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## From The ARC Constitution

Association for Responsible Citizenship is an Organization dedicated to promote and protect the collective rights and interests of its members through responsible action.

To further this main purpose, it is our aim to: a. Provide varied and enriching social, recreational and intellectual activities and opportunities for its members. b. To educate individual members in their rights and responsibilities, and to help individuals to achieve understanding and acceptance of themselves. c. To provide an organization to which individuals with similar philosophies may relate and through which they may engage in collective activity. d. To provide an organization within which members may relate more fully and freely to the community at large. e. To provide facilities, services and activities designed to promote and protect the civil rights and liberties of the membership, individually and collectively. f. To cooperate with other groups in the promotion of these goals.

## In Sacramento New Homophile Organization Grows

Just six people, on August 30, 1965..... that is how A.R.C. began. It was to be a local, self-controlled homophile organization, devoted to improvement of the status of our community within the community at large.

Then there were ten people on September 7th, and 33 on September 14th. Committees were set up, and the acting Board of Directors was voted in to continue. Work was begun on the Constitution and Bylaws. The official name of the organization was selected. Eighteen people on October 6, and 14 people on October 15 hashed out the problems involved in attempting to associate ourselves with a larger homophile organization, such as 'Society for Individual Rights' (S.I.R.) of San Francisco. The decision was to remain autonomous.

A cocktail-buffet party was held October 29th with 34 people in

attendance and was very successful in furthering interest in ARC. There were 22 people at the November 3rd meeting; the Constitution and bylaws were ratified. There was \$98 in the treasury, and a bank account was begun. Interested parties made arrangements to be 'hosts' or 'guests' for Thanksgiving Day Dinner, according to whether they had anyone to be with for the holiday. Dancing instructions began weekly, with three members who were ex-dance teachers leading the instruction parties. A small 'White Elephant' table was set up at each meeting, to create ripples of interest and add to our meager revenues. A pot-luck dinner was held in a private home. Up to this time, many of the meetings had been held in the homes of different members, but the groups were becoming increasingly large, and so we turned the hall offered by a local church more and more.

By the December

first meeting with 26 people in attendance, many small activity groups were going strong. There was bowling every Saturday evening at one of the local bowling alleys. Diner Club card-holders met in groups to eat dinner out. Bridge games started on Sunday afternoons and informal discussion groups were meeting several times a month. A dialogue was begun between our organization and leaders of the religious community on discussions of 'Religion and the Homosexual.'

Throughout December, a lot of people worked and planned on the Great party of the season... the New Year's Eve Ball. This was held at the local hall, and what a wonderful party it was; 180 gay people were there. Some were in costume. There was a bar set-up with BYOB. There was a loud juke-box with the best selections of dance music, and an enormous

dance floor to go with it. There was a stage show... two female impersonators from San Francisco who really entertained the whole house at both of their performances. There was a grand march of those in costume, and prizes awarded. Old Father Time and Baby New Year strolled across the stage at Midnight, Auld Lang Syne and much kissing all the way around. It was sure fun! The profits from the ball swelled the treasury by \$322; a nice bonus on top of all the interest created in ARC, and the great pride in bringing off such a large party without an incident. They used to say, "It can't be done in Sacramento!"

Let us know if you are interested in us. A nice way to meet nice people. A chance to grow and expand into a more meaningful and healthy social fabric for the well-being of all of us.

# BOOK REVIEW

## "Time" Essay on 'The Homosexual in America' Regarded as DoubleTalk by ARC

Time magazine recently devoted its "Time Essay" to homosexuality in America. This article is of importance to most of ARC's members, because of the role that magazine plays as the mirror, or devoted follower, of American opinion. It is probably true that a considerable proportion of our "normal" friends have views on that subject, dearest to our hearts, which are generally along the line of the Time essay. That article makes much the same omissions, and evasions of basic issues that one would expect people to have on any subject that has never been deeply considered.

The most gross omission occurs in the rousing close, where the moral aspects are considered. Time doesn't consider the fact that moral codes exist for individual action, and are adopted by them for the specific purposes of lending happiness, stability, and richness to their own lives. The American revolutionaries rallied around the idea that individuals, groups, organizations, states, and nations have the right to engage in, or refrain from, activities freely in the pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness, to the extent that they don't infringe upon the efforts of others to do the same. The laws of our nation have no business coercing individuals to conformity in any area that involves only those individuals. In a similar vein, Time observes that Christian writings generally come out firmly con when homosexuality is discussed. Hopefully, this should have exactly zero effect on our citizens when public discussions of legislating morality arise. The U.S. Supreme Court has received general approval from both Time and religious leaders in its recent efforts to take the federal and state governments out of the business of making Christians. This is a delicate job which should be left to the experts in the Churches and homes.

Some other points of interest:

-----Homosexual instability: How many heterosexuals would be stable, if heterosexuals were illegal, and discovery meant loss of job, or jail for a majority of heterosexuals? Even with the full efforts of God, government, and nosy neighbors, almost a third of all heterosexual marriages end within a few years.

-----Good news, folks--psychiatrists can convert almost a third of their homosexual patients to heterosexual patterns: Have they tried the reverse? In other sciences, "mirror image" experiments are common, and expected of a serious investigator. There is a strong point of hope here for people of all inclinations--some day it may be feasible for individuals to adopt the mode of life most suited to them, in particular, regardless of their early development.

-----It's probably good that it's illegal: The important consideration here is that the laws on the books attempt to deny a considerable segment of our citizens some very basic constitutional guarantees of freedom from discrimination.

-----Homosexuality as a 'pernicious sickness': A sickness attacks either the mind or body. The accent, of course is on the mental aspects. Do gay people have a harder time adjusting to life? Being productive? Taking it when the going gets rough on the job? Perhaps yes--but why? In talking of sickness, medical science goes as directly as possible to necessary and sufficient causes. There as yet has not been enough research in this field to disprove the assumption that the legal, economic, and social sanctions imposed upon known homosexuals are such a necessary and sufficient cause of such troubles to all of them.

-----Generalities about what "homosexuals" are: Who knows? Ministers, psychologists, and social workers probably can talk most meaningfully on this topic, but their view has an important limitation. They see only homosexuals whose difficulties were serious enough to lead them to seek help. The well-adjusted homosexual (probably at least as rare as the well-adjusted heterosexual) comes to their attention only by chance acquaintance.

We recommend this article to you, since it will be valuable to us all to have done some specific thinking on topics which will be coming up from time to time as chance remarks by the people around us. These times are valuable ones to start people thinking about the basic morality of kicking others who are different.

## A Girls' Viewpoint

By L. & M.

From talking to other gals & guys I find that on the whole the idea, in fact, the reality, of a gay association such as ARC, with both men and women is good. Good for many reasons which are becoming more evident with each new meeting.

It seems to me that many gay fellows have taken a rather dim view of the gay female and vice versa. I think we are finding out through our new associations that what once was solely tolerance for the opposite sex is turning into something called friendship or kinship.

We, after all, both belong to a rather different society, and being different we lack solidarity. A feeling of community and belonging, to feel more comfortable in society in general I feel we need one another and the exchange of ideas that can come through such an association. Although I have met only a few gay persons of the opposite sex, already I can more readily understand some of the problems which can and do occur in their daily lives. Some of the things I had heard before I now discount as untrue. I'm sure this works both ways. I find that I am losing a word called tolerance but am gaining in my own feelings of acceptance.

After two introductory non-structured sessions of general discussion at which the primary goal was to get people to talk about themselves and their problems, The ARC Religion and the Homosexual Discussion Group moves into the next phase of its program aimed at promoting a dialogue between the straight and the homosexual. Sunday, February 6, promptly at 8:00 p.m. at the Oaklawn Methodist Church at 36th and Broadway, a speaker will give the first of a series of addresses.

Father Gregory, Gather Superior of the Christ the King Retreat House in Carmichael, will present the Catholic viewpoint to the discussion group. The presentation will last approximately 45 minutes and will be followed by an opportunity for those present to ask questions.

The ARC telephone number is 456-0691.

Join the ARC members who are planning to attend the SIR Sweetheart Ball in S.F. on Saturday, February 12th. The admission price is \$4.00 each. Reservations are required. Free Beer and Mix plus live music and entertainment. No costumes. Call the ARC number before Monday to make your reservation. A pool to be arranged.



## You Can Now Call A R C

ARC now has an Answering Service for information regarding upcoming activities, meetings, discussion groups, and bail bond service. The answering service will connect the caller with the appropriate number.

If a bail bondsman is required, call the ARC number and tell the operator that a bondsman is the person with whom you wish to speak. She will connect you with the bondsman of ARC's choice.

If information regarding activities, membership, etc. is wanted, ask the service to connect you with the number on the board for that day.

The operator answering your call does not have any information but will connect you with a member of ARC whose number is available for that particular day or evening.

For general information, call between 4 pm and 10 pm. Emergency calls for bondsmen, 24 hours.

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ARC's phone number is not available at press time.

Ask "Information" for the Association for Responsible Citizenship.

## CHATTERBOX

### Memories of New Year's Eve

The social event of the year, for ARC, happened January 1st. to the delight and pleasure of all. Our fabulous New Year's Eve party saw the old year welcomed out by young, old disguised Father Time. The hit though, was our darling, cute, bouncing, smiling baby New Year.

There were many strangers hidden behind masks of delight. Court Jesters, Clowns, beautiful, wobbling, high-heeled ladies, and bumpy-chested gentlemen. No matter where one turned and looked, a laughing face was seen.

Imported from outer San Francisco, were two spectacular female impersonators. During their hilarious performances, the sums of pockets seemed to spread themselves upon the stage, adding to the color of the whole scene... mainly green and silver.

There were two worries: one had to remember a number for access to one's joy and happiness from the bar. The other was to apply enough soap and scrubbing power to remove 'ARC' from his wrist the next day. Of course it was free advertisement for ARC.

Sad to say, the party ended too, too soon, especially for one helpless soul who was found 'napping' on the reception couch, with his arms tightly clasping an empty 'Wat 69' bottle. But memories like the grand march can go on and on and on.

## Marmor Lecture on Deviates: Good

Dr. Judd Marmor, clinical professor of psychiatry at UCLA School of Medicine, lectured to a full audience at the Tuesday Club Auditorium, Friday, January 21 on the subject: "New Approaches to the Problem of Sexual Deviation." The lecture, first in a series sponsored by the Sacramento Area Mental Health Association, dealt fairly with the definition, cause, and probable cure of homosexuality.

Marmor's viewpoints were well received by the more than 500 in attendance, many of whom may have never been exposed to such in-depth treatment on the subject of sexual deviation.

Sexual deviates, "Dr. Marmor stated, "are no more than people blocked in their capacity for mature sexual compatibility." He declined to use the word 'pervert' in that it carries a low moral connotation. He described Homosexuality as "A Habitual, preferential, and erotic use of extra genital expression." He further described it as a "Disturbance of the total personality," as opposed to a disturbance of sexual desires.

He categorized homosexuals into two types: 1, Genuine, and 2, Incidental. The latter being a brief exposure to homosexuality, such as a- Adolescent; b- Situational; such as with prisoners or sailors; and c- Opportunistic; as with juvenile delinquents whose careless attitudes lure them into homosexual play.

Some of the more common myths about Homosexuality were explained away by Marmor. The 'Inherent Myth' carries no evidence to support the fact that Homosexuality is a product of inheritance. The theory that 'Every

one has homosexual tendencies', was labeled a myth on the grounds that biological studies have never proved this to be correct. Generally accepted as a myth is the impression, 'You can always recognize a homosexual.' Lastly, the fallacy that there exists in homosexuals "A definite personality," was reworded to mean "there exists in homosexuals, a l types of personality behavior."

Marmor pointed out that the very culture we live in dictates many masculine-feminine roles, thereby placing a stereotype on those who do not act accordingly. With this in mind, he pointed out that we live in a hypocritical society which makes life uneasy for the homosexual.

As to the cause of homosexuality, Dr. Marmor blamed three definite areas: 1- Biological; a person born with poor coordination may be termed 'unmasculine' and thereby identify himself with homosexuals. 2- Dominant mother Detached father; impairs child's identity with his own sex. 3- Experience; an early experience can prove enjoyable to the point of manifesting itself permanently.

Marmor described homosexual abnormalities as

being the impairment of gender identification and a fear of the opposite sex due to an inadequacy or failure to properly place intimacy in the love role.

As to the cure rate among homosexuals, Dr. Marmor said, "25% to 50% of those seeking treatment can become heterosexuals depending on their motivation, age, and willingness. He also stated that homosexuals who don't visit psychiatrists are usually well-adjusted people.

His view of the law presented the more popular views shared by behaviorists "They are turning to the belief of what one does behind closed doors is his own business as long as it does not interfere with or damage anyone else." He referred to the Wolfenden Report as a basic guide, and further stated that in due time, the laws will adopt this mode of thinking in dealing with homosexuals.

As a special message to parents in the group, he stressed the importance of a masculine role in terms of shaping the personality structure of the male child. Sex should be taught with understanding and properly pictured as good or bad depending upon its relation to love.

# 'Religion' Discussions Inspiring

Two Sunday night meetings between the ARC and ministers of local Protestant churches have provided inspiration and insight into the role of the homosexual and the church.

Discussions have led to interesting results on subject matter such as, Salvation, Resurrection, sin, and Communion. Individual inquiries into personal religious attitudes and questions have given those present a more meaningful outlook and a clearer religious view of their role in life.

The ministers made their opinions open-minded, keeping in mind the great diversity of religious faiths present.

One of the most enlightening statements and probably the most liberal idea expressed in direct reference to religion came about as the group discussed Salvation.

In order to secure some form of

salvation for ourselves, 'each one of us, in our own lifetime must seek to find and make use of a form of adjustment or adaptation of our goals.' This should be done without hesitation, the minister suggested.

Our next meeting will include a Catholic Priest. Because of the nature of the Catholic religion and doctrines, he may well expose us to a totally new form of ideas than has been expressed at the previous meetings.

## Do You Know No Hu Hu?

Outside of the Mark Twain, Log Cabin, and Gene's, Sacramento beer drinkers had no bars where they could feel welcome as a group. It has been this reporter's experience to run across what has slowly become a fourth gay bar in the Sacramento area--the NO HU HU HUT, on West Capitol Ave. Resembling a cozy South Pacific recluse, the HUT is always filled with a casual, happy-go-lucky crowd of characters.

Primarily responsible for this "kicky" atmosphere, which prevails at the HUT, is Electra, a bosomy, one time stripper who has an incredible memory for names and jokes. If you are a first time visitor to the HUT, Electra makes sure you will feel at home! Her warm, friendly nature is filled with overtones of sensuous gestures and campy remarks.

Be sure to try her personal and exotic mixtures, which range from a potent Vicious Virgin to a Mei Lei Cooler.

Oh! and don't forget the 14<sup>th</sup> of February. Electra is giving a Ship Wreck Party which promises to be a riot. Come in costume! But, do experience a change in atmosphere any ole time at the HUT--if you can find it!

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