbing ideas. "The wrath of the stupid has laid waste the world quite as often as has the craft of the bright." . . . Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. McMahon of Buffalo recently attacked the NY TIMES as dangerously more interested in individual liberty than national security, calling paper "chief protagonist of a growing, dangerous idea involving individual freedom in the United States." . . . Dr. Ruth Alexander sez since we're virtually at war with Russ already, civil rights of persons suspected of disloyalty, indiscretion, immorality or treachery should be

suspended, considering country's safety ahead of rights of some few who might be innocent . . . Dr. Milton Sapirstein (PARADOXES OF EVERYDAY LIFE, Random, 1955) sez much-talked-about freedom an illusion, that we are and ought to be more dependent than independent. Sez those who talk about freedom are unhappy and need most to be free of selves . . . Psychologist Mortimer Ostow told Amer. Psychological Assn. world needs to be informed about death instinct as preventative to war. Psychoanalyzing all political candidates would also help, he felt . . . Newscolumnist Syd Harris asked whether men of special gifts should be morally impeccable, or should be "above the law." Mentions Conductor Y, Nazi during war, and Sir X, British actor recently involved in perversion with minor (you are inaccurate, Mr. Harris). Problems is touchy. We hate to allow geniuses more leash than rest of us, but wouldn't toss out classics by those whose personal lives we disapprove. Perhaps our moral standards fall short of realism or honesty . . . Pope Pius, described as something of a hot-rod, recently told motor-scooter fans people oughtn't criticize their speed or noise, after all, they might be buzzing off to Church . . . Yeah . . . Group of warbling evangelists ("Jesus Jazzers," the inmates called them) long wont to serenade their captive audience from corridors of Kings County Jail, Seattle, till prisoner complained that by being forced to listen he was denied religious freedom, and that prison rules forbade services outside chapel. Judge Findley, side-stepping the constitutional question, upheld rule limiting services to chapel, with voluntary attendance. One evangelist complained, "Why, we've been the bulwark against Communism in that jail for years . . ."

THE CHURCH CARES, pamphlet by Rev. Wm. Percy Wylie of the Moral Welfare Council, discusses C. of E. attitudes on sex problems, including homosexuality . . . The C. of E. has given permission for reopening of Walsingham tomb to test theory that Marlowe's murder was faked to escape trial for sodomy and that he wrote Shakespeare works . . .

Hear tell fashionable Englishmen now sporting earrings. At art school Xmas ball in Bloomsbury, Mr. Martin Kenyon, cousin of Lord Kenyon, fastened on diamante drop earrings lent by girl friend, saying, "It's quite the rage nowadays." Also wore brocaded waistcoat his gt.-gt.-grandfather wore at Waterloo. Mr. Nicholas de Wnd Fenton wore a single pearl, explaining, "It's the done thing, and rather attractive."

"THROUGH ME MANY LONG DUMB VOICES . . ."

63 years after his death in Camden, N.J., where he spent his last 19 years, America's great poet, Walt Whitman, was to have been honored with a Delaware bridge named for him . . .

. . . Until the Rev. Edw. Lucitt, Holy Name Society director for six south Jersey counties, fearing such recognition for the "good, grey poet" as a threat to decency and morality in his diocese, petitioned the Delaware River Port Authority. "Whitman himself had neither the noble stature or quality of accomplishment that merits this tremendous honor, and his life and works are

personally objectionable to us." He said Whitman biographer Dr. Gay Wilson Allen called the poet homoerotic, but said the Church didn't object to Whitman's "attitude toward democracy."

Edward McAuliffe, chairman of Port Authority when name was chosen, said Whitman had "honored place in our history," added they found no evidence Whitman was homosexual. Dr. Allen, NYU prof. of Amer. lit. (who wrote THE SOLITARY SINGER) said the term "homo-erotic" was not quite same as homosexual, and there was no evidence of any homosexual acts by Whitman, though the poet, like many saints, displayed "strong affection for men."

Father Lucitt announced contest in 58 parochial schools to name some more worthy son of Jersey for the honor.

From letter to N.Y. POST: (They) "want to take Whitman's name off that bridge because he may have been abnormal sexually. If they succeed, their next job is to remove Michaelangelo's statues from the Vatican, tear down St. Peter's Basilica and throw out all copies of Leonardo's Last Supper. Da Vinci was actually arrested on a charge of perversion and Michaelangelo's sonnets suggest far more than any of Whitman's poems."

And what about St. Augustine, whose CONFESSIONS were quite specific? But for Whitman, his greatness was not in spite of, but specifically because of the nature of his love for man.

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