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## ANOTHER VICTORY FOR FREEDOM ?

by Mark Forrester

"The subject firm is engaged in the sale of art objects and antiques. The firm has a reputation for having some of the better products of this sort in the city. Mr. X and his employee who run the shop are homosexuals. They live together in Sausalito and have for some time. Both appear effeminate in actions and speech but both wear men's clothes, and are not outstanding as far as general appearance goes. Our informants report they are known homosexuals."

Thus reads a report of a credit bureau to an insurance company. The result of this material was that the company refused to insure Mr. X for "moral reasons." Yet careful analysis of this report reveals that there is no proof that Mr. X and his employee are homosexuals except that "they live together," appear effeminate in actions and speech," and "our informants report they are known homosexuals." Suspicion is apparently strong enough to convict.

In addition, it has never been proved that homosexuals are any worse drivers (they were denied vehicle insurance) than heterosexuals or more inclined to have accidents, yet the application for insurance coverage was denied because of "moral reasons." Mr. X may never know

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## MEMBERSHIP GOING UP !

SIR's membership drive is going full steam ahead! This past month, many new membership cards have been filled out, and some of the new members have brought in others.

SIR asks every member to get out and comb our good city and its environs to bring in as many new members as possible. The drive has revealed that many people who knew of SIR and have thought of joining, have never been asked, and had failed to take the initiative to call, write or come to the office.

Members are still eligible for the prizes for the person who brings in the most new members. First prize is a two week trip to New Orleans at Mardi Gras time, then on to Jamaica for sun and fun, then to Miami Beach, provided through the generosity of the Courier Travel. Anyone who would like to go on this trip (many SIR members are) is asked to call Courier Travel. The total cost of the trip is \$490, including air fare, hotels, and some meals.

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## I GIVE YOU MY WORD AS A HOMOSEXUAL . .

by Gary Teller

We lie so that we may live. Whether it is to our boss, or the draft board, or the civil service, we rarely can afford to divulge the simple truth of our homosexuality. But this is merely the beginning. Lying begets lying: we have to cover up for so many of our activities and doings that we find ourselves wallowing in a mire of untruths. (A simple question "What did you do last Saturday night?" may produce a whole string of lies...) As Donald Webster Cory in his The Homosexual in America points out, the gay person is forced into an attitude of contempt for truth in general, since this is the one virtue that can bring him nothing but trouble. (The rare homosexual who volunteers the fact that he is gay learns fast enough the toll straight society can exact for telling the truth.)

So that, probably with scant logical justification, the average well-adjusted homosexual says to himself: I, a lawyer, or a judge, or a teacher, or a social worker, accept all the laws of society, except those governing my sexual behavior, and I shall abide by the ethical standards of society, deviating from them only in order to keep my homosexuality secret. The same kind of reasoning is applied by religiously inclined homosexuals towards

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## President's Corner

by Bill Beardemphl

At this time of year, everyone pauses for a reflective, introspective look at the past year and what he has done, seeking aims and directions for the future.

In SIR, we have had a myriad of activities. We have accomplished more in this past year than many organizations have been able to accomplish in a decade. From national conferences to involvement with the heterosexual community in Citizens Alert, the homophile community in SF has changed rapidly, moving ahead into a new era. The specific projects like the SIRLEBRITY CAPEDES, the SIRPORIUM - our cooperative store, VECTOR, our political activities, including the Candidates Night, and registering voters, our fantastic rate in successful referral services, and so many other projects that to talk of them would fill VECTOR many times over, prove that an organization such as SIR is desperately needed in every community.

What we have found through all of our efforts is that more has to be done. We have dedicated ourselves to doing just that.

The homosexual community must face many more challenges. There are the homosexuals the homosexual himself rejects, the prostitutes, the hair fairy, those who engage in fetishes. There is the immense problem of self education. There are the problems in organizational functioning that must be faced and solved if we are to achieve the advancement of our aims and purposes. There are the labyrinths in social standards that must be probed and changed if the individual is to find self-fulfillment.

Indeed, a gigantic task lies ahead. There is more than enough for everyone to involve himself, and no one need be shut out.

Let us all join together and work toward a better community in which man achieves the dignity of being civilized.

## EDITORIAL

### VECTOR DEFINED

We have in the past few weeks received comments that as a "newspaper" VECTOR fails to cover important news events in the local homophile community, and there have been suggestions that we review our editorial policy. These comments merely illustrate that we have failed to identify ourselves properly.

To avoid future misunderstanding, we wish to make it clear that although we may refer to it as a "paper," VECTOR has never purported to be a "newspaper" in the strict sense of that term and nowhere in the publication is it characterized as such. We simply don't have the staff for it. The local community has two homophile newspapers as it is, and as far as we're concerned, they adequately cover the field.

VECTOR is, and has always been, a publication by and for SIR. Our only aim is to present that information we feel will be interesting to our members and to our general readers, whether or not it could properly be classified as news, and, to some extent, project a proper image of the responsible homosexual in our community. If we can fulfill this function, we have achieved our goal.

Of course, we are more than happy to publish factually correct news stories when they are submitted to us, but like all publications dependent on volunteer services, which can be contributed on only a part time basis, we are hampered by a lack of personnel and have no "professional" journalists among us. We apologize to those who have been misled into thinking that we are something we are not, and we cordially invite each and every member who has spare time and a factually oriented mind to participate with us in the publication of VECTOR.

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## PRIVY COUNCIL FORMED

A Privy Council has been formed to serve in an advisory capacity to Jose de San Francisco, the Nightingale of Montgomery Street. The purpose of the Council is to advise on programs that will unify the homophile organizations and accomplish a broadening of activities that will include all homosexuals and their friends. No one person should make decisions that will affect all homosexuals in the community. It is hoped that the Privy Council will lead to a better understanding of the homosexual's problem and hence to a possible solution of them.

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# LETTERS

(Letters submitted for publication must be directed to Editor, VECTOR. Letters addressed to SIR, its Board of Directors, or individual board members or editors will not be considered.-Ed.)

## Gay Bars

Editor: Your article "The Gay Bar & the Law" has left me utterly bewildered by the apparent confusion of the courts. That homosexuals use terms of endearment to each other, dress as members of the opposite sex, or speak in effeminate voices (many if not most homosexuals have effeminate voices by nature), that one woman says to another, "You're a cute little butch," are, to me, merely evidence of the fact that the people involved are homosexual. To say that such conduct is obscene is absurd, unless the courts were to hold that a man telling a woman in a heterosexual bar that "You're a cute little doll" is equally obscene, and uphold the closing of such bar on that ground. The same is true of the so-called "lewd" proposals. They are made frequently in heterosexual bars (such proposals are obviously not "lewd" to the two persons involved), and yet, as you point out, no heterosexual bar has been closed on that ground. Some of the conduct you mentioned may be offensive and the closing of the bar justified on that ground, but . . . .

"Bewildered"

Ed: We agree that the conduct you mention certainly is not obscene and merely evidences that such people are homosexual. Such, in fact, was the holding of the District Court of Appeal in the excellent opinion authored by Justice Raymond Peters when he was Presiding Justice of that court. (Justice Peters is now an associate justice on the State Supreme Court). Unfortunately, his opinion was rendered null and void when the case (Vallerga) was

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## WHERE CAN I BE MYSELF ?

Many homosexuals feel that they must impress the world that they are really more than meets the eye. To achieve this, some tell an endless string of tall tales; others don leather jackets, laden with chain and mail; still others put on "darling" chic dresses.

Is there a place in town where he could just be himself? Where he can dress as he wishes and express his honest opinion, unpopular as it may be? Where he can discuss things that really matter? Where he can examine his own actions without being ridiculed? Where people will try to understand what he has to say, even if it is poorly said?

One such place is the Friday night discussion group at Jim's. Every subject of gay interest is discussed there. During the last few weeks the group has discussed "Advice to the Young Homosexual," "S I R's Proposed Community Center," "The Glide Memorial Foundation Plan for Teen-Age Homosexuals." Planned for January are "Our Relationship With Other People," "The Homosexual and the Army - Historically and at Present."

One of the best things about this group is that you can say whatever you please. The best thing, though, is that you don't have to speak at all if you don't feel like it. For details about time and place, call MANJADE.

## JANUARY HIKING

Two hiking trips are scheduled for January. They are the Mt. Tamalpais State Park hike on January 9th, and the beach hike and campfire at Fort Cronkhite on Sunday night, January 23rd. For further information, dial MANJADE.

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## THE JUDICIAL BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT

### WATCHDOG OF LIBERTY

by Evander Smith

Scott v. Macy, Chairman of U.S. Civil Service Commission, 349 P.2d 182 (1965) discussed here will be followed next month by a case from the same Circuit Court. These cases are indeed landmarks in the field of government employment of one accused of homosexuality.

Bruce Scott by Federal Civil Service examination qualified for a personnel position, subject to further investigation. Subsequently he was challenged to explain (1) a 1947 arrest for "loitering," (2) a 1951 arrest "for investigation," and (3) "information [in the Civil Service Commission's possession] indicating that you are a homosexual." Mr. Scott's explanation: (1) 1947 arrest clearly showed a Washington, D.C. policeman guarding the Lafayette Square men's room (across from the White House) made a bad and unwarranted arrest; (2) there was no specific charge made for the 1951 arrest for "investigation"; and (3) refused to comment on the alleged homosexuality because he did "not believe the question is pertinent insofar as job performance is concerned."

The Commission then disqualified Mr. Scott for government employment because of "immoral conduct." (Based on 5 C.F.R. 2.106, 1961 ed.) He requested a specification of how, when, and where he had allegedly conducted himself immorally so that he may answer the broad and indefinite allegation of "immoral conduct." The Commission in the typical bureaucratic manner retorted that it had "convincing evidence" of homosexual conduct, which is considered contrary to generally-recognized and accepted standards of morality.

The court reasoned: "The Constitution does not distinguish between applicants and employees; both are entitled, like other people, to equal protection against arbitrary or discriminatory treatment by the government."

With this stigma of immoral conduct "the Commission not only disqualifies him from the vast field of employment dominated by the government but also jeopardized his ability to find employment elsewhere." The term "homosexual conduct" has different meanings for different people, and therefore require some specification. The Commission must at least specify what conduct it finds immoral and state why and how it is related to "occupational competence or fitness," especially since the Commission's action involved the gravest consequences. The appellant's (Scott) right to be free from governmental defamation requires that the government justify the necessity for imposing the stigma of disqualification.

The court pointed out that the experts have considerable differences of opinion concerning the many facets of homosexuality and other forms of sex perversion; and that the definitions are not even standardized.

The court cited the Journal of the Biology and Pathology of Interpersonal Relations 183 (1947) for the authority that the term "homosexual" psychoanalytically speaking has come to be a wastebasket to dump all forms of relationships with one's own sex. The word may be applied to activities, attitudes, feelings, thoughts, or repression of any of these. In short, anything which pertains in any way to a relationship, hostile or friendly, to a member of one's own sex may be termed homosexual.

There are two separately written but concurring opinions which rule in favor of Mr. Scott and against the government. There is a vigorous dissent not treated here.

The value of this next to the U.S. Supreme Court decision for the homophile community is tremendous. It will be cited

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in the future as an epoch when one court refused to be insinuated into accepting the emotionally charged prejudicial label of "homosexual" as an excuse for blind discrimination. Our readers should save the citation of this case and pass it along to interested friends. Any law librarian can in a moment show you the law review articles and future cases which will have cited the Scott case as authority. A candle has indeed been lighted!

# CHATTER MATTER

by Anonymous

A new year is here, and now with the parties out of the way, gifts exchanged, we can get back to the regular routine...Seen around town: many, many new faces at SIR's Christmas party. It was one of our best, even though it was very crowded. Hit of the party...our Ho Ho jolly Santa Claus (no padding used) giving our his presents - many useful things there...Next big affair planned - a large Valentine's Dance with live band (are there any dead ones?)...How is it that some of the nicest looking people are seen wearing SIR membership drive emblems???? (That should get a few more emblems sold!) They're available at the SIR office or at any membership meeting...Anyone for starting a new social group? Speaking of social groups, there are many active - such as the ART, DANCE, CARD PLAYING, etc. - and they're always looking for new people. The model railroading sounds intriguing to me...Don't forget to see the SIR sponsored play, LYSISTRATA, to be put on this month. This writer saw the show and can heartily recommend it...Our community bars have some of the best dinners and brunches available anywhere in town - for example, have you tried the special steak dinner at the Cask? That's my gourmet tip for the month...Speaking of our local pubs, how many SIR members know they can get discounts for their libations any time at BRADLEY'S? Just show your membership card and help curb inflation. Any other bars like to get in on this?...All of a sudden we have many eager salesmen getting members into our organization, helping SIR and hoping to get one of the three prizes...Can miracles happen? Just might be when we get our long awaited Community Center...This column predicts you will see one in operation this year...Contact this column if you have any scoops, tips, or stories.

## SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

Los Angeles Police Chief William Parker went out on another judicial limb when he announced that the Criminal

Courts Bar Association, which was organized by and is a part of the State Bar of California (the association to which all practicing attorneys in the State must belong) is opposed to police activities in legal proceedings.

### SKI CLUB

The recently formed ski club has announced plans for a skiing expedition to Dodge Ridge during the weekend of January 15-16, 1966, leaving San Francisco at 7:00 a.m. Saturday and returning Sunday evening. Dodge Ridge is on Highway 108, 34 miles northeast of Sonoma and approximately 165 miles from San Francisco. A meeting will be held Tuesday, January 11, 1966, at 8:00 p.m. to make final arrangements. All interested persons may attend.

Special instructions will be given to non-skiers at the resort, where boots and equipment may be rented. As part of the intensive training program, the chairman at the November meeting gave indoor demonstrations of the snowplow, the kick, and the jump.

Further information may be obtained at 673-6390.

The association was quick to set the record straight by replying that what it is opposed to is illegal police activity which is brought to light in the course of legal proceedings, and pointed out that the Chief has condoned and encouraged police activities which time and again have been held by both State and Federal courts as violating the Constitution of the United States.


Inasmuch as a policeman who fails to comply with the mandates of the courts is breaking the law just as surely as is the criminal he is seeking to apprehend, it is suggested that the Legislature should investigate the possibility of remedial legislation making each and every law enforcement officer who wilfully violates such court mandates personally liable to respond in money damages to his victim, with a provision that general damages can be awarded without the necessity of proving special damages.

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The party, attended by over 200 people, was one of the year's most successful.

One of the most welcomed guests was a jolly man in red and white who distributed gifts to those who attended.

SIR expresses its thanks to the member who so graciously loaned his home for the festivities.

The party, which was in full swing by 9:00 o'clock, broke up about 3:00 a.m.

Next year's, it is hoped, will be twice as big and as much fun!

## LYSISTRATA BENEFIT

The Greeks certainly had a word for it...as a matter of fact, a number of words (and actions) all of which are currently being used in the current production at the Interplayers' Theatre at 747 Beach Street. LYSISTRATA (or in the present production subtitled "Under the Yum-Yum Acropolis") is probably the most famous - and certainly the most infamous - bawdy comedy ever written. Written and set in ancient Greece, it has been through the centuries a source of controversy as to whether it is "dirty," "obscene," "classical," "bawdy," "brilliant." In any event it has survived to be easily one of the most audaciously bawdy plays ever written.

The Interplayers production has added an element of making it one of the most visually elegant and spectacular local theatre offerings ever seen. It has a cast of 36 young men and women (in an absolute minimum of costuming, naturally), with special incidental music, an outrageously colorful set by Bob Skeoch, and it is directed by A.J. Esta (who was the director of the recent SIRLEBRITY CAPEDES OF 1965). LYSISTRATA promises to be one of the highlights of the theatre.

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their faith.

Most "one-night-standers" - and one suspects they are quite numerous - uphold few ethical standards vis-a-vis their partners. They are a Dr. Jekyll playing at being a Mr. Hyde. Since what they are doing with their partners is forbidden, wrong, illegal and perverse, in the eyes of the straight world, they reject the accepted moral, ethical and legal codes in this particular area. In the eyes of straight society they have transformed themselves from the kind, gentle and respectable Dr. Jekyll into the monstrous Mr. Hyde. All too often they go along with this Mr. Hyde game, and feel that in this role they are bound by no ethical considerations. A man whose word is his bond, and who can raise a hundred thousand dollars on his signature, will think nothing of giving a false telephone number to his bed partner. (The very fact that he can and does raise this amount of money will make this all the more imperative in his eyes.)

Even the more adjusted gay people are often remiss in their obligations towards the gay community. The philanthropist who contributes to everything, but the one cause which is the driving force of his life is all too common. The gay employer who will refuse to hire an obvious homosexual "in order to protect himself," is treating his brother worse than many a straight employer.

The result of this strange ethical outlook is that homosexuals from all walks of life - from ministers to judges to hustlers and bums - block out a whole chunk of their lives, to which they apply no ethical standards.

It is axiomatic that for a minority to thrive culturally and economically, and be in a position to defend their rights, the ethical standards between the members of the minority group, must be equal or even more rigid than between them and the rest of the community. We cannot claim to be a persecuted minority fighting for equal rights, and fail to acknowl-

edge that we have moral responsibilities and economical obligations towards one another.

Admittedly there are a number of factors standing in the way of a viable code of ethics throughout the gay community.

First, though exaggerated, there are reasonable grounds for not trusting partners who are perfect strangers. Fear usually tends to cancel out ethical considerations. (Having total strangers as bed partners is in itself an indication of Mr. Hyde on the prowl. The Dr. Jekyll in us does not always approve...)

Second, ethical standards in a minority group are enforced through the public opinion of this group. The Jews of the USA, for instance, give tremendous amounts of money to their own charities. Though these are theoretically donations, the money is often given willy-nilly. Any other course would be all but impossible for many members of this community, due to public opinion. In the largely anonymous gay community, there is not much of a public opinion that could bring pressure to bear.

Third, in order to feel ethically bound by a code of a certain group, one must identify with it. The Negro who "passes" is not really involved with Negro cause, nor particularly concerned with the relationships within the Negro community. (He may even display a studied lack of interest to avoid suspicion.) Most of us are passers, who join the gay community only for brief periods.

On the positive side there are other factors to be considered. Semi-clandestine, persecuted organizations have been known, throughout history, to form a closely-knit, self-sacrificing fraternal group. The many undergrounds under Nazi-occupied Europe will serve as a good example. Surely we can identify ourselves with such groups and aspire towards such relationships.

One more fact must be considered in this context. Human beings usually expect of themselves what society tells them they ought to expect. For example, a gay officer will assure somebody by say-

ing, "I give you my word as an officer and a gentleman." This would not only assure his listener, but probably be binding on the speaker himself. After all, he is an officer, and would like to think of himself as a gentleman. As such, he has certain obligations. The same gay officer, however, would not think that "I give you my word as a homosexual," would greatly impress his equally-gay listener, nor would he feel particularly bound by it.

A myth has a tendency to fulfill itself. Officers try to conform to their alleged code of honor, and homosexuals often behave as irresponsibly as they have been branded by society and by themselves. This myth of irresponsibility has to be shattered. If we were all as unethical and irresponsible as all that, how could we possibly hold down the jobs we do? It is probably true that had we, upon coming out, learned that "gay people always help one another and never lie to each other," we would have adopted a different pattern in our gay dealings. If we assume that the average gay guy is a normal human being, there is no reason not to expect him to behave as responsibly and ethically in gay life as he does in straight circles.

Shall we, then, work towards the day when "I give you my word as a homosexual," will be an iron-clad promise rather than a queenish joke?

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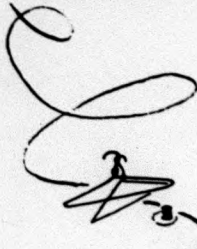
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## CONVERSATION ON TEEN AGE HOMOSEXUALS

Problems in counseling the teen-age homosexual was the topic of the Page-Street conversation group which met Friday evening, December 10, 1965, with its guest "conversationalist," the Reverend Edward Hansen of the Glide Memorial Methodist Church. Reverend Hansen posed the dilemma of the young homosexual, recently arrived from out of State, generally destitute, who gravitates to the tenderloin and south-of-Market-Street areas, and whose only hostel is the after-hours coffee den. The Reverend suggested as an alternative to this existence - in which the pressures to engage in hustling are often irresistible - that the churches sponsor a coffee-house exclusively for teen-agers and that it provide counseling services, recreation facilities, and employment assistance.

The Reverend estimated that \$500 would be a minimum monthly budget for such project. Although those present were in general accord as to the desirability of such service, there was a lively difference of opinion as to whether SIR is financially able to allocate part of its budget to the program. Favorable reaction, however, was received to a proposal that members make individual contributions.

Approximately 30 members participated in the discussion at which coffee and refreshments were served. Reverend Hansen was accompanied by his guest, a visiting divinity student from Claremont, who took notes.

## SIRPORIUM REOPENING

Beer and paint were in plentiful supply at 525 Hayes Street several weeks ago when SIR volunteers met at the newly-acquired SIRPORIUM headquarters to spend a week-end of renovating and preparing the store for its December reopening. The SIRPORIUM, which engages in the sale of second-hand merchandise to the public, was required to leave its former location on Haight Street when the city refused to issue a permit to sell used goods in that area. A permit, however, has been obtained for its present address which is on the south side of Hayes between Octavia and Laguna.

The SIRPORIUM sells a wide variety of merchandise, including clothing, appliances, and household furnishings. It is open Monday through Saturday from ten 'til five, and later will be open on Sunday. The management has announced that the new store has a much larger inventory of goods and merchandise than was formerly available, all at "bargain prices."

Merchandise may be donated to the SIRPORIUM by taking it to the store or by calling MANJADE for pick-up service. The only item not acceptable is overstuffed furniture, which is prohibited by Health Department regulations.

The SIRPORIUM Committee meets every Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. Interested members are invited to attend.

## POLITICAL REPORT

by Nancy May

Now that the election is over and we can look back on it with some feeling of success, we must be thinking of our plans for the next election.

It has been suggested that the best way to organize a vote is through precinct workers.

Anyone interested in this type of work, please contact the chairman at UN 3-1272. A meeting will be held shortly after the closed membership meeting in January.

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MEMBERSHIPS (con't from page 1)

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LETTERS (con't from page 3)

taken over by the California Supreme Court from whose opinion the statements in our article were taken.

Criticism

Editor: The banal and witless physique illustrations appearing in advertisements in your last issue are in dismal contrast to the responsible literary content of VECTOR. It is especially regrettable that the full-page drawing of the "Jolly Green Queen" had to appear like a coy David, dishabille, on the outside cover, necessitating furtive concealment of VECTOR in public. The test of a responsible "gay" newspaper is whether it can be shown to heterosexual friends without apology or embarrassment. Your December issue flunked this test.

Jay

Ed: Okay, okay. So we're not heterosexual and can't print pin-ups!

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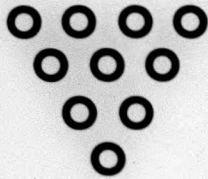
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VICTORY (Con't from page 1)

why he could not get his car insured, or why his life insurance is suddenly canceled, or the premiums raised, but those of us who have seen many of these "reports," have reason to suspect that once again tabu, fiction, and fear are the basis for denial of processes due him in fair measure as to other citizens untainted by homosexuality.



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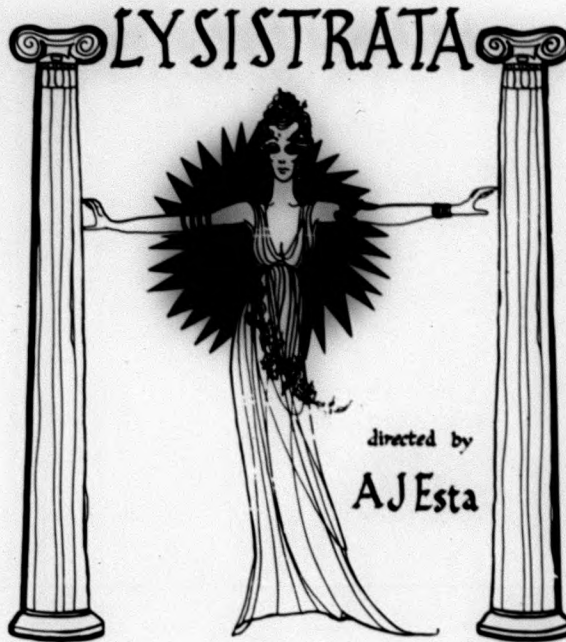
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