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Foreword

In this book, Michael Leigh took a razor to the soft white underbelly of '60s Middle America, spilling out its rotten entrails for the world to rake over. He revealed a burgeoning demi-monde of sado-masochism, transvestism, drug abuse, homosexuality, paedophilia, bestiality and pornography - a zone he chose to describe as "The Velvet Underground".

In documenting this subterranean disease, Leigh exposed the secret emptiness and alienation of an entire generation and culture that even in 1963 was dangerously out of control, reflecting all the fears and frustrations of the creeping sickness of post-atomic America. A mere six years on, these malignant seeds would burst into sudden, shocking flower with the media Apocalypse precipitated by Charles Manson and his Dune Buggy Attack Battalion, fulfilling Leigh's premonitions of anarchy. It is appropriate, therefore, that the East Coast rock group who took their name from this book were mirroring its themes of sexual and social sickness in their nihilistic noise poetry even as the "love children" of California were being torn apart and destroyed by Altamont and Helter Skelter.

"The Velvet Underground" - in coining this image of sick beauty, Michael Leigh unwittingly provided not merely the name for a rock'n'roll group, but a synonym for an era and lifestyle immortalised by that group and its associates -

Warhol's Factory perceived as a microcosm of that nationwide unrest and mania which prefigured the chaos of 1969, and the inauguration of a fatally attractive credo which will recur for as long as society, as we know it, persists.

—*Candice Black, 1991*

Introduction

The sex orgy is no modern phenomenon, although many who belong to sex clubs today appear to think it is, and that they are in some way “enlightened” and original. All they do is substitute words like “party” and “get-together” for “orgy” and claim a new and different motivation.

Orgies have taken place in every century. In the Old Testament (Exodus, 32), there is an account of an orgy, sanctioned by Aaron, when Moses was absent on Mount Sinai receiving the Ten Commandments. A calf of gold was made from ornaments surrendered for that purpose by the Israelites, and the people (Exodus, 32:6) “...sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” Further (Exodus, 32:25), “And when Moses saw that the people were naked; (for Aaron had made them naked unto their shame among their enemies),” although partially appeasing God’s anger, he nevertheless ordered 3,000 Israelites slain in retribution at the hands of the Levites.

The Old Testament is filled with references to other orgies where the Israelites were induced to adopt temporarily the ceremonial rites of their Gentile neighbours. Since there will be later references to the obliging customs of some modern husbands, Abraham’s even earlier surrender of his wife Sara to the sexual embraces of Abimelech should be remembered.

The Eastern Mediterranean peoples who periodically influenced the Israelites also set the pattern for the Greeks.

The Aphrodisia, the religious festivals in honour of Aphrodite, the goddess of love, were orgies at which the most lecherous behaviour took place. This is true, also, of the Dionysia and the Eleusinian Mysteries. At the festival of Aphrodite Anosia in Thessaly, the orgies were totally of a female homosexual character. All these ceremonies involved ritual copulation.

At one of the great Greek national festivals, the Attic Thesmophoria, sexual abstinence was a necessary prelude to the sensual orgies that climaxed the rites. The reason for this is given in the *Thesmophoriazusae* of Aristophanes:

“All the women who desired to take part in the festival were obliged to abstain from sexual intercourse for nine days before. The cleverness of the priests demanded this as an act of piety, the real reason of course being that the women, whipped up by their long abstinence, might be able to take part in erotic orgies with less restraint.”

As for the goddess of love herself, the titles under which she was worshipped are a clear indication of how sex generally was viewed. She was called Aphrodite Kallipygos and Aphrodite Porne, the Beautiful Buttocked and the Whore, and the Goddess of Indecent Copulations.

The Greeks did not confine orgies to religious festivals. Of the Tyrant of Syracuse, Dionysius the Younger, Clearchus says that when he arrived at the city of Locris, he sent for the young women, stripped them and himself naked, and rolled on the bed with them, practising every kind of obscenity imaginable.

History records the orgies of Alcibiades in Greece and Persia and the greatest orgy of Alexander the Great is well known. Following Alexander’s defeat of Darius when Persepolis was seized, drunken *heterae*, dominated by the beautiful Thais, burned the royal palace.

The Romans, who copied their gods and goddesses from the Greeks, also copied the religious orgies. At the Bacchanalia, Saturnalia and Liberalia, debauchery similar to that at the Greek festivals took place. They were not above adding yet more cults, including those of the Anatolian Cybele and the Egyptian Isis, and in doing so made them, if possible, more obscene.

The Roman god Liber was a fertility god who was honoured with phallic rites that were utterly licentious and depraved. The Bacchanalia became characterized by so much violence and orgiastic sexual activity, including homosexuality, that it finally met with official disapproval. In Etruria, particularly, the Bacchanalia was widespread and popular.

Athenaeus of Naucratis in his *Deipnosophistae* comments that Etruscan men shared their women in common and when they were ready to go to bed, “the lamps being still lighted, servants bring in to them sometimes female prostitutes, sometimes very beautiful boys, sometimes also their wives: and when they have enjoyed these the servants then introduce lusty young men, who in their turn consort with them.” They, he says later, “carry on these unions sometimes in full view of each other.” It can be imagined what happened at Etruscan Bacchanalia.

According to Ovid and Juvenal, the cult of Isis was flagrantly sexual and the latter described the priestesses as “bawds”.

The cult of Bona Dea, the good goddess, was allied to that of Isis, though it was strictly for women. Incredible orgies took place when husbands had been dismissed for the evening and the rites were to be celebrated.

Juvenal writes: “The rites of the Great Goddess! Shrieking flutes excite the women’s loins, wine and the trumpet

madden them, whirling and shrieking, rapt by Priapus. Then, their hearts are blazing with lust, their voices stammer with it, their wine gushes in torrents down their soaking thighs... This is no mimicry, the thing is done in earnest: even Priam's aged loins and Nestor cold with age would burn to see it. Their itching cannot bear delay: this is sheer Woman, shrieking and crying everywhere in the hall, 'It is time, let in the men!' The lover sleeps... then let him snatch a greatcoat, hurry here. No? Then they rush upon the slaves. Not even slaves? Then a scavenger comes off the streets."

Juvenal adds that if no man can be found, then these women content themselves with donkeys! Suetonius' *Lives Of The Twelve Caesars* and the works of such historians as Dion Cassius and Tacitus give a clear insight into the sexual lives of the Caesars and such women as Messalina, the nymphomaniac wife of Claudius, and Julia, the wife of Tiberius, whose frantic pre-occupation with copulation and debauchery turned the Roman world upside-down.

Messalina on one occasion, when Claudius was absent in Ostia, "married" a man named Silius, and for days on end celebrated a Bacchanalia with other women as debauched as herself, competing with them at copulation to determine who could exhaust the most men. Tiberius, whom Claudius succeeded, sated with all other forms of viciousness, even used as fellators babies not yet weaned.

Nero, to list but one more emperor, was equally depraved. Quoting Claudius Rufus, Tacitus says that "He so prostituted his own chastity that after defiling almost every part of his body, he at last devised a game in which, covered with the skin of some wild animal, he was let loose from a cage to attack the private parts of men and women who were bound to stakes, and when he had sated his mad lust, was 'dispatched' by his freedman, Doryphorus; for he was even married to this man, going so far as to imitate the cries and lamentations of a maiden being deflowered." These histories do not take into account the behaviour of the common people, but their conduct, to a large degree, was fashioned after that of their masters. *The Satyricon* of Petronius Arbiter and *The Golden Ass Of Lucius Apuleius* give accounts of what happened in less exalted circles.

The rise of the Christian Church changed little. More or less frank sexuality was the norm. In the eighth century Pope Boniface complained that the English despised matrimony, refused to have legitimate wives and "continue to live in lechery and adultery after the manner of neighing horses and braying asses." The church itself, while prohibiting carnality, set a woefully bad example.

Pope John XII turned St. John Lateran into a brothel, and at his trial the charges against him included sacrilege, simony, perjury, murder, adultery and incest. John XII, when tried and deposed, confessed to incest, adultery, murder and atheism. Finally there is Alexander VI whose sexual excesses are notorious. An incident which took place on the evening of October 30, 1501, is a typical example of his depravity.

The source is John Burchard, Pontifical Master of Ceremonies and Bishop of Orta. In the presence of his children, Cesare and Lucrezia Borgia, Alexander VI looked on while fifty prostitutes stripped themselves naked and copulated with servants and others present. Gifts of clothes were awarded to those men who copulated with the greatest number of prostitutes. The spectators were the judges.

This was the pattern set for the age and followed in the countries bound to Rome by religious ties. It could be said that the Reformation in England owed as much to the satyriasis of Henry VIII and hypocritical action by the Church as it did to unrest brought by Martin Luther.

The May Games and the Feast of Fools provided all that the European public wanted in the way of excuse for imitating their spiritual and temporal rulers. They were the Dionysia and Bacchanalia of that day. In France particularly, abuse of these celebrations was great and brought religious condemnation. Then these celebrations became more tame, and the real rites were driven underground.

In much of Europe the old fertility rites have always been carried on *sub rosa*, and the worship of the Honoured God, as it was called, was not devil-worship so much as worship of old pagan deities with rites duplicating those of the Dionysia and Bacchanalia.

These rites were marked by frenzied dancing, feasts and promiscuous copulation. As part of the ceremony the witches gave the chief of the coven an obscene kiss between the buttocks and had to copulate with him as often as he desired. Orgies accompanied these rites and witches accorded the warlocks sexual liberties. It follows naturally that a Church which opposed and prohibited such free sexuality would label it devil-worship. The church's adherents equated Satan with Dionysius and persecuted all involved.

During the rise of Puritanism one of the most hideous cases of depravity in English history was brought to court.

This was the trial of Lord Castlehaven in 1631 on the charge that he abetted a "rape upon his Countess, Committing Sodomy with his servants, and Commanding and Countenancing the Debauching of his Daughter".

According to the evidence given by the Countess, two servants were compelled to copulate with her and then to have intercourse with Lord Castlehaven himself. One had been married by his lordship to his daughter, the father witnessing the marital rites.

In further evidence, the Countess testified that: "The first or second Night after we were Married, Antill [one of the servants] came to our Bed, and the Lord Audley talk'd lasciviously to me and told me my body was his, and if I lay with any Man with his consent, 'twas not my fault but his. He made Skipworth [another servant] come

naked into our Chamber and Bed: and took delight in calling up his servants to show their Nudities, and forc'd me to look upon them and to commend those that had the longest. Broadway, a servant of My Lord's, by His Lordship's command, lay with me, and I making resistance, My Lord Audley held my hands and one of my Feet... He delighted to see the Act done, and made Antill come into bed with us and lie with me in such a manner as he might see it, and though I cry'd out, he never regarded the Complaint I made, but encouraged the Ravisher."

After such excesses, those of Sir Charles Sedley, Lord Rochester and the Duke of Buckingham, as well as others around Charles II, appear almost tame. But the Castlehaven case serves to show what took place despite the repressions by the Puritans.

The eighteenth century in England saw the rise of clubs which owed all too much to the examples of the Sedleys and Rochesters of the previous century, but they were suppressed and rakes had to pursue vice more quietly in the brothels with which London abounded. They also took advantage of so-called dancing clubs where well-known whores did the honours. Such degenerates as the notorious "Old Q", William Douglas, held orgies in their homes, but generally fashionable debauches were arranged by the more prominent whores in the dancing clubs over which they presided, and they were as elaborately obscene as the gentlemen's pockets allowed.

In his *Memoirs*, Casanova describes how after an evening with a male friend and two girls, he declined to dance the "Rompaie" naked as a prelude to a bout with them in one such club.

A recurrence of Satanism was responsible for the Hell Fire Clubs later in the century, the most famous of which was that of Sir Francis Dashwood. In the early 1750's Dashwood signed a lease with Francis Duffield for Medmenham, a property which included a ruined church. This church was turned into a "chapel of ease" for the nation's most notorious rakes, among them Lord Sandwich and the son of the Archbishop of Canterbury. It was filled with sculptural indecencies. The brotherhood was called friars, and the "nuns" were both aristocratic bawds and prostitutes recruited from the brothels. A "prior" was in charge of them. The library consisted of a large collection of pornographic books.

Here, in the made-over church, devil worship took place and indecent litanies were sung, followed by lewd copulations.

What took place in neighbouring Scotland was relatively mild in comparison. There were two clubs of note, the Most Ancient and Puissant Order of the Beggar's Benison and Merryland, and the Wig Club. There was little of the elaboration of the English organizations. The modern order of the Beggar's Benison was founded in 1732, the Lords Murray and Aboyne breaking away in 1775, taking with them the club wig and forming the Wig Club.

This wig was said to be entirely composed of the pubic hair of Charles II's mistresses. Members were allowed to kiss this wig at ceremonies and to take turns wearing it.

Not to be outdone, the robbed Beggar's Benison members collected material for a wig made from the pubic hair of the mistresses of George III!

On the Continent, in the meantime, the Marquis de Sade was achieving notoriety, not only because of his cruelty, but because of his public orgies, notably those in Marseilles in 1768. De Sade is best known for the use of his name by Krafft-Ebing in his essential *Psychopathia Sexualis*, who coined the word "sadism" in relation to cruelty conceived as manifesting sexual desire. He is also known for several obscene and incomprehensible books, written during his imprisonment in the Bastille in 1777, in which he seeks to rationalize the irrational as it applied to him. The most concise of these is *Philosophy In The Boudoir*.

The "Rose Keller Affair" in 1767 first brought him to prominence, since the woman Keller had been cruelly abused by him during an orgy. He was in further trouble a few years later, in 1772, when he was accused of attempted poisoning.

He had given Spanish Fly (cantharides) to a girl named Marguerite Coste during a debauch, making her severely sick.

On the same day as the Coste affair, he had engaged three girls from a brothel and, with his valet, had repaired with them to a house on the outskirts of Marseilles. They all stripped off their clothing and the girls were beaten by the Marquis and then were commanded to beat him. His valet also beat him. He then had anal intercourse with the girls and subsequently his valet performed sodomy with him. One girl ate a chocolate impregnated with cantharides and became ill.

Later it came to light that on two other occasions de Sade had distributed the chocolates to his guests, several of whom had died as a result. De Sade was arrested on charges of sodomy and murder.

De Sade fled to Italy to escape persecution, and it was not until 1777, when his mother caused him to be arrested on a trip to Paris, that he was imprisoned. He died at the Charenton Lunatic Asylum in 1814.

Across the Channel in England, the Victorian era ushered in the establishment of a society with the dirtiest minds and the greatest degree of hypocrisy in all history. It was an age in which chaste ladies put cloths on the legs of armchairs and pianos to remove temptation from their menfolk, and the men sought vice privately in brothels staffed with regiments of prostitutes.

According to one writer of the time, young "gentlemen" took houses for the new breed of factory girls produced

by the Industrial Revolution, and in these houses the "poor" girls shared the "disgraceful orgies of their paramours". Wickham Stead, editor of the *Pall Mall Gazette*, exposed a "scandalous system of procuration" by which these working class girls were trapped and sexually exploited. The aristocrats engineered orgies in better style.

London abounded with well-known whores such as Mabel Gray, Kate Cook, Laura Bell, Agnes Willoughby and the notorious Cora Pearl, whose real name was Emma Crouch.

Cora's following included the best in the land. All listeners thrilled to the obscenities she spoke in an atrocious Cockney accent and flocked to her sex parties for which she had a great talent. She had herself served up naked at dinners, and placed on the table under the cover of a large silver dish, smothered in sauce or garnished with herbs. Before she died in Paris in 1886 she had been expelled from the principal cities on the Continent because of the noisy debauchery of the orgies she arranged. The orgies arranged by her sisters in England, though no less obscene, were planned more tactfully.

In this present century Aleister Crowley and Rasputin head an impressive list of those prominent in orgiastic circles. Crowley died as recently as 1947, and Rasputin was assassinated in 1916 by Prince Yussupog on the eve of the Russian Revolution.

Rasputin belonged to a Siberian religious sect known as the Khlysty whose creed was: unless there is sin, there is no repentance, and therefore, believers must sin. Sex made one closer to God. Within a short time of joining this sect, Rasputin dominated it and had a circle of admiring women ready to do anything he commanded. With his household and fellow members he would go into the nearby forest and, after frantic dancing and singing, all would throw themselves on the ground, copulating in a shameless orgy in the open.

Rasputin testified frankly to his beliefs. He stated: "A particle of the Supreme Being is incarnated in me. Only through me can you hope to be saved; and the manner of your salvation is this: you must be united with me in soul and body." This creed carried Rasputin to St. Petersburg and into the intimate circle of the Czarina of All the Russias where innumerable court ladies made themselves available to him.

Aleister Crowley, unlike many of his kind today, could not keep out of the headlines. He turned his villa into an "Abbey of Thelema" after that in Rabelais' book. The central room was a "sanctuary", obscene paintings decorated its walls and those of other rooms, and an altar was raised there

Here Crowley presided over rites of incredible lewdness while "priests" chanted in unison; "sacrifices" were made and unspeakable orgies followed. As a result, he was expelled from Italian territory.

Crowley stated openly that "he had driven [himself] to delight in dirty and disgusting debauches," but this did not keep disciples away. Betty May Loveday, widow of one disciple, who lived for a time in the "Abbey", gave appalling evidence during a libel action taken by Crowley against the British *Sunday Express*. In an article in the newspaper she charged that even children were not safe from Crowley, that "they are made to witness horrible sexual debauches, unbelievably revolting". Two earlier visitors to the "Abbey" told of a female chosen to be "The Scarlet Woman" ceremonially copulating with a goat, the goat being sacrificed at the moment of orgasm so that its blood gushed onto her naked back.

In an edition reporting the last day of the libel action, the *London Daily Mail* carried an article claiming that Crowley was by no means the only practitioner of the Black Arts and that witch cults were scattered over England.

Prior to World War II, European newspapers carried reports of witch cults in Scandinavia and of orgies requiring human bones from violated graves. Less gruesome reports of orgies came from France and Italy before and after the war.

There were reports of vast lesbian orgies in some of the larger Italian cities in the early 1950's, and at about the same time there was a quickly played-down exposure of international wife-swapping clubs involving prominent socialites in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Orgies were part of the religions of the Eastern Mediterranean peoples and of the early Greeks and Romans.

In Christian times they were carried on surreptitiously by the common people in the survival of fertility rites, and by the highly placed for sensual enjoyment and perverse pleasure in "sin". Today the story is far different.

Today's participants in orgies speak of themselves as being "enlightened", of having "thrown off old superstitions".

The husbands and wives who indulge in joint extra-marital activities do not believe they are sinning. In duplicating the Dionysia, as they have been duplicated down the centuries, they point to a "feminine emancipation", a "new equality", and a "sexual revolution". They profess to being "modern" and their clubs are organized with "modern know-how".

This book is their record.

Chapter One

Sexology is not my field. I am a writer, a former editor and columnist, who has travelled extensively in Europe, the Middle East, North Africa and Central America.

On the other hand, most males and some females, consciously or unconsciously, are curious as to what makes us function biologically. And to these ranks I belong. Also, besides seeing the average amount of pornography, I have read seriously in the sexological field.

It is *because* I am not an expert in this area that this report is significant. I am the fellow next door; a little more curious, a little more probing, but that is all.

My subjects did not come to me for therapeutic aid. I did not set out to research them, although, eventually, that is what I succeeded in doing. My subjects may have been sick, but they were more than satisfied with their sickness and went to extraordinary lengths to maintain it - even worsen it.

Most of my subjects are married and both husbands and wives are cognizant of each other's wishes. In these mutual endeavours toward variety they receive assistance from other, similarly disposed couples, as well as from single people of both sexes. They form both loosely linked associations with other couples to satisfy their desires, and clubs that cater to every conceivable sexual need.

Adult couples of all ages are included, as are people in all walks of life, for the well-educated professional man holds one thing in common with the semi-literate manual worker: the desire and willingness to share and find satisfaction in sex. It should be emphasized that these people are not the rag, tag and bobtail of society. They are not the so-called dead beats, the alleged beatniks or what used to be called Bohemians.

They live orderly, well-regulated lives. They are churchgoers of all denominations. In most cases they have children. They are not drinkers except in the social sense, and many of them do not drink at all. With few exceptions, they either hold prestige jobs, own businesses or are in the professions. They include architects, nurses, dentists, attorneys, ranchers, realtors, movie actors, models, writers, farmers, engineers, photographers, storeowners, chemists, druggists, government employees, servicemen, business executives and politicians. None of them run bars or night clubs.

They are not in occupations where loose sexual contacts might be expected. To the casual observer, they are respected and respectable members of their communities.

In the main, these are the things they are not: they are not noisy and loud; they do not give parties where the drinking is heavy; they do not indulge in suggestive talk or off-colour jokes at the store or office, much less in the home.

The women are model wives, excellent housewives and exemplary mothers; the men are model husbands, better than usual providers and highly rated fathers.

You will never read about them in the pages of a Mantegazza, Krafft-Ebing or Kinsey, or in the works of the Kronhausens. They themselves, however, will have read these authors, and such writers as Freud, Mead, Loth, de Beauvoir and Fuchs. They will also have read portions of *The Oxford Professor*, under the title of *The Sixty Niner*, smuggled into this country from the Erotikan Press, Paris, as well as pornographic classics such as *Memories Of A Hotel Man*, and *Linda's Strange Vacation*. The informed will have succeeded in begging, borrowing or stealing a copy of the *Kama Sutra Of Vatsyayana*. According to their own testimony, they have read and passed on to friends all the pornography that unremitting effort and persistence can obtain.

The two Hollywood cases not too long ago, involving well-known film and television personalities, might make it appear that the activities that were exposed are confined to this particular segment of society. This is not so. People with no intellectual or artistic pretensions whatever similarly divert themselves. According to the evidence supplied by them, there is no deviation or perversion they do not practice or seek to practice.

Let me reiterate that these facts could not be obtained in the usual way. According to the reports, prostitutes allow themselves to be interviewed by scientists, and the men tally and sexually sick at all levels of society may be analyzed by experts, but how is the allegedly normal person to be questioned? What would be the result if someone knocked on the door and asked the average housewife if she and her husband believed in extra-marital sex? Or if they were bisexual? Even if the questions were asked during medical check-ups would they be answered truthfully? Would they be answered at all?

Then how were such questions asked?

It started when I answered an advertisement in a magazine available to every man and woman in the United States.

On the night I came upon the advertisement, I was tired physically and mentally. I went out for relaxation and saw some magazines in the lobby of a hotel. I leafed idly through them, and then decided to examine them more

closely. The advertisement appeared in the end pages of a magazine I had seen, though had never purchased, on newsstands, and immediately it intrigued me.

According to the ad, a new and unusual friendship club had been formed for unusual people. Members were great travellers from all over the world and from all walks of life. They wanted to exchange strange experiences and discuss the bizarre and the exotic with others. They were adventurous, uninhibited, broad-minded, intellectual and cultured.

I checked at the time and have rechecked frequently since. The magazine still appears regularly on newsstands; the advertisement is still carried, though at irregular intervals.

I had some idea that I might contact, for example, a Turkish national and then, were I to visit Istanbul again, my acquaintance with him and my knowledge of his home life and his family would enable me to know Turkey. Or perhaps the contact might be an Athenian, a Cairene or a Roman. It would be wonderful, really, to know Rome in stead of merely knowing the location of the Spanish Steps, the Forum and the Vatican Museum. Also, I wondered what was meant by the bizarre and exotic.

I replied to the advertisement, sending the required fee and submitting a bare minimum of information, including the fact that I was married. Then I waited for developments.

Over the next few days I thought at intervals about the stupid thing I had done, and then I forgot all about it. But soon the correspondence started coming in and few of the correspondents knew anything about Istanbul, Rome or Athens, much less Cairo.

The letters were harmless enough in the main, sometimes naive, occasionally stupid. Some couples wrote they were glad "you, too," enjoyed unusual experiences because they did, very much, and what would "we" like them to tell "us" about, and would "we" be frank and give ages, heights, and weights.

The letters were perplexing. I had no idea what their experiences might have been or where they had taken place.

By that time I didn't much care. It wasn't that I was naive.

There was no hint in the letters of anything off-beat or of illicit sex. Some were well-written, some were not, but I found none of the letters interesting enough to warrant reply.

Eventually I destroyed them.

Then I received the following letter:

Dear Friends;

At least, we hope we will be friends... I am an electronics engineer. I am aged 36, weigh 180 lbs., am just 6' tall and am not considered bad-looking. My wife's name is ———, she is 32 years old, is blonde, weighs 120 lbs., is 5' 4" tall, and her measurements are 36-24-37.

We are quiet, homeloving people, drink moderately and our hobbies are play-going, reading and photography.

We both have college degrees and are discreet and understanding and would like to be your friends. We sincerely hope that you will want to become our friends and that you, like us, are adults in every sense.

We would like to correspond with you with a view, later on, if we all found ourselves to be compatible, to exchanging partners for sexual experience. We have been married for twelve years and have talked this matter over and it is our belief that we have been missing something vital. We hope that you, too, feel like this.

We are enclosing some photographs of ourselves taken before our home so you can see what we are like and what our home is like. You may keep them if you wish to continue this correspondence. If not, will you please send them back and we will forget the whole thing. If you do write, tell us all about yourselves and please enclose photographs for us.

We hope you will write soon.

Sincerely yours,

——— and ———

It is difficult to record my reaction. I know I thought the writers must be insane. Letters and photographs of this sort in unscrupulous hands could have meant blackmail and ruin.

That was my first thought. Secondly, I realized that if I were the kind of person they hoped I was, then they would be the last couple I'd seek pleasure with.

I didn't do anything about the letter simply because I didn't know what to do. But I read it and reread it and marvelled. Then, four days later, I received a letter from another couple. It was much more to the point and reads:

Dear Playmates;

We certainly hope you play like us.

We're ——— and ——— and we like a good time, especially with others, and let's hope we'll have some good times with you.

We're 41 and 37, and ——— is shapely and attractive and "rarin' to go" like me. Are you?

We already get together with another couple and we have heaps of fun. You know. We take lots of pix of each other "doing what comes naturally". Interested? Interested in getting together with us? You'll be crazy about it and us.

If you're interested, drop us a line and send us some snaps, just ordinary ones, no glamour pix from you yet, and as soon as we get them we'll send you some "hot" ones of us and our friends if you'll promise to do the same. We'll either sell or exchange. It's up to you. So let us know, and if we can get together.

Waiting to hear from you.

and

It didn't occur to me at first but later I wondered how I got such letters direct. Clubs placing advertisements such as the one I answered insist that all letters sent through them to new members must be unsealed in order that the contents may be examined to ensure that nothing "objectionable" is sent through the mails. Naturally, also, there is a fee for this service.

Perhaps this is simply a way of staying within the law while still catering to a special trade but, at the same time, it is a strictly enforced rule. It's difficult to understand how such letters got through short of what must have been criminal carelessness on someone's part. That carelessness resulted in this investigation.

Because I scented an exposé, I mentioned the club and the letters during a long-distance telephone conversation concerning my work. There was immediate interest, and I was asked to fill in more thoroughly by mail. I did so and within a short time I received an assignment for a book about these clubs.

Even then, short of answering the letters myself, which I did not intend to do, there appeared to be no way of investigating. I was stymied until I made contact with a young couple who, while sexually loose-living, did not party with others even though they knew many couples who did.

Since they lived on the fringe of the sexual underworld, they were instrumental in getting me on the "inside". Mis taking my motives, they gave me full cooperation, sent me material and volunteered many other contacts.

In less than six months I was in touch with couples and single people of both sexes in California, Texas, New Mexico, Oregon, New York, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Illinois, Utah, Washington, Missouri and Florida, as well as in British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec Province in Canada. Other U.S. states and foreign countries entered the picture later.

By that time approximately 500 husbands had offered me their wives for sexual gratification. And 500 wives had agreed! In addition, dozens of divorced and unmarried women and girls had made similar offers. This included those who craved to be whipped, tortured and otherwise abused.

Scores of married and single males wished similar brutalities.

The 500 estimate is conservative. In close to sixty percent of the cases the couples belonged to local associations, knew other couples who would be present at proposed get-togethers or belonged to clubs with memberships of from six to fourteen couples. At least fifty percent of my correspondents were women. It is worth noting that these wrote far more detailed and explicit letters than their husbands and were more complex in their desires, but not necessarily more crude in the way they employed them.

It is this correspondence, supported by photographic evidence from numerous cities and towns in the U.S. and Canada, which forms the basis for all that is claimed here and clearly proves that clubs in which the members indulge in planned orgies exist throughout both countries. It also shows, no matter what the experts may say about pornography and its lack of foundation in real life, that these couples frequently engage in sexual practices as strange as any pornographic fiction.

The reasons for accepting this assignment should be apparent. It does not require any expert understanding to know that the activities cited are not only legally but morally wrong and should be exposed.

If homosexuals in government are dangerous because of possible blackmail leading to subversion, it follows that heterosexual couples in government employ and of commissioned rank in the services who are engaged in joint extra-marital activities are dangerous on the same grounds.

It may be argued that the authorities are in better position to deal with such matters. This is not so. Official hands are tied by legal technicalities and restrictions on the gaining of evidence. There is a legality called "entrapment" which serves to block useful enforcement.

A known violator may be in contact with a dozen others but, unless he has kept incriminating material in his possession, there is little to be done about them. In most cases, according to officials, a violator once caught will cooperate eagerly, seeking to mitigate the offense. But cooperation need not extend to involving others unless there is clear evidence already at hand. The violator is not anxious to reveal the full extent of his involvement and so blacken his own case. Therefore, for each offender apprehended, a dozen escape and each of these could be in contact with still other individuals. While they admit this, officials cannot take action.

These activities are so widespread and embrace people in so many walks of life that conscientious officials have grounds for proceeding cautiously. The Latin tag, *Quis custodiet ipsos custodiam* ("who will watch the watchmen?"), is very much to the point.

Offenders have been caught in the past, and while some first-offenders received probation, others merely received warnings and were not prosecuted. While there can be no quarrel with the leavening of justice with mercy, undue lenience can be dangerous. One couple in Azusa, California, though warned and released without action, engaged again in illegal activities and cited their warning in urging caution upon those whom they planned to entertain at sex parties.

Even the limited publicity attendant upon probation might have prevented recurrence.

Another consideration is that since homosexuality is illegal, male and female homosexual organizations should not be allowed to flourish as they do across the country.

Homosexuals hold conventions, publish monthly magazines and arrange lectures, so there are grounds for believing that, at some official level, there is either indifference or covering up.

The methods outlined were employed and these organizations were joined because a comprehensive report could be made only from the "inside" by a non-expert.

Chapter Two

Before describing the structure of the system that exists, one more letter is quoted to illustrate the extraordinary risks taken in setting up meetings and entering into pornographic correspondence. This is done, apparently, so that all concerned will know exactly what to expect when agreement is reached.

The writer is a Canadian who obtained the name and address of the woman to whom he wrote from a man in Minneapolis in return for a fee. The letter reads:

Today I received your name from ——— and he tells me you are willing to write and discuss sex in all its aspects with me.

As I am at present 700 miles from a city, you can imagine how much sex I wish to discuss.

If I can use a good old English term, anything to do with fucking I like.

So, if you will, write me anything in this line and send me any pictures you may have of yourself, hot ones or others, and I'll be happy.

I'd better not go too far (as even writing makes me feel - you know - until I hear from you and learn how far you are willing to excite me.

So please hurry and write and tell me if you are willing to discuss this subject.

The writer is engaged in government work at a project in the wilds, is divorced and has three children. The woman to whom he wrote is an unmarried secretary who likes to deal in pornography and, therefore, didn't object to receiving the letter. The man in Minneapolis supplies lists of such women for a fee, a dozen such contacts selling for only \$5.00. Most of the women listed are married and correspond and arrange meetings with their husbands' knowledge.

These women correspond with scores of men and, while living outwardly respectable lives, recount past sexual triumphs and arrange for later meetings at which their husbands will be present. In return, the men send long pornographic screeds to match those received. Since the men are unable to travel at the time of writing and may not be able to do so for some time, both men and women accept considerable risks in undertaking such correspondence which leaves nothing unexplored or unsaid. They set a time for a meeting, possibly three months ahead, and the interval is filled with correspondence.

These contacts originate in one of two ways: individuals like the man in Minneapolis supply a list for a fee or information is obtained from the clubs themselves. The man in Minneapolis not only will supply names of other men's wives, but will offer his own - and not just for sexual gratification, but for whipping and torture. Married women who use cleverly worded advertisements in club bulletins also supply lists.

The clubs may be contacted through magazines of which there are dozens scattered all over the United States, Canada and parts of Europe. They are known familiarly as girlie magazines, though some pose as newspapers.

Superficially, the magazines themselves are harmless enough. They show nudes and lingerie models, and run articles and short stories dealing with sexy, if innocuous, situations. They never go too far. They may discuss spanking but never discipline as such, and they never mention what is known as bondage. In their classified sections they carry advertisements for nude photographs of Hollywood models, home movies and lonely-hearts clubs. These advertisements are carried regularly. Less regularly, they run other advertisements which are smaller and hidden away, and it is these last that are loaded.

These ads do not ask if one is lonely; their appeal is quite different. The clubs, it is inferred, are for interesting people who are tired of the mundane. These people are not lonely; they want to meet people like themselves to form new and exciting friendships and exchange experiences. Such are those who belong to these clubs, it is said, and in order to get to know them all that is required is to fill in the blanks and send in the form with a fee.

Emphasis is laid on words like exotic, bizarre, rare, unusual, adventurous, broad-minded, sophisticated, uninhibited and cultured. The impression is that one will be placed in contact with world travellers who have seen the "exotic" East from Harbin to Port Said, the jungles of Madagascar and the jungles of the Amazon, and the pyramids of the Pharaohs.

In reality, few of these people, save some in the services, have ever been out of the country, some not even out of their own state, and the only pyramids they have seen have been of canned goods in chain stores.

The impression given is altogether incorrect, but that these people are unusual, rare, adventurous and uninhibited is unquestionable. Once a club is joined, a bulletin is received containing advertisements with descriptions of the advertisers and a box number to which to reply. Following are four samples:

ABO-12: *Husband and wife, late 40's, he is 6', 180, she is 5' 5", 130, with 37-27-38 figure; they want to meet*

interesting, broad-minded couples with similar uninhibited outlook on life, exchange unconventional ideas and artistic polaroid photography, arrange meetings; singles welcome.

CDL-34: *Discreet, attractive couple, mature, sophisticated, unconventional, no racial prejudices, desire to meet other couples same attitudes and interests; their ages 28 and 26; age no barrier.*

EFK-45: *Modern, married couple, very imaginative, versatile broad-minded and uninhibited, with zest for lively and up-to-date fun, seek spirited exchange of ideas, intimate friendship and meetings with others, couples and singles; will exchange artistic, realistic photographs.*

GHZ-67: *Young woman and man, unmarried, ready and willing to meet couples, married or single, or singles, for exchange of ideas on modern fun, intimate photography and unusual ideas. We love to live!*

The fee in one club for the first letter forwarded is \$2.00, and additional letters cost \$1.00 each. Fees vary from club to club.

This is how those interested gain entrée. This is how I did. The difference is that they join by design, not by accident.

Placing an advertisement of 40 words or less costs club members \$6.00 for the first insertion; consecutive insertions cost \$4.00 each. Bulletin publication is approximately bi-monthly. Again, fees differ from club to club.

It is always emphasized in these bulletins that all letters to be forwarded must be sent unsealed because the editor reserves the right to edit and delete objectionable matter. This restriction applies also to advertisements forwarded for insertion. It is an obvious gimmick to keep editor-publishers out of trouble with the law.

If a couple, either advertising or replying to an advertisement, received objectionable proposals and complained either to the editor or to the authorities, then the editor could plead innocent on the ground that all matter screened by him had been inoffensive. This would be correct.

It is almost certain that advertisements and letters forwarded are carefully photostatted to support this stand.

This means a couple might insert an advertisement, based on those they had read, affirming "broad-mindedness".

In due course, they would get a reply, screened by the editor, in which another couple also cites "broad-mindedness", and looks forward to correspondence and later meetings. The first couple naturally is pleased, and since age and background are approximately the same and distance does not preclude weekend meetings, they write back seeking to establish a basis for friendship.

The second couple then comes into the open. They point out that all four of them are adults and not children; that everybody is interested in sex, especially in "modern" sex, and why not experiment? But they're much more to the point and insert a few four-letter words in stating their preferences to test the moral temperature.

This is where the trouble could start and does, one way or another. Generally, the offended couple simply drops the matter, doesn't reply and doesn't complain to the authorities because of fear that they might appear in a bad light. If they complain at all, they do so to the editor and he offers them the same explanation he would give official inquirers. The advertisement was proper, letters passing through his hands were proper, and he cannot be held responsible for correspondence that did *not* pass through his hands. In view of the complaint, however, he will remove the offenders from his lists and will communicate with them to this effect. All necessary steps will be taken, he promises, against recurrence.

But are any steps taken? And what exactly are they?

Undoubtedly, to protect himself, since the offenders are a very real danger to successful operation, such an editor will remove them from his lists. For the record, he will also write and so inform them, telling them why. But are the authorities informed? Only rarely, according to one official, and then only when complainants have already announced their intentions of protesting to the authorities. Editors of this type shy away from focusing attention on themselves and prefer to do their own policing.

As matters stand legally, these men cannot be held responsible for what transpires. If there are too many complaints, their businesses may be closed down, but that is all.

This simply means that they move on and open up new businesses under other names, continue being irresponsible and go on reaping handsome profits.

One of these publications goes further than most. It is in newspaper form, is sold only by subscription and carries these advertisements openly. Few short stories are carried in this newspaper, though it prints news most newspapers report scantily, if at all. The articles printed are on the subjects of rape, prostitution, incest, homosexuality, torture, discipline and unusual marital relationships. Occasionally, a short story defending the deviation is reprinted from a homosexual magazine.

Despite the advertisements, the paper features articles with a highly moral theme under bold, black headlines such as the following:

ENTER WAR AGAINST FOUL SMUT PEDDLERS! HOW THEY PREY ON OUR YOUNG! HOW YOU CAN DESTROY THEM!

An entire section is reserved for the advertisements which appear in a "Boy Meets Girl" column, which is divided into sections for "Ladies" and "Gentlemen". Couples and single women advertise under the "Ladies" heading, men only under "Gentlemen".

These advertisements cater to married couples seeking joint extra-marital activity, bisexual couples, male and female homosexuals, sadists, masochists, sado-masochists and transvestites. Here is a fair, average sampling of these advertisements covering all the categories cited:

BA-12: *We are a couple, 35-30, both very broad-minded, unconventional and funloving, who would like to meet couples similarly minded and interested in unusual and bizarre for exotic weekend parties; we have many unusual ideas to make parties interesting and are looking for new friends. Send snapshots and phone number.*

CD-34: *This female has the courage to request correspondence first and then meetings with he-men. Am experienced and have tried everything and am not afraid of any of them, so let's hear from them all, relating their experiences and likes and dislikes; will exchange views.*

FE-56: *Sweet, affectionate girl of petite physique would like to learn of interesting pastimes, with possessive, demanding and dominating lady of around 30; please send all details and photograph; am starved for the right affection.*

HG-67: *Gentleman is desirous of meeting a dominant lady interested in the subject of discipline; am 44 years old, widower and well-built; the lady must be from 21 up; no racial objections.*

JI-78: *Educated, single young gentleman of good appearance would like to meet dominant lady, group of ladies or couples interested in the many phases of discipline and unusual attire; advertiser is mild-mannered and believes in the superiority of women; can travel; will exchange snaps and answer all letters.*

LK-89: *Male interested in meeting he-men engaged in rugged operations or hobbies which occasion wearing of leather garments, also boots, and interested in the subject of discipline; truck drivers who get to this city especially welcome.*

NM-09: *Attractive, shapely and fashionable career woman of 34, dominant and aggressive, experienced in discipline, wishes to meet equally attractive, shapely female with gentle and submissive disposition for deep and lasting friend ship; send snap and phone number; all inquiries answered.*

These seven advertisements are taken at random from one edition of the publication. The fee for forwarding any unsealed letter in reply to them is merely 50 cents, and the cost of inserting such an advertisement is \$1.00. It has a very wide circulation in the U.S. and Canada and has subscribers in Great Britain. There are approximately 300 advertisements of this kind in each issue, and publication is weekly.

These advertisements lay the foundation for those interested in "modern" living. Insertion of one, using terms like "uninhibited" and "broad-minded", brings dozens of replies requesting clarification. More letters are exchanged, all dealing with sex. Philosophies and techniques are discussed, and nude "artistic" photographs are compared.

Finally, compromising nude photographs are in the possession of each couple, and weekend parties are arranged.

It is mandatory in most cases that each couple compromise itself beyond any doubt so that each will feel "safe". This also rules out, it is believed, single men posing as couples. This, however, is only a start.

In a short time, the beginners will find themselves corresponding with up to a dozen others at the same time.

One experienced pair corresponded regularly with 30 couples. Once good faith has been demonstrated by exchange of compromising photographs and letters - letters promising every possible sexual deviation - even more contacts will be made available. The original dozen correspondents will then be increased to as many as three dozen.

New couples frequently will be invited to join clubs for which a particular contact acts as a "spotter".

Occasionally, the new couple will be astounded to learn that a couple sharing their exciting interests lives in the same block and attends the same church and belongs to the same civic clubs they do. Some couples even learn that long-time friends are similarly "modern" and "uninhibited".

All of these people appear to have an overpowering urge to involve others. Therefore, if they wish it, the initiates will be placed in touch with compatible pairs from New York to San Diego, from Seattle to Boston. Or, if they wish, in such cities as Toronto, Vancouver and Quebec, London and Paris, Rome and Zurich...

Aside from such publications as those cited, legitimate newspapers from coast to coast are pulled unwittingly into this racket. A series of advertisements, in which broad-minded couples new to the area wanted to meet other broad-minded couples, ran in the "Personals" columns of the *San Francisco Chronicle* in 1961.

There can be no question of the *Chronicle's* stand on morality. Its standards are high. To the uninformed there is nothing wrong with these advertisements. Only initiates know they are invitations to orgies.

With reference to the *Chronicle*, an advertisement appeared in the "Personals" columns on October 5, 1961, which read:

[name of the publication cited earlier], Bay Area followers write Box FM 89335, Chron.

What possible harm could be read into that? Yet this represents an attempt not merely to contact another compatible "modern" couple but to set up a club. Obviously the *Chronicle* would have refused such an advertisement had it known what was involved and probably would have taken punitive action.

For own satisfaction, I inserted two advertisements in a previously mentioned so-called newspaper. In the first I said I was a writer gathering information on the subjects mentioned in the "Boy Meets Girl" section. The results were negligible. I received one letter from an unmarried Canadian male which contributed nothing. The direct approach having failed, I tried another advertisement, posing as a couple and using the words "broad-minded" and "uninhibited". The results were almost immediate. I received letters from three subscribing couples in my own area alone.

All vital data were supplied, including names, ages, heights, weights, even occupations, and phone numbers to enable me to arrange meetings as soon as the letters were in my hands.

These couples could not be contacted locally for obvious reasons, and this occasioned some manoeuvring in order to continue investigation. I used a far-removed address and a reason for having "temporarily left" the city. The inducement of a return in the "near future" when "pressing business" had been completed was sufficient to persuade all three to continue correspondence.

I knew two of the couples by sight though not personally. It should be enough to say that all were initiates and that two were associated already.

One couple remained cautious to the end, insisting that mutual "fun and interests" could be discussed better and more fully over a drink at the proposed later meeting. The second couple was explicit with regard to sexual desires but never obscenely so in use of words, though they had no hesitation in sending revealing nude photographs. The first couple, incidentally, had confessed to liking "modelling" in the nude for photographs, but again, this could be "gone into" and further "modelling" discussed at the "right time". Both exchanged mates but only at parties since neither believed in "free dating".

The third couple was without reservation concerning themselves. In addition to the compromising language and commitments in their letters, they supplied indecent nude photographs of themselves in which cunnilingus and fellatio were performed in a variety of poses. Since the husband, an engineer, was a government employee and they expected soon to be posted abroad, this couple urged the earliest possible meeting.

With reference to postings abroad, even this eventuality is provided for by the newspaper through which this latter couple was contacted. Subscribers contemplating a trip to Europe may team up on arrival with compatible couples in France, Germany, Italy, Great Britain, Switzerland and the Scandinavian countries, all by advertising. In the case of this particular publication, all an advertisement costs is \$1.00 or its equivalent in foreign currency.

Chapter Three

Early in 1961 the French publication *Esprit*, most of whose editors are Catholic, devoted a special issue to *La Sexualité*, deciding that: "...there is a new religion. In a few words, it is the general feeling that no-one is really healthy without a fully developed sex life."

More than that, the contributing writers *accepted* that a "sexual revolution" had taken place and maintained that this revolution was due to various causes, prime among them being:

1. The Industrial Revolution, which emancipated women economically.
2. The "greatest biological invention of modern times", contraception, which emancipated women sexually and enabled them to determine the size of the family.

One female research scientist said what was needed now was a type of twentieth century man who would join women in building a democratic society in which she lived as comfortably as he.

To quote *Esprit* further:

"Women, above all, have become conscious of the fact that their 'blossoming' depends upon the quality of their physical pleasures... Woman's social emancipation has brought about her sexual emancipation; she no longer resigns herself to being only the last love affair of her husband... Modern woman has decided to understand sexuality, to include it knowingly in her universe without letting herself be carried away with it..."

And, in this "new religion", apparently it is up to each individual "to invent his (or her) own sexual ethic according to the problems posed by the violence of his (or her) desire, taste for love affairs or worry over conjugal fidelity".

Is this viewpoint accepted on this side of the Atlantic?

I quote six women from a nationwide sampling:

California: "Of course there's been a sexual revolution. We [women] have been sexually emancipated indeed. We got the franchise and we vote and, in our homes, we don't always even vote the same. At least, we don't, no matter what it cancels out. And it's no more important, though no less important, than *that* franchise."

Pennsylvania: "We don't make sexual love to have children any more. We have children, two of them, and we love them. But, the children aside, we make love for pleasure that, to me, isn't at all connected with having children. Maybe my grandmother didn't see it that way. But I do. And I like it."

New York: "We have equality, don't we? And I feel, and am, equal. It's not a woman's world, no matter what they say, but it's not just a man's world, either. It belongs to both sexes, equally. And so does - and I'm not being clever - sex and sex pleasure."

Oregon: "It takes a woman a long time to understand that traditionally men have kept her in the dark - that pleasure and love needn't go together. If it happens that they do, it's fine. But they needn't. If I felt desire in the earlier years of my marriage, it followed that I thought of my husband, but that isn't necessarily true today. Even in earlier years, thinking about it, my unfocused reaction was to a male and then, *becoming* focused, to my husband. You understand? I didn't think about my husband and then feel desire; I felt desire and then thought of my husband. *Now* I have men friends and can think of them with desire, thus duplicating my husband's feelings elsewhere. As for loving him, I still do, but, I think, on a more solid foundation, and certainly without jealousy on either of our parts, and I'm sure he feels the same. Even sexually we enjoy and appreciate each other more."

Vancouver, B.C.: "All men, or most of them, go for Marilyn Monroe or someone like that, and most women, I suppose, for Rock Hudson or an equivalent. They're sort of ideals. Anyway, to date men have been one up on women... they're not fooling each other when they josh and talk about a pretty girl on the street or admire the bodies of even the commonest strippers. Well, now, I suppose, except that we don't talk and josh so much, we've got like that - those in our circle, anyway - and we even talk and josh on occasion. We're free, equal, emancipated. Anything you like. And not only free in relation to ourselves, but in relation to our husbands. And the more we *know* that, the less we need to talk or josh."

Iowa: "We'll all be better off for this sexual revolution, men included, if it hits everywhere and not just sections, socially as well as geographically. If it hadn't been for men, it would have happened years ago, anyway. Men are pretty stupid, if you ask me. Being selfish, having it all your own way, doesn't always work out. Of course, the basic reason for it has always been economic... Look at it this way: we smear male homos here, but in some countries they don't, and there's nothing wrong with those countries, either. And in many countries, even when they were in their prime, like Greece, male homos were taken for granted, if not approved. But what happened to lesbians all through history? What happens to them now? They were smeared and they're still smeared. [This is not entirely true in the U.S.A.] And there's more excuse for them, isn't there? Since there are five times more women than men world-wide? And never enough men to go around unless they're shared? Not that this is the

real point. I may be wrong, but, for my money, homosexuality, male or female, was always based on economics..."

These are the views of married women who (a) belong to sex clubs, (b) free-date or (c) exchange husbands with certain other wives on a local basis. Apparently, in line with *Esprit's* findings, some sort of sexual revolution has taken place.

One nationally-distributed magazine makes a practice of running articles on "wife-swapping" in the U.S.A. in the form of confessions, claiming that the custom is much more widespread than the public imagines. The magazine also claims that the unedited confessions are turned over to a scientific institution for research purposes.

Accepting that these confessions are genuine and not fabricated for subscription purposes, two published in 1961 are worth examining. In neither are there any claims of sexual emancipation of women, or realized sexual equality with men or claims of a sexual revolution. In both cases, perhaps significantly, the confessions were made by wives.

The first wife says that she and her husband became interested in "wife-swapping" when he and a male friend returned from overseas a few years before and explained it to her and to the other wife. The two couples started a club and met with such approval that they started "our group". At the time of writing, eight couples were in the group. This number was well suited to their purposes, so much so that they did not believe they would increase the membership. Twice they had lost members who moved away and they had replaced them. Other than that, six couples had dropped out because of health reasons, pregnancy, etc., but none because of lack of approval.

To become members, applicants had to entertain the group at an acceptable place, the initiation being simply a group party. Everyone brought a portion of the food to be consumed, and the hostess tried to vary each party. Following the entertainment, some plan was adopted to pair off. At an initiation party, the new couple was available to all present.

Regular meetings were held every two weeks, usually on Saturday evenings. Each hostess took her regular turn and tried to vary both the preliminary entertainment and the method of selecting partners for the evening. Unlike other groups, it was claimed, when husbands drew their own wives' names there was no re-exchange and they "wouldn't have it any other way" All wives agreed that they enjoyed an evening with their husbands just as much as with any other man, and much more so than "just another regular evening with him in our own bed at home. Just something about the comradeship, I suppose".

This club used the car key method of selection of partners. The husbands threw the keys into the middle of the floor and turned off the lights. The wives scrambled for them, retired to the car with the key obtained and were joined by their partners.

Another method employed was high and low partners at intermission of winter card parties. Twenty questions was sometimes played and, at other times, all wives were blind-folded and chose in the dark. Also, regular costume parties were held, all those present wearing masks, and couples paired off by mutual consent.

One member couple lived on a farm and had no children. Here, old-fashioned hide-and-seek was often played, the women or men hiding, and the finding party "taking" the other "on the spot". Several times, usually in the summer months, the group had turned out all lights, disrobed and in the total darkness "took advantage of what came".

Should a couple decide to drop out for a time for child-bearing, the husband was welcome at the house of club members but did not attend the larger parties until his wife could join him. This held true for the wives when husbands were away for any reason.

According to this wife, it was felt by all concerned that their new outlook on sex was a much truer, fuller and fairer one than most couples had. They felt they had prevented many divorces, had the happiest of homes and the highest regard for each other within the family. They claimed to have none of the frustrations or "coldness", none of the "sneaking out", that some couples experience. It is claimed, further, that not one of the members "trades" elsewhere.

The writer of this confession and her husband are both aged 30 and live in a midwestern Iowa city of about 7,000. There are two childless couples, three couples with three and two couples with two children each. The youngest couple are aged 19 to 22, the oldest 43 to 48. The two latter couples are related, the two wives being mother and daughter... which would make for occasional incest in the dark.

There is no mention here of any "new" reasoning, of any "new" logic or philosophy, or of any drive other than that of sexual gratification.

The second wife did not like the expression "wife-swapping", thought it might just as well be called "husband-swapping", frankly admits to engaging in it, and explained how it came about.

During her last year in college she went steady with a student whom she liked very much. She managed to fend off his more direct sexual advances, although secretly she wanted sexual relations with him and kept trying to work up enough courage to allow her to "say yes". After graduation she fell in love with the man who is now her husband and they were married a few months later.

Two years after her marriage, the man she had known in college wrote saying that he was being sent to the West Coast for several weeks, would come through their town and would pay them a visit. In a burst of confidence, the wife mentioned to her husband that she had always had a feeling of curiosity about how sexual relations would have been with this man. Her husband then suggested that she spend a weekend with him to overcome her feeling that she had "somehow missed something in life".

At first she was shocked. She could hardly believe what she was hearing. But her husband talked about it with her "in such a way" that he managed to remove her "feelings of guilt" and, when her friend arrived in town, they went off for a long weekend at a winter resort. She writes, "I had a wonderful time..."

Upon returning home she began to feel that it was a little unfair and one-sided that she should have enjoyed that "wonderful weekend" with her husband's encouragement, and that it would be best for both of them if she tried to give him something "similar" in return. Finally she hit upon a plan. She would talk to a really beautiful model, a "man trap" whom she "happened to know" was available when the price was right. She did so and "purchased" a weekend for her husband. This was arranged to coincide with the husband's birthday, and the model was presented to him as a birthday present to show his wife's gratitude for what he had allowed her to experience with her old boyfriend.

These two incidents, claimed the wife, laid the groundwork for what came later.

The main interests of this couple were mountain-climbing, sailing, music and ballet, but none of their neighbours shared their enthusiasms. Then a couple who had the same interests moved in across the street, and they quickly became intimate friends. The new couple came over every evening and swam in their pool, and afterwards all would lie around the edge and talk or go into the house and spend the evening dancing.

One night, after the couple had left, the wife confessed to her husband that every time the other man touched her she trembled. The husband said that the girl, too, had him very much disturbed. They talked it over and decided that each would try to win over the opposite of the other couple, and have sexual relations with them, although they didn't know how they were going to go about it. This would have been "utterly impossible" for them six months earlier, but now "they had a lot of fun planning how to work out" what both of them wanted.

As it turned out, the other couple was thinking in the same direction, and everything was easy. The first few times they separated and went into different parts of the house, but after a time it began to "seem silly to go off and hide", and from then on they stayed together, which "seemed more normal and pleasant".

The four of them had a wonderful time that spring and summer. They felt as though they were having a "beautiful honeymoon", the two wives becoming like sisters and the men like brothers.

Thinking back to the outlook she had once held, the wife says that, while this way of life appears orgiastic and wild, in many respects she and her husband live calmer, more sedate lives than their associates and neighbours "with their drunken cocktail parties, brawls and feuds, imagined passes at each other's husbands and wives, etc".

Occasionally, the wife confesses, one of the foursome has an "outside" date, although under ordinary circumstances they avoid it near home. When they have one of these dates, they make a point of telling each other "all that has happened.

That is the natural thing to do, and is what one would do in anything other than sex", and it has come to seem an "abnormality" to be reticent about sex. Also, it keeps the other from feeling left out, and there is no such thing as a part of one's life "cut off from those one loves". She insists that they believe they have found something very valuable and often talk about what they have discovered. "The sensation [physically] is different," and "most people never find out what sex is really like".

Nor, she emphasizes in conclusion, are sexual relations with someone other than one's husband or wife the important thing: her husband has always remained her favourite partner. The important thing is the "mental setting or attitude that comes about under these conditions which makes the big change", and allows her to enjoy her husband "in a way that wasn't possible before". Her final word is that "the conventional attitude toward sex now seems to us like something out of a madhouse."

The contradictions in this letter are apparent. Possibly they are caused by editing since writers may be more frank than is desired. Only by reading between the lines can any evidence of a sexual revolution be seen.

To protect themselves and preserve anonymity, writers of these confessions are requested by the editors to omit names and addresses and refer only to the state in which they live. Without proof of identity, there is no way of deciding whether or not the confessions are faked. In any case, the value of such material, to the scientific institution cited, is extremely questionable

The magazine which printed these accounts has a national circulation and may be purchased from any newsstand. Furthermore, it carries the type of club advertisement referred to in this book. This magazine caters to the sexual underworld, no matter what its *avowed* purpose may be.

Chapter Four

It was mentioned earlier that newspapers sometimes carry advertisements, the real purpose of which is not apparent.

Such an ad appeared in the *San Francisco Chronicle* in 1961, though evidently the purpose in this case was discovered, or someone complained, because the advertisement ceased to run. It was brought to my attention before it was taken out, however, and I was able to make inquiry. The advertisement read:

SOCIETY of Transcendental Philovita seeks direct applications, of valid, invariant constants of Kantian Morality to our sex laws and sex morality. —Mr ———, PO Box ———

In reply, I received a letter containing the name and address of an area couple who, it was inferred, like myself, "suffered" from heterosexuality and a normal sex life. It was stated that they and I had written a letter of inquiry suggested by a Jesuit priest in order to get "something to wring our [the society's] necks with". It went on: "Our position we are fairly certain would be obnoxious and distasteful to you. We have a more dreary and more serious job... It is merely to work toward the complete and universal outlawing of heterosexual eroticism and heterosexual procreation; to be then supplanted by the universal consistent extension of procreation by selective eugenic artificial in semination only and human eroticism expressed only by an eroticism consistent in context to child-raising (only sex-differentiated though) yet an eroticism absolutely incapable of child birth thus perfect birth control for the pending population explosion. This fully meets the Kantian criteria and is therefore right, moral, good, lawful. However hard you try and whatever wonderful job the church and Madison Avenue do as well as the whole record of human history, the fact remains that heterosexuality can come off with no moral, legal, practical, sensible justification whatsoever. Sounds mean; so have fun while you can."

I wrote off this epistle as being from a crank, but a few days later I received a copy of a declaration which had been mailed out by the society to the national and international bodies:

UNITED NATIONS

Delegations of the Member Nations of The United Nations

Gentlemen:

Here is one solution to the population explosion that obviously shall not be considered. The only possible permanent solution is the universal extension of eugenic scientific use of artificial insemination. Then, the complete universal outlawing of heterosexual eroticism and heterosexual procreation. Then, the universal extension of homosexual eroticism for the expression of human eroticism in context of social sex differentiation. Also homosexual eroticism being the perfect means to achieve absolute contraception without human damage, harm or failure.

Sincerely,

The Homosexuals of the World

This prompted fresh inquiries on my part and brought further information and suggestions. I was asked to contact any homosexual friends I had and acquaint them with the contents of the U.N. letter and with an article in a male homosexual magazine. This article dealt with homosexual procreation and was written by the president of the society. I was informed, also, that the advertisement which had appeared in the *Chronicle* had been prepaid until April 11, but that "they yanked it out". I was asked to "write to the editor of this newspaper and protest his yanking out our ad when we had three weeks paid for ahead".

Communication, according to the society's spokesman, was the big problem. Letters to the editors of several papers had never been published. More than 200 letters had been mailed out, but only four people had replied.

One of them was James Pike, Episcopal Bishop of California, "who wrote a very warm, helpful and understanding three letters".

This lack of response did not discourage the society.

Thirty nations were mailed letters on March 11, 1961, and all others in the United Nations were contacted on March 15 and 17. It was proposed to write to all congressmen in Washington in early May of this year and then, in the latter part of the year, to legislators in Sacramento, California. All communications were to be dated March 17, 1961, to reveal that months of suppression had gone by, that interference with "Freedom of Speech and Press" had taken place.

The letter unequivocally stated that two or more homosexual men, under a law to be enacted, would have the right to marry two or more lesbians. The lesbians would have children selectively by artificial insemination. The men would rear all boys born and the women would rear all girls.

It was stated that heterosexuality was “definitely wrong, immoral and criminal”, and should be outlawed.

It will be noted that in this proposed new world, there would be as little official understanding regarding heterosexuals as there is regarding homosexuals in the present.

Also, an important point is overlooked: there is no guarantee that the offspring of homosexual mothers will be homosexual. As the record shows, careful moral indoctrination on any score has never guaranteed desired results.

Homosexuality is not simply a matter of genes.

In the first letter from the homosexual society the name and address of a couple was cited. Since they lived in the area, no attempt was made to contact them. After some weeks had passed, however, a letter was received from yet another couple. They had inquired of the society and had received the same kind of reply I had. The husband was the correspondent. He quoted the society’s reply and added, “If your interests are the same as ours, which is to say heterosexual, it would be nice to meet the both of you.” He and his wife, he wrote, were interested in enlarging their circle of acquaintances among couples who had an interest in participating actively in social activities of an “unusual and unique nature between both men and women”.

Their greatest happiness, he went on, had come about through such activities, and the “most fabulous fulfillment and richness of life” had been their reward “while giving pleasure to others” at parties. As a result, their own physical pleasure had increased a hundred times because “We love to see others receiving great pleasure”.

They were very liberal-minded, could handle any situation and loved mixing with others. He went on to enlarge upon the great gift of the human body and supplied physical statistics for himself and his wife. Their ages were 30 and 38.

He said also that they made a hobby of amateur movie photography and over the years had compiled “quite a collection of personal film that we have taken”, and some they had purchased. They also had many photographs.

He ended by suggesting that they visit or, alternatively, be visited, and supplied a telephone number.

Weekends would be ideal, he said, since they had two young boys who dearly loved to visit the zoo and playground. This would afford adequate time to “have a few drinks to get into a relaxing mood and then let things progress naturally from there”.

The first thing I pointed out in my reply was the danger of writing such a candid letter to a stranger. I added that I was unable to attend such a meeting myself, even if I wished, but that I knew others who might be interested. The reaction to this was an assurance that all possible precautions had been taken, that there was no risk of any accident causing “any real harm”. He added that, should they appeal to me and I to them, we “three” could also “enjoy a threesome together at a convenient later time”.

He continued, with reference to the other couple, that his wife and he had no inhibitions and, as far as “Ruth” was concerned, she and only one other woman in his entire life had been “true artists” in the performance of fellatio and cunnilingus. As for himself, most of their female friends had called him a genius and an artist in the performance of the latter, and he also enjoyed the former in the course of a “threesome or foursome”, but never exclusively with another male. He also enjoyed “sodomy” when performed with himself and a woman in the “classical 69 position”.

In letters turned over to me by the other couple, this man revealed details regarding unmarried women and men with whom he and his wife had enjoyed orgies, as well as other couples in San Francisco. He cited a girl named Angela with whom his wife and he regularly enjoyed threesomes, and a handsome male friend with whom they partied and who was sometimes joined by Angela in order to make a foursome. Angela “is 24 and has beautiful firm 36 breasts and is a very pretty woman all over from head to toe.” His description of the male mainly concerned the genitalia and is unfit to print.

To one of these letters, Ruth, the wife of the writer, added this postscript: “I mentioned that my husband expresses our thoughts quite beautifully and I am in agreement with what we love to do one hundred percent, and he and I are anticipating with much zest when all four of us can get together for a sex party.”

I met this couple later and, in effect, interviewed them. I met the husband in San Francisco and, after a couple of drinks at a bar and some conversation, was invited to his home to meet his wife. I also met their children, two boys aged 16 and 5.

They were a likable couple and both were attractive, though he was more than a little overweight. He was 6’ tall and she 5’ 1”. She was slim and dark, a Latin, and the more dominant of the two. Both were employed, he being a junior executive in a prominent firm, she a secretary. They were Catholics. Their home was very pleasantly, if not luxuriously, furnished, and their children were, if anything, more than usually well-behaved.

After some conversation, the three of us sat at a table, Ruth between us, while John, the husband, showed a large and varied collection of pornographic photographs imported from Mexico. Ruth brought to my attention the finer points of copulation and had no hesitation in dwelling on personal favourites. This was done in all seriousness. She and her husband did not agree on all points, and each in turn explained why. In the same way, the physical attributes of the male and female models were discussed, each dwelling primarily on the opposite

sex but alternating, as though it were important to be fair, on certain characteristics of their own sex. Obscene language was used as a matter of course, but in conjunction with words such as "beautiful" and "inspiring". Lewdness was debated and the finer points of voyeurism as an adjunct to more complete enjoyment.

The conversation was interrupted at intervals by the younger son who came in from play for cookies and drinks and simply to get attention. Both parents doted on him and vouched for his cleverness and sought to demonstrate it.

It transpired that, in its letter to them, the Society of Transcendental Philovita had included two heterosexual contacts, and they had already had a sex party with the other couple. It had been very simple to arrange this, they assured me. All it had taken was a telephone call and the same weekend all four had got together. The party was described to me in indecent detail by Ruth. Apparently the other man had suffered temporary impotence since it was a first party for his wife and himself. Ruth had been insulted despite the other couple's assurance of normal virility. She was still upset, talking about it, and her husband could not convince her it was no reflection on herself, despite his use of pseudo-scientific jargon. She accused him of being more interested in copulating with the other woman. Both had performed fellatio for the man without satisfactory result, and Ruth had had to be content with copulation with her own husband while the others looked on and afterwards with prolonged lesbian activity.

These are ordinary people. Sufficient emphasis cannot be placed on that. They are hard-working, not extravagant, are in the process of buying their own home, and are concerned, like everyone else, with the cost of living, taxes and their children's education and future. And yet they take it as a matter of course that this is the only right and proper sex life.

I have said that Ruth was the more dominant. At one point she objected strongly to being interrupted and John went to some trouble to explain away her temper. He said that at times, after a domestic quarrel, she would storm out of the house, pick up the first man who attracted her, go with him to a hotel and not come home until the early hours of the morning. Everything was patched up then, he said, because her account of what had taken place speedily inflamed them both. Ruth joined in his laughter at this and reminisced about the last time it had happened, exaggerating the number of copulations, according to John, though low-rating the stranger as a cunnilingist.

There is little to add except that when I left there were warm handshakes, apologies for childish interruptions, and an invitation to a threesome when proper arrangements could be made. Ruth added thoughtfully that possibly Angela might be contacted for a foursome. John was doubtful.

This happened because I answered an advertisement in a local newspaper, an advertisement which had nothing to do with sex parties, as far as I knew, but which led me to Ruth and John and the kind of world they inhabit.

Chapter Five

Esprit concluded, "Modern woman has decided to understand sexuality, to include it knowingly in her universe with out letting herself be carried away with it..." The French magazine makes the assumption that even after the "sexual revolution" female reactions to sex experiences remain normal in all phases. This assumption is incorrect unless normality is to be redefined to conform to the tastes of the subjects of this book.

The subjects of this chapter are a couple in Quebec, Canada. They were found at the end of a network that stretched from California to Arizona, across to Washington, D.C., and then back to Oregon. They were extremely cautious at first, insisting that each communication be returned so they could themselves insure its destruction before communicating again. Later they allowed themselves to become careless in an effort to "prove" themselves. Both husband and wife are admittedly bisexual, experiencing relations with their own sex at parties with other couples.

At about the age of 16, at a boarding school he attended, the husband found himself alone for a protracted period of time with an older boy who took advantage of the circumstances to beat him and force him into homosexual relations. After a short lapse, these beating and homosexual attentions were resumed, continuing at regular intervals until the older boy left the school. By this time he had come to accept homosexuality from others, found that he now welcomed and encouraged it, though intensely disliking the beatings. Even when he had left the school and had grown to adulthood, he found himself impelled to seek out other males in order to offer them complete sexual freedom with him, while at the same time enjoying normal sex relations with females. He no longer allowed himself to be punished, however, and at no time did he seek to enjoy homosexual relations with other men himself, remaining entirely passive.

This continued until his marriage.

Since his wife was highly sexed and had an unusual interest in the intricacies of sexual behaviour, he told her of his homosexual activities, and eventually was persuaded to bring males home in order that she might witness what took place. He emphasized that it was his desire for such relations with men that brought this request as well as her approval.

After several sessions with men, during which his wife adopted the role of voyeur, she began to insist, since she would be present, that she, too, sexually experience these men. Again he was persuaded out of love for her, he insisted.

There can be no doubt of her complete dominance.

So completely was this man dominated by his wife that, within a short time, he set out to accommodate her with other males whom she found attractive. He also procured for her males he met by chance and whom he thought she would find "exciting".

By this time both of them were enthusiastic voyeurs and devotees of pornographic photography, and had come to prefer exchanging with couples since, in this way, intercourse, voyeurism, bisexuality and pornographic photography all could be indulged. To accomplish this they joined clubs to which they were introduced, and advertised in and answered advertisements in club bulletins. Compatible couples so contacted were asked to pass on their names to further enlarge their circle which still included singles of both sexes.

In one letter to a single male he wished to procure, the husband included a letter from his wife which, he said, to gether with indecent nude photographs, should put the other man "in the mood for her".

In this letter he tells of the enjoyment he has experienced on many occasions when watching her copulate with male friends, and of how she enjoys having him present.

He ends by saying that he is looking forward to the other man enjoying his wife, and that the man could "do anything.. with her lovely body", once she was in the nude. In each case the vernacular was used for copulation, fellatrix and fellator.

Nine photographs of his wife were sent. All were marked for identification and carried obscene comment. They were part of a series, some photographs already having been distributed to singles of both sexes and to other married couples in Canada and the United States. They were identified as follows, although no attempt has been made to reproduce the comments:

1. The wife's lower body posed indecently on a bed.
2. The wife wearing only a garter belt and hose.
3. The wife and a male friend copulating (photograph taken by the husband).
4. The wife and male friend naked, relaxing after intercourse (photographs taken by husband).

5. Husband and wife copulating (photograph taken by male friend).
6. An indecently posed nude of the wife.
7. The wife performing fellatio for a male friend (photograph taken by husband).
8. The wife and male friend copulating, the male being at the point of orgasm (photograph taken by husband).
9. Wife and male friend, both at the point of orgasm (photograph taken by husband).

There was a tenth photograph, taken by the wife, of the husband performing fellatio for a male as a prelude to homosexual intercourse. All these photographs, and many more, were taken by the husband or by single males and participating couples.

In the accompanying letter from the wife, she tells of how her husband loves to see her copulating with other men and how wonderful it is to have him present, and that they have a friend who joins them regularly and with whom they have "a wonderful time". This friend, although he is an expert, could never match her husband, she says, but is "different and has many facets". He, the friend, has had homosexual relations with her husband on numerous occasions in her presence and her husband "enjoys this immensely", though the male doesn't "want him" when she is "around".

She closes by wishing her young son were not in the house because she craves immediate intercourse with her husband. But the child is due to be driven to school, and when she returns, "I am going to rape my man, literally, I am so much in love with him."

References by both spouses regarding love for each other occur frequently in all correspondence. This husband affirms his love for his wife on numerous occasions and even when he is going to extraordinary lengths to procure men for her sexual satisfaction. He writes of this love in a letter to a man some three thousand miles away in his attempt to persuade him that he need not go to the expense of travel, because they will make the journey and "we could take a motel in your area. You could spend the night with ——— and me, couldn't you?"

He candidly admits to being sexually dominated, but "I love it and so does she - you will see this when the three of us are together." He describes her likes and dislikes in the minutest detail, and tells how "she has always made me" go to bed with her and one of her lovers, and that he "lies alongside them" during copulation. He leaves nothing out, telling how she "sometimes holds my hand" when the male is making love to her.

His wife, he confesses, is insatiable. She is always complaining that she is not getting sufficient sexual activity, and "scolds me that I must get more strange men for her" or she will not allow him to make love to her himself. "There is one ad from a stud in this city" he intends to answer because "I just have to get" more sex for her than he can supply himself. "She needs fucking so badly, and she is so appreciative, it is a pleasure to get it for her." He adds that every time they have coitus, when she is orgasming, she calls out the name of the man to whom he is writing.

In another letter, he tells how, one afternoon when she was enjoying one of their male friends, he took a tape recording of the sounds they made.

This couple was offered the opportunity of dating separately on at least one occasion. They refused. They dated together, they said, or not at all. Dating separately, the husband or wife could not enjoy the spouse's enjoyment or have their own revelling appreciated. Shared and mutual gratification plus the need for bisexual activity provide the motivation for this couple and others like them. Threesomes they would permit, but never twosomes. They welcomed single men or single women only if both husband and wife could be present. Encouraging one single man, the husband wrote that all the man needed was to have him, the husband, perform fellatio preliminary to homosexual intercourse or, as further inducement, both before and after copulation with his wife, this latter being demanded by the wife on all such occasions. In this letter, the husband requested the return of photographs sent to lure the male "because we are running short of some for our correspondence".

His odd pride in his wife's sexuality is constantly crop ping up. According to him, on one occasion when they were initiating a young and newly-married couple, his wife was delighted with the young husband because he was the best sex partner she had ever experienced and they had made love steadily throughout the night. "...it was the first time the girl had watched her husband" make love to another woman and, says the proud letter-writer, his wife "gave him everything she had". Returning from the rendezvous, the young husband driving, the Canadian wife had performed fellatio on him until he became so excited he drove off the highway for immediate coitus in the front seat, while the others watched from the back, and the young wife "could see and hear everything".

Since they had experienced almost everything else, this Canadian became interested in procuring a Negro for his wife. He made inquiries to this end and stated that the thought of this excited them both greatly. He genuinely wanted her to copulate with a Negro, he insisted, and his wife "especially can't wait" for this and "is quite prepared" to perform fellatio or any other act as long as the Negro would allow her husband to be present. He promised, if they were successful, to send photographs of the various sexual acts performed by the two, together with a written "minute -by-minute" description.

A Negro was contacted, I was informed, but though at first willing to do as he wished and allow photography, he later backed out and would not agree to anything but a separate date with the wife and excluding the husband.

This offer was rejected since the husband had stated his desire for homosexual relations with the man, and also since voyeurism and photography made up such a large part of the couple's sexual enjoyment.

And then, in contradiction to the attitude on free-dating, the husband connived at his wife's satisfaction in a peculiar way. In early April of 1961 they travelled down to Las Vegas. Before doing so, they invited a single man to join them in a one-night orgy because they would be in Nevada for a few days only and they had a plan to carry out. This plan was a "joke" they were going to play on a young dealer at the Dunes.

The wife it was said, had a "physical crush" on this young dealer and he had "encouraged her to seduce him". She was going to get him up in their room, "or out in the car or someplace", and she was very excited because "she had a feeling" he was both virile and unusually large-sexed. She was also "hoping he will slap her around a bit" because he had "this appeal" for her. Officially, the husband would know nothing of what happened, so it could be "most amusing," he thought, to gamble at this young dealer's table afterward "because he won't know that *I* know he's fucked her!" Only a psychiatrist could adequately comment on such a sense of humour.

This man frequently refers to his wife's beauty. He does not overstate. She is an exceptionally beautiful blonde.

He is a handsome man, and they make a more than usually attractive pair. They had a prosperous business of their own, a lovely home and one child, a boy. And yet they take and distribute indecent photographs of themselves with a greater selling potential than those posed for by professional pornographers.

Professional models look blasé, and routine makes their photographs look somehow artificial, whereas the amateurs look alive and interested.

Duplications of photographs is not difficult, especially the smaller polaroid photographs for which duplicators may be purchased at any drugstore. What amateurs offer for sale or exchange with other couples nationwide is subject to large-scale professional duplication.

Both men and women have complained of having their own photographs offered to them for money. One serviceman has seen lewd photographs of his wife in several camps.

The photographs supplied by the Canadian husband and wife to achieve the kind of parties they like may have been duplicated and distributed throughout North America, for all they know. A valued friend may pick one up, or a businessman, whose good will might mean everything to the man's business. Or their son might see one.

Chapter Six

After one has been a member of these clubs a month or so and has been active in them by paying for insertion of advertisements or by paying for inquiries to be forwarded to advertisers, a new and important offer is made.

Members are offered, for a fee, a list of other members who share the same interests and who number as many as six hundred couples and single persons of both sexes. From two to six listings are offered. These lists outline members' likes and dislikes plainly, and contain names and addresses for direct contact. All lists have the following introduction:

Dear Subscriber:

Please note the following:

- 1. All correspondence clubs are required to report any cases of obscene, indecent or discourteous correspondence to the Postal Inspector in the locality of origin.*
- 2. As a general rule, don't send anything of value to anyone listed.*
- 3. Although the accuracy of these notices and listings cannot possibly be checked, all are taken from genuine applications received by us and on file in our office.*
- 4. No correspondence club (including this one) can possibly take responsibility for transactions between members.*

This last clause is the important one. All members have to do is be careful in initial inquiries or answers. Care is appreciated by both parties and will produce infinitely better results than the most tempting indiscretions. Here are a few sample advertisements and the answers to technically decent and certainly not obscene inquiries made concerning them.

OHIO: *Married couple, she is 32, 5-5, 130, they have modern views, open-minded, would like to hear from other couples (name and address).*

The answer to this stated that the inquirers were in the same age group, supplied statistics regarding height, weight, measurements and requested definition of "modern views" and "open-minded", while affirming both.

The reply was from a housewife who stated she and her husband were working-class people who did not travel much but enjoyed "having other couples and sometimes singles visit us".

She gave her correct age as 36, not 32, and her measurements as 38-25-40. In her opinion, she had large hips, but her husband disagreed, saying that they were ideal to hold "when the time comes for such action". She had long, black, wavy hair, dark eyes and was "very hot-natured". Joe, her husband, was 44, 6', 210 and "built like a bull in more than one way". He was blond, had green-gray eyes, was "also hot-natured like me, so we know we are well mated". They were very much interested in sex, had been since marriage 18 years before, "and are still going strong. That's why we like meeting new friends and corresponding with people to broaden our interest in this matter".

They particularly liked home movies on "sex in all manners", she said, and on New Year's Eve, 1960, they had seen four reels of this type of movie and had "been enacting every scene we saw on the screen since". They also used mirrors "during our intimate sessions to observe ourselves in heated actions. Have you people experienced these pleasures? If yes, please relate them to us."

The letter concluded that in any reply correspondents should feel frank and free to write whatever they wished for they were not easily shocked and "we excitedly enjoy all letters, photos, ideas, experiences from other couples".

Photographs of themselves were promised in the "near future".

For obvious reasons, this correspondence was not continued. But it does serve to show what may be expected from even such an innocuous advertisement. The next quoted is even more to the point:

PENNSYLVANIA:

Married gentleman, 31, 5-4, 140, engineer. He and his wife Monika enjoy corresponding with intelligent, broad-minded people who share their interests.

They enjoy camping, photography, etc. Monika is 25, 5-4, 120, they welcome your letters (name and address).

The reply to the inquiry stated that this couple were "definitely" interested in meeting other "compatible couples". To make matters as clear as possible as to what was expected, the second paragraph read:

"We agree with the modern concept of social behaviour that married couples can find a great satisfaction and sense of well-being in sharing the physical pleasures of love-making both in and out of marriage. We think that our American society standards are phoney, useless, and go against the laws of human nature."

It was regretted by the writer, the husband, that they lived in a small, upstate town of about 4,000 and that they knew no couples in the area who shared their interests. He followed with physical descriptions of his wife and himself, adding that Monika was a German girl, repeated that they wanted sex parties and wished to exchange photographs. "Just let us know if you'd like anything in particular." Monika then corresponded. Initially, she said, they had never been to any sex parties or swap clubs since they did not know of any in their area. They had exchanged with only two couples to date and at the moment entertained men only for "there are no broad-minded couples around here".

She did her own version of striptease dancing and had done so since 1955, just for home entertainment. But they did have male guests; "they are all married and just like to have some fun". They had three children, a boy, 5, a girl, 3, and another girl, 9 months old.

She added that she enjoyed having sexual relations with two men at the same time, and that she and her husband both enjoyed fellatio and cunnilingus. There was a list of preferences which is unprintable. A photograph was enclosed, the wife adding, "This will give you some idea of how I look."

The photograph showed her standing, hands on hips, smiling, facing the camera, nude except for a black lace pajama top drawn clear of her body. She was being caressed indecently by an unseen man whose hand reached from the camera's right.

On the back of the photograph was written: "PS: I was still nursing my baby. That is why my breasts are hanging without a bra."

The husband continued the letter. They wanted to enjoy the "physical pleasures of sex as opposed to love-making". It would appear to him, he said, that "a lot of fun could be had if all slept (or played) in the same bedroom. Our rooms are large enough for two beds".

Monika, he went on, was "quite a girl sexually and has occasionally taken on four of five businessmen who come up from a city about 40 miles from here". They went home exhausted, he claimed, when she is "just getting started. So we have a lot of fun even though we have no couples. We get quite a kick out of these evenings."

He ended by emphasizing his wife's interest in lesbian experiences and suggested that, should lesbian activity take place, this would be exciting for the husbands.

Exactly nine days produced this reaction from this couple. No particular pressure was employed. Each couple was asked to explain the terms they used and did so in the most revealing manner and without hesitation. One promised photographs, while the other forwarded one, taken by the husband, of his wife being fondled by another man in such a manner as would earn them both a jail sentence if it were to fall into certain obvious hands.

Again, both couples were respectable. The second couple made a distinct point of not smoking and of taking drinks only on special occasions. I quote the wife: "I think ——— has told you that we don't smoke and only take a drink on very special occasions." Her husband went to considerable trouble, also, to demonstrate his sincerity and to remove any doubts as to their financial standing. He was almost apologetic when he said that, while they owned their own home and seventeen acres of land, he earned only in the neighbourhood of \$8,000, despite the fact that people think of engineers as earning "big money". In fact, his desire to be straightforward and honest about their social worth was paired with a curious desire to be frank about their sexual "worth".

This kind of contradiction is very evident in these cases. The couple respects conventional values except in the area where society's code is strictest.

Another advertisement read:

MICHIGAN: Married couple, 34, and 34, 6-0 and 5-8, 170 and 140, he is in autos, she a hairdresser, love home movies, photos, parties, congenial get-togethers, no prejudices, await letters from other broad-minded couples, esp. in their area (name and address).

Here, for the first time, a sensible note of caution was struck in a reply to an inquiry. This couple was wary even at this point.

The husband acknowledged receipt of the inquiry "with rather mixed feelings". While anxious to establish a relationship, he and his wife wanted to make certain that the inquiry was from a couple and not from an individual who was interested in "photos or lurid correspondence", because in that case, they were "not interested at all". They were wary because (a) the inquiry was typed, (b) it was requested that names be omitted from envelopes and (c) a box number was given and not a street address. In the first letter all the husband would say was that "we are completely modern and uninhibited in every way and we do have a most intimate relationship with two couples at the present time".

The reference to an individual interested in "photos or lurid correspondence" meant a San Diego man, a member of sex clubs, who imports Mexican pornography. Though a bachelor, this man poses as a married

couple, a heterosexual female, a lesbian or a homosexual male, depending on whom he is contacting, in order to obtain amateur photographs for reproduction and resale, as well as "lurid" correspondence, for which he has a smaller market. "Fortunately," said this husband, "I got wise to him in time."

Complete information was forthcoming after he was assured that I did not sell pornography. He admitted, "Yes, we swap with other couples and enjoy it tremendously. We've only been doing it a few months." His wife was at first reluctant, but "after the first time, she was completely sold on the idea and is really a terrific bed partner". He added, "This swapping has really changed our lives as we are happy now and we enjoy sex to the fullest, which to us is almost everything."

He closed by inquiring about home movies, saying they had a 16mm projector and a few reels, and asking for a list of sexual likes and dislikes to be studied by his wife and himself. He offered any information that might be desired about each of them, as well as the other couples with whom they exchanged.

Caution, even misdirected as in this case, is usually the last thing to occur to such persons. It is altogether absent in other couples, as the following answers to inquiries concerning two other advertisements will reveal.

VANCOUVER: *Married couple, 34 and 26, 5-11 and 5-5, 170 and 142, would like to hear from interesting couples (name and address).*

This is not revealing by any means, and yet an inquiry requesting a definition of "interesting" brought the most complete details imaginable.

The couple was of German origin, immigrants, and the husband was an engineer. They liked to swim and sunbathe in the nude, to dance, to "drink a little". They liked to have "real" parties. By this, they understood that "daring lingerie" would be worn by the women and the men would wear "tight slips", and there would be "good sophisticated talk". To quote them:

"Every human being has the natural desire for variety and we like to live that out. This means that if two or more couples meet and there is physical attraction and good understanding involved that everybody should let himself go."

Their hobby was photography and they had already exchanged the "most revealing pictures with other couples".

That was why, though photographs were included, they did not have "too many pictures available at the moment. These are all circulating". Two weeks before, they had sent out a film for developing to another couple in California. The photographs showed the husband completely nude and the wife nude except for a *cache-sexe*. She was an attractive brunette with a rather full figure, and he was handsome. Neither photograph was lewd, though emphasizing the figure.

This reply was certainly explicit, and the reply to still another inquiry, regarding the last advertisement to be quoted, was even more explicit.

ILLINOIS: *Couple, quite broad-minded, 51 & 46, he is 6-0 and 195, merchant seaman. They like good music, dancing, correspondence, has master's degree, former teacher. Hear from all couples and singles (name and address).*

Reply to inquiry brought ordinary photographs of husband and wife, together with a definition of "broad-minded". This is quoted in full:

"In our case, the term 'broad-minded' applies to the most part to our marriage, which varies considerably from those generally advocated by convention. In this respect, both of us have, with mutual approval, practised free-dating for the past 18 or 20 years, and have enjoyed it greatly."

The husband supplied these details and explained that he and his wife were temporarily separated since she was teaching school in California and could not join him until she had completed the school year.

He pointed out that, thus far, their extra-marital activities had been on an individual basis, that they had always dated those of their own choosing and had not yet achieved "temporary exchanging of mates". They had, however, often discussed this and, on his part, he had been in favour of it always, though an opportunity had not yet presented itself. His wife, though slightly less enthusiastic, had also indicated that she favoured such an arrangement. He hoped that what he had admitted coincided with what was meant by the inquirer as "broad-minded".

In addition, he went on, he had discussed the possibility of a "threesome arrangement" at various times. He had had such experiences and "in my case, at least, they worked out very satisfactorily". With reference to the sexual act itself and to various types of gratification, he stated that there were no limitations for either his wife or himself, including fellatio and cunnilingus, except that he would "draw the line at only the Greek [fellatio practised by males] type".

It bears repeating that these results were obtained from inquiries couched in only the most circumspect terms.

Care was taken to ensure that the answers received would be in explanation of such terms as "broad-minded" and "interesting". Yet, in each case, invitations to sex parties were offered on the plainly inferred understanding

that all involved found themselves to be physically compatible, at least.

The editor-publisher of the organization which sells the bulletins carrying the quoted advertisements is not legally accountable. None of the correspondence arising out of the advertising had either his knowledge or approval. He could argue, and successfully, that prior correspondence between him and all concerned was totally harmless, and this, I am sure, could be proved. All he did was publish a bulletin containing names and addresses and superficially harmless advertisements, and so provide a sought-after service for, as far as he knew, a blameless clientele.

But occasionally these editor-publishers make mistakes. The next chapter will disclose just such a mistake, and also reveal exactly how culpable and legally accountable these parasites are.

Chapter Seven

Many sex clubs are already well established, as are publications catering to the off-beat, but new clubs and publications are always in the process of being formed. The demand is great. Occasionally the authorities get too close and an existing club reforms under a new name. In addition, individuals familiar with the field believe they can do a better job, make more money, meet more of the kind of friends they seek, and decide to go into business for themselves. They contrive to allow this to become known to those with whom they are already in contact, and request that the news be passed on.

I heard of one such man and of a correspondence club he was alleged to be forming and set out to track him down.

I hoped that I would be able to prove that editor-publishers knew exactly what was involved, were fully aware of the illegal activities of members of the clubs they formed, and were equally guilty under the law. It had been impossible to obtain proof in other cases, but I was convinced that if I could somehow worm myself in on the very inception of such a club, the proof would be easy enough to obtain. I did so and was completely successful.

Tracking this man down took many months. I found couples who had heard of what was projected, but none could supply details. I was passed from contact to contact in state after state and eventually heard from a young couple in Maine. The husband is a transvestite, a bisexual sado-masochist, as is his wife, and it was he who supplied the needed information. I quote him and in so doing, would point out that all italics in this chapter are mine:

"Monique and I are still looking for a dildo for us to take turns using. A friend of ours in Chicago (his wife's a stripper and has just recently started to follow bondage and all that jazz) writes me he is in contact with a woman in Odessa, Texas, who makes them up special. The price is stiff, around \$40.00, but he feels that they're worth it (so do we!). "He's also setting up a contact service, etc., etc... Here's his address:..."

Contacting this man was a delicate business, despite the fact that I was invited to use the name of his Maine friend as an introduction. Earlier inquiries to established organizations had either been ignored or evaded. In this case I tempered enthusiasm with alleged unsatisfactory experiences in the past and appealed to cupidity by implying that I had a large circle of friends throughout the United States, all of whom would be greatly interested in this project. Within a week I received a reply, quoted in full and verbatim:

*"Thank you for your recent letter. Mr. ——— has informed you with the correct information, although somewhat premature. Our advertising and catalog will not be available until the middle of March. Exactly how long we are able to stay in business will be up to the people we do business with. **If no-one complains, we'll see quite a long future.** Our catalog will display various articles of leather designed for the bondage-minded person, plus various specially items, i.e. dildos, french ticklers and other items. Our correspondence club will publish a monthly list of interested persons and will be available for 12 months for a fee of \$5.00. New persons will be added each month as they learn of our service. Our advertisements will appear under the name of "———" and will be in various girlie magazines. Watch for us, we will appreciate having you listed with our club."*

Obviously, though this was satisfactory as far as it went, it did not go far enough, and, ignoring the finality of the letter ending, I exerted a little more pressure. What happened then almost caught me off balance: I received a telephone call, explained as a check on me, and was asked my opinion on costs and prices of various items, notably dildos. I improvised and evidently gave satisfactory answers because in the next mail, I received, beneath the man's letter head and above his signature, all the proof necessary.

I was told that checking of prospective members was one feature which, it was believed, "might very well be warranted in a club such as I have established". I was complimented on my agreement (though I had little choice) with the major portion of the correspondence program and was informed that the application blank for the correspondence club was on its way to me. I was simply to sign and return and "I shall do the rest for you". The letter contained the following paragraph, which left no doubt as to the culpability of this man and the purpose of the club he was forming. The emphases are the author's.

*"This club is established by myself and my wife for **the sole purpose of putting one person in touch with another for the basic reason of sexual gratification.** Now we both know that **this practice is not quite legal,** so we have to be careful or the whole thing topples down the drain, so to speak. Both my wife and myself are very interested in the art of spanking, bondage and **erotic practices.** We know what other people desire, and **it is our endeavour to see that these desires are fulfilled to the best of our ability.**"*

Here was a clear admission that (a) the club was established by this man and his wife for the purpose of sexual gratification; (b) that they realized their action was illegal; (c) that, despite the illegality of what they were undertaking, they proposed to do all they could to ensure that the members' desires were fulfilled.

In the meantime, other work in connection with the club was continuing, particularly investigation regarding the manufacture of dildos. It was found that such an article could be produced for approximately \$3.00 apiece, "providing that you have already paid the bill for a \$350.00 steel mould to make them in". Reverting to the

application blank, it was believed that the "various fields of enjoyment such as we listed" were stated with "unequaled frankness," and it was planned to list the members' desires "just as frankly".

"Since this is quite a forward club, we are hoping that the members will realize this and state the truth about their desires and list them very frankly. This is the only way that real satisfaction can be accomplished."

Ten applications for membership were enclosed for those I was alleged to be in contact with, and it was promised that my membership fee would be immediately refunded if, because of my efforts, new memberships were obtained... "I think that this is quite reasonable, don't you?" The application for membership carried on its reverse side a letter to "enthusiasts" of which only one paragraph need be quoted:

*"Because of the Bizarre and Exotic nature of several articles we are currently offering for sale, it became necessary to arrange to **have our catalog printed in a country outside the United States**. We are at present awaiting delivery of the remaining pages so that they may be assembled and **the mailing accomplished as quickly as possible.**"*

Here, again, was clear acknowledgement that the law was being violated on two scores; first, that the material itself was objectionable, and second, that objectionable or not, it would be mailed. This letter was signed. "Yours for pleasure." The form itself was as follows:

ATTENTION!!! BONDAGE AND DOMESTIC DISCIPLINE ENTHUSIASTS

There are many persons desiring to correspond with you.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Domestic Discipline Correspondence Club

ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED IN DETAIL

Name Address

City Zone

State

If married, state name of spouse (Both must sign) Are you aware of the erotic nature of the correspondence you may receive?

Are you willing to verify your sex and marital status by telephone?

Telephone number and most convenient time to call

SPECIAL INTERESTS: Check or circle one or more.

Silk stockings Bizarre Wardrobe Exotic Lingerie Leather Wardrobe Spanking Strapping Whipping Bondage Bondage, with punishment Bondage, with erotic stimulation Torture Dildo Other (Specify below):

If a couple or single woman, please complete the following:

Bust Cup Waist Weight Hips

Height Eyes Hair

Does spouse approve of membership?

REMARKS: (Use this space to state any facts about yourself that have not previously been covered above. The more we know, the more we can do to guarantee your satisfaction.)

It will be noted that membership was not limited to domestic discipline enthusiasts; the appeal of erotic stimulation and dildos could have applied to all kinds of heterosexual and homosexual females.

I joined the club and completed and forwarded the application. This brought a letter of acknowledgment which informed me that I had been assigned a code number, S-1001, to be used in place of my signature on letters and in place of the return address on future correspondence with the club.

The letter continued: "After being forced to discontinue operations under the name of ——— I have made certain changes in operating policy."

This meant of course that the postal authorities had been investigating them. The letter contained information regarding contact of members when the planned six monthly listings were received, and it was again emphasized that the assigned code number must always be used.

Leather wardrobes, discipline supplies, erotic specialties and restraint articles were listed for sale.

Accompanying this letter was a second, "confidential" letter. In this "confidential" letter, it was stated that for the "past seven years" individuals had been assisted in procuring "specially articles necessary for the advancement of their own personal interests". The articles concerned are illegal in this country and it is an offense to possess them.

A catalog was offered for sale, containing a "vast number of products" in the "Bizarre and Unusual fields". The price was \$3.00, and this catalog would be mailed if the purchaser would indicate that he was a sincere collector or connoisseur and that none of the articles he might procure would be used for immoral purposes. It was added that there was also in existence a correspondence club, "dedicated to the sincere individual" and to "married couples who wish to exchange new and modern ideas with other couples with similar interests". Here is the statement one was asked to sign:

"In signing my name above, I state that I am a sincere collector and do not wish to purchase any of the various articles that may be offered for sale for immoral or improper purposes."

On the one hand, one was asked to sign a statement which, it was hoped, would clear the supplier with the authorities and, on the, other hand, the statement was accompanied by a frank admission that operations were forced to be discontinued by the same authorities because of the very nature of those operations.

When the membership listings were received apologies were sent for the limited number. It was pointed out that the club was new and that it would take time for advertising to produce results. It was hoped that within a few months membership would increase to approximately 200.

Letters addressed to members had to bear their code number as well as that of the inquirer and had to be mailed to the club together with a forwarding fee of \$1.00. They would be remailed from the club the same day as received and, should it be desired, would be forwarded by certified mail for an additional charge of fifty cents, the return receipt to be mailed to the sender.

Any member sending obscene or suggestive mail to another member was warned that he would be reported to the Post Office Inspection Department for improper action. At no time was it stated that letters would be inspected by the club itself.

In the first bulletin received there were thirteen listings, five of married couples and eight of single males. A sample of each type of listing is given:

G-1001, PENNSYLVANIA: Married couple, 29, 6-2, 170 lbs; wife, 23, 5-7, 120 lbs, red hair, 34A-24-35. Interested in contacting dominant young miss or couple interested in restraint, discipline and exotic subjects.

H-1002, DELAWARE: Single male, no physical description available at present; unmarried but has partners now available for meetings (female); interested in future fashions, discipline, restraints; would like to exchange photos of above interests.

The catalog then was ordered and received with a letter, two paragraphs of which are quoted as additional proof of culpability:

"As you may remember, the post office was quite interested in our business recently, and the finished pages of the new catalog were confiscated along with everything else. However, we anticipate the printing of another one just as soon as enough financial reserve is built up to permit us to do so. For dildos, I find Japan is the cheapest. The finished article being offered for sale for about \$25.00. This can be purchased with or without french ticklers on the head and shaft..."

Despite what was apparently a warning, it was made quite clear that these illegal operations were to continue. It was also made quite clear that the articles listed in the confiscated catalog were to be sold and mailed to purchasers. As was pointed out previously, when such businesses are closed down in one place, they are opened up somewhere else under new names.

Items such as dildos and french ticklers were not listed in the catalog itself, but letters revealed that they could be purchased and the catalog itself stated:

"WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN SEEKING IN THE PAST. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF CERTAIN REGULATIONS IMPOSED BY THE OBSCENE DIVISION OF THE U.S. POST OFFICE, WE CANNOT STATE WHAT ITEMS WE HAVE ACCESS TO AT THIS TIME. WRITE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION STATING YOUR NEEDS. A QUICK REPLY IS ASSURED."

This statement was printed in large, clear, black type and taken in conjunction with the correspondence quoted, and in view of the admitted knowledge of the law on the subject, it could mean only that the law was to be broken if purchasers of items, however obscene, could be found. It meant also that warnings from the law (Post Office) do no good.

The catalog itself consisted of photographs of models being disciplined by hand, whip and leather strap, with a listing of the series to the right of the page. The girls posed in scanty lingerie or in near nudity, and the photographs were priced at \$3.00 per set of eight, there being two to six series.

The series bore these titles: *Lessons In Spanking, Stinging Lesson, Paddling Pretties, Spanking Spree, Painful Punishment, Can You Take It?, Brushing Up, Bottoms Up, Spank Account*, etc.

It was stated that the girls "we used" for these photographs were not just posed... "when we say that the girls are shown being spanked, we mean just that. During the shooting, they were seriously spanked to make the shots realistic. All, finished with stinging posteriors".

It was stated further that the publishers would purchase "quality photographs" of this type from "established customers":

"Write to us, enclosing sample, and if acceptable, we will quote you a price immediately."

This invitation was made because professional models, even if posed realistically, will go only so far. It is just another job to them and a questionable one at that, even if their circumstances require such work. But the amateurs are enthusiasts and will go to the limit, not simply for remuneration but for "recognition" in their circles. They throw aside inhibitions and produce collectors' items, especially since the texts describing the photographic series encourage them.

These texts read:

"Heather Christy and Marion Millet get together to illustrate with unrestrained gusto this exciting set of close-ups, using their whips, straps and plenty of hand-to-bottom contact. This set will be sheer ecstasy for the advanced student of Domestic Discipline. Many of our customers have requested that we offer a photo set that clearly illustrates the pained expressions produced on the recipient's contorted face. Naturally, we are out to please, so here it is. Our lovely brunette victim is obviously in realistic pain from the stinging slaps."

And again:

"...administering firm discipline with palm, brush and paddle. Sheer nylon panties aren't much help here."

Apart from the obvious encouragement of violence, of sadism and masochism, here was the less obvious encouragement of a special kind of pornography. This becomes even more apparent when the invitation to customers to submit their own photographs is considered.

The couples who practice so-called domestic discipline are not content to exchange photographs with each other as couples but must always involve more and more persons. Some of the resulting photographs of foursomes were revolting. It was not a question of "sheer nylon panties" not being "much help", since the panties were dispensed with altogether, as were other garments worn by both males and females. Photographs of viciously lashed wives with scarred and bleeding backs, brutally whipped and tortured girlfriends and boyfriends, as well as husbands, may be obtained, either by purchase or exchange, from scores of private individuals of both sexes across the country.

The latter portion of this catalog was devoted to discipline supplies and restraint articles such as the following:

LEATHER STRAP GAG: *This item is made in the form of a 2"-wide leather strap that securely buckles at the back of the head. This strap has affixed to it a mouth-filling leather "Pear" which is placed in the victim's mouth before it is severely secured in back. The gag cannot be removed once applied because the small and efficient buckles or locks, whichever your desires indicate, are impossible to open, providing the victim's wrists are secured so he cannot reach the buckles. ...\$10.00. Leather knee hobbles are \$15.00; leather ankle cuffs, \$11.00; leather hand cuffs, \$10.00; leather helmets, \$40.00; leather gloves of silence, \$20.00; leather leg sheaths, \$40.00; leather arm sheaths, \$30.00; leather neck bands, \$10.00; leather arm cuffs, \$15.00.*

As for the whips, there was:

THE LEATHER POM-POM: *This is a short whip made of 7" padded leather thongs with 1" padded balls on the tips. The thongs are all connected to a hand-formed handle with wrist strap. This is a very good item, as no pain is actually inflicted. Even though it is a whip, it stings, but that is all... \$25.00.*

Then there was:

THE LEATHER THONG WHIP: *This is basically the same as Item —, except with the omission of the padded balls at the tips of the thongs. This item is slightly more painful than Item —. It should be used with great care... \$25.00.*

This warning is not amiss. This whip can strip the flesh from the bones and the victim can do nothing to prevent it, especially if strap-gagged or knee-hobbled, or restrained by any of the other items listed. Many thousands of photographs in private possession all over the United States testify to this.

Final emphasis was laid on the fact that “enthusiasts” could be supplied with the “ultimate in custom-designed leather craftings” since, “besides those listed in this catalog, we can also supply you with the following:

“Gloves, any style or length; chastity belts, male or female; leather harness, any design; waist belts, any width, with or without restraint rings; gags, any style or design; leather skirts, any length, style, full or sheath; leather masks, any amount of coverage, partial or full; leather helmets, various designs, each with a specific use.

“Specially designed straps and whips. All are custom-crafted in Mexico of top quality materials for maximum durability. Delivery is about three weeks, from date of your order.

“Write for shoe and boot prices. These are made only on special order... Send for free price list and special order forms.

“We may be able to supply you with your desired specially item.

“WILL YOU LET US TRY?”

“Send a full description of the item. If we can procure it, we will advise you immediately as to delivery date and price.”

This is the inside story of the formation of a club that not only caters to those devoted to marital sexual exchanges but also to homosexuals, sadists and masochists.

Chapter Eight

Domestic discipline sounds either harmless or stupid. One conjures up the thought of a wife or husband, or other family dependent, being spanked for some domestic crime. In many of the girlie magazines and similar publications there are letters to the editor attesting to the many virtues of this form of punishment. One is informed that if a little more corporal punishment were applied to the posterior, preferably in humiliating circumstances, the world would be a much better place in which to live. In actual fact, the practice is a vicious one.

In this chapter three sources will be used; in Minnesota, in Ohio and in Pennsylvania.

The first male concerned can be described only as a pimp. It could not be determined that he worked at any thing other than selling his wife's body as well as his own for sexual and disciplinary purposes, and retailing photo graphs of both practices around the country. His wife is of Negro-Mexican extraction, is tall and full-bodied with abnormally large breasts, tan complexion and negroid nose, lips and hair.

The man himself is white and of average build.

He was contacted through the national grapevine to ascertain if, as had been rumoured, he could arrange discipline and torture exhibitions, and if he could supply, in advance, details of what took place. He could do both, it transpired, for a fee.

It was stated that a "bondage and whipping show" could be staged in Chicago, but not in Minnesota at that time.

Many such "shows" had been staged for people nationwide and witnesses would not be disappointed. The Chicago exhibition would be staged with a man known as "Karen", who wore silk, loved to be lashed, bound and sexually humiliated, and the Minnesotan would be his "tormentor". It was pointed out that, while the Minnesotan enjoyed this role, "tormentors" were few and difficult to find. "Karen" liked the "slave" role but not that of the master, so he, the Minnesotan, would give the discipline and punishment for the viewers to enjoy... "Just bought a new whip, too; rawhide leather and 6-foot long. Great to use!"

Details were supplied concerning the "Facts of Bizarre Pleasures". This was divided into three sections: (1) bondage; (2) torture; (3) sexual humiliation.

(1) BONDAGE: The victim should be nude or near nude, and helpless, being tied or chained by the arms, legs, neck and hair. In the case of a male, he should also be tied by the genitals and then gagged and blindfolded in certain positions for "party activities". Tight ropes and chains should be used so that they sank into the flesh and numbed limbs and muscles. The victim should be spread-eagled, upright or upside down, belly-to-table, back-to-table. Other "props" recommended were beds, dresser-tops, stools, trunk-tops and boxes. Pulleys could be used, as well as crosses, barbecue spits, revolving propellers and stocks. A "good item" is a box in which the victim could be forced to remain bound for hours.

(2) TORTURE: This is accomplished once the victim is firmly bound. It consisted of lashing with a whip on all parts of the body from neck to ankles, including torment of the sex organs and nipples. In the case of a female, clothespins of the "pinch type" were used on various parts of the body, mouth, ears, and finger and toenails. This was followed by forced entry into the body of such items as daggers, knives and wood clubs. Hot wax also was poured over the victim and needles were inserted into the breasts, nipples, thighs, buttocks, etc. Designs of a "bizarre nature" were drawn on the flesh, followed by the pouring of syrup over the entire body and the application of flour or feathers. For added discomfort and torment, it was suggested that "hot coins [be placed] on the flesh, too".

(3) SEXUAL HUMILIATION: It was advised that, after being bound, the victim be sex-abused by the same or opposite sex, with accompanying torment of the sex organs, mouth and rectum. Failing full cooperation, the male "emblem" was to be punished. In the case of a female, after being bound, she was to be forced to accept torment of her mouth and throat by the male organ, and then to be forced to "receive" the male organ while chained face down. It was also recommended that two girls be tied together, one on top of the other, spread-eagled, faces toward each other's feet, and forced to perform cunnilingus on each other all night. Or that two men be bound in this fashion and forced to joint fellatio, because "this is an extra sexual thrill and humiliation, especially if it is witnessed by opposite sex, and the more who see, the bigger the thrill!"

It was exhibitions similar to these that the Minnesota man offered to stage, with himself, his wife and other men and women as performers. He told of past exhibitions during which, while bound with ropes, belts and chains, he had been abused sexually while others watched... "Great sensation!" He told of being lashed with whips, belts, a small, fine chain, a length of rubber garden hose, a one-inch rope, and especially with a "homemade torture item" of many strands of leather bootlaces on a broom handle. He "loved", he testified, to be his wife's "slave", to be whipped by her and forced to perform cunnilingus for a woman friend, or fellatio for a visiting male, while she watched. There were other acts so obscene as to be impossible to print. When it was his turn to be his wife's "master", he boasted, and hers to be "slave", he punished her unmercifully. "After a bruising

session" with himself and a male friend, her body was sore and swollen because of their brutality, and she was left with bruises that lasted for days and welts that lasted for weeks.

This case alone establishes three points: (1) that these practices are nationwide; (2) that those concerned offer for sale photographs of these acts; (3) that at all these "sessions" partners are exchanged and, sadism and masochism aside, homosexual as well as heterosexual acts are performed.

In support of point (1), a list of couples so involved across the country was offered for sale by the Minnesotan, and club bulletins offer similar lists; (2), The Minnesotan supplied photographs of his wife, gagged and bound, being abused by himself, and offered for sale lists of other couples who would sell such photographs; (3) his letter is evidence that every conceivable perversion and depravity is indulged in by himself, his wife and all the other couples cited.

This man's wife later left him "and is now letting men buy her body for sex and whipping across town in an apartment with 2 other girls!" He pleads for \$1.00 for pictures, offers various photographic series for sale and sends frantic appeals for a new "bizarre queen":

"...if I don't find some new queen soon I'll die! If I don't find a queen here, maybe Arthur and Anita can 'take' me in Penna - or you could help me to enjoy 'all' there in your town. Could you, or other girls you know there, USE me? Maybe you know a girl there who would love to own me, to satisfy all her desires. Yes? (Negro, Spanish or white.) From 12 to 45 years old. They can use me for all. As a fotog, as a slave, a model. They can loan or sell my mouth and body to other girls and men. I will obey. Haven't you a female bizarre queen who WANTS me? Let me hear from them, please! If they will help me come there soon - I'll become their property. They can keep me nude. Shaved of all hair. In silk, latex, leather, plastic. Humiliated nitely and daily. They can sell my body to their bizarre friends - for sex abuses, humiliations, pain and punishment, discipline and obedience. Surely you must know some bizarre female there?..."

This man is exceptional in that he was the only man discovered who lived entirely either on the earnings of his wife's prostitution or that of other women, apart from selling his own body. In all other cases, the men had their own businesses or gainful employ, even when they were prepared to sell obscene photographs of their wives and themselves.

Yet these couples, in order to broaden the scope of their activities, were prepared to use a man like the Minnesotan who would sell their names and addresses, and particularize about their favourite vices, for his own profit.

This Minnesotan also was exceptional in that he did not advertise. He did not have to, being thoroughly well-known in his wide circle. Most men of this type do. The following is an example of how they advertise:

OHIO: *Married gentleman, 31, 5-11, 155, accountant, is very submissive and ingratiating in nature, would love to hear from strong, assertive ladies, couples, groups, intelligent, loyal, warm-hearted.*

Details were requested of the type of treatment this man expected. He was also queried with reference to his wife. It is repeated that queries regarding such advertisements were in all cases proper and circumspect in order that the advertiser would have no possible grounds for complaint. In substance, the man said that he was married, and his wife was no prude.

She understood him and had agreed he might participate in the "unusual", though expressing no interest herself. She would not, therefore, attend any meeting. But she knew all about his desires, and there would be "no trouble". She could be contacted regarding this if necessary.

He would be completely at his "mistress" mercy. She would be "expected" to bully him unmercifully and subject him to every conceivable humiliation and indignity. She would have the right to insist that her own husband be present.

Since every woman had her own "pet" desires she wished to gratify, and since he was to be the submissive one, he always allowed each woman to organize her own scheme of things. Therefore, his new "mistress" would have a very wide latitude as to what she "might expect out of a session".

All he could and would do at that time was relate some of his experiences and the demands imposed on him, to serve as a kind of "helpful pointer".

He had been at sessions that had lasted from one to three days, and he proposed to relate some of his experiences at these sessions, although the demands made upon him had been so numerous that he could not possibly describe them all at one time.

At one meeting, he had been met at a railroad station by a couple and the wife's girlfriend. The women were both dressed impeccably in black and looked "very appealing". The man was quiet and strongly masculine in appearance.

The husband drove the car and the women sat in the back seat, with their "victim" between them. They first forced his hands behind his back and hand cuffed him, and then opened his trousers and took turns fondling him. When they reached the house, the car was driven into the attached garage, and he was taken inside the house. His hands were released from the handcuffs and he was told to remove all his clothing, including his

shoes and socks. When he refused, one of the women slapped his face, telling him that he was going to be even more embarrassed "and I was!" He removed his clothing as instructed.

He was then forced to remove the garments of one woman until she was attired only in a red, strapless brassière, red garter belt, hose, high-heeled shoes and sheer panties. His hands were tied behind his back at this point, the right hand to the left elbow, the left hand to the right elbow. At this, the second woman removed her outer clothing until she was attired like the first.

After he was taken to the basement his hands were spread apart and tied to the ceiling so that he could not turn or move, his body being fully extended. Both women removed their brassières and panties in an "appealing" manner, and one of them moved in front and close to him.

She placed his organ between her thighs, squeezing it between them, moving her hips and using obscene language while the man and the second woman looked on.

After this, the woman lit a cigarette. She allowed him "a few puffs", stating that he was "going to need it... and I did!" She then spread his buttocks apart, took the lighted cigarette and seared him while he screamed and struggled.

The next torture was with a rattan punishment cane which was first soaked under a water faucet and with which the victim was given nine strokes across the buttocks and thighs:

"A good caning feels just like a hot iron were applied to the bare skin. The pain does not soon diminish. Then the other woman took a leather punishment strap and proceeded to whip me until I begged them to stop and assured them that I would do anything that they asked me to do. Then I was taken back upstairs and forced to go through numerous acts." These acts were described in detail but are too obscene to print. They included, with the women, forced anal contacts and cunnilingus, oral and anal sexual service to the male, and other employment of the mouth, tongue and rectum.

Although this man was married, he sought his "pleasures" alone, but more often people of this type operate in pairs, usually married, as in this third case in Pennsylvania.

The Pennsylvania wife is under twenty-one, her husband is eight years older. He is a transvestite and both are bisexual and sado-masochists. While not disdaining normal sex relations, during only two years of marriage, they had come to prefer sexual enjoyment with persons of the same sex, always in each other's presence. They enjoyed pornography to the point that:

"Are there any type of photos I can send you? ——— [his wife] would be very happy to pose for some different shots for you. Just name it and we'll do our best."

The "best" revealed a smiling, attractive young brunette posing with a nylon whip used for discipline; naked save for hose and with wrists bound, ready for "torture"; posed indecently on a bed, naked except for shoes and net hose; posed on the same bed, wearing shoes and hose, a rubber article inserted in the vaginal orifice.

The husband liked to inflict pain on females, though preferring to have pain inflicted on himself by both sexes rather than one; the wife enjoyed punishing males but preferred her own punishment, particularly lashing on the buttocks and thighs, to come from attractive and aggressive females much older than herself. They enjoyed most of all what they referred to as "exquisite humiliations".

These humiliations consisted of forced cunnilingus and fellatio while bound, performed for both sexes, and following detailed and brutal treatment; prolonged oral anal contacts by both during homosexual and heterosexual embraces; acceptance of anal intercourse by both. All these acts had to be performed in such a manner as to debase and cause discomfort to the subject to the maximum degree.

It was a peculiarity of the husband's that, while he approved and enjoyed watching his wife perform fellatio for other men and cunnilingus for other women, he did not approve of these men copulating with her unless bound and unable to prevent it.

This man dressed himself in female underwear for all sex parties, wearing a brassière and falsies, a garter belt and hose and high-heeled shoes, and liked to think of himself as being "raped" by the other male. He subscribed to a transvestite magazine, and in this connection he is worth quoting:

*"...the editor tells me that the P.O. Dept. may check on subscribers in the near future. The mag itself has been cleared and is considered 'clean' but the Dept. feels that some **unsavoury people** may also subscribe and the members might write or correspond as the mag has a pen-pal section..."*

Inevitably, this man will be caught and with him his wife, and they will be punished. Since they themselves are the kind of unsavoury people referred to, such a warning from an editor should be sufficient. But while they realize the risks they run, the most they will do is cool off for awhile and then renew the illegal correspondence with the risks redoubled. The editor, on the other hand, will survive and, though still catering to this man, will accept lesser risks in continuing efforts to increase circulation.

These three cases are examples taken from scores of others across the country, and in only one case did those concerned not advertise. Thousands of singles and couples, sadists, masochists and sado-masochists advertise

for aggressive or submissive partners, and receive all possible help from publications and club bulletins catering to their needs, for profit. They find at their disposal organizations which supply the whips, belts and straps, the gags and hobbles, the instruments of torture - all for profit.

In May of 1961, in California, a man was ordered to stand trial on charges of beating his 15-month-old child to the point where the child's life was endangered. The infant suffered fractures of the right elbow, left forearm, right upper arm, rear of the head, plus burns of the mouth, chin, throat and chest, as well as bruises of the knees and hands and internal bleeding.

Earlier in the same year, in the same state, a couple was indicted in the rape-slaying of a child. The wife, herself pregnant and already a mother, cooperated with her husband in the kidnapping of the child, a sub-teenage girl. Knowing that the kidnapping was for the purpose of gratifying perverted sexual appetites, she nevertheless assisted in that gratification and was accomplice in the later murder.

This man's execution in San Quentin's gas chamber on November 14, 1961, and his wife's sentencing to life imprisonment did not help prevent scores of identical cases across the nation in the same year.

Magazines and clubs catering to sadists, as well as the other categories, continue to publish profitably. They accept their advertisements and continue to put them in touch with each other through pen-pal sections and club bulletins.

Because of legal technicalities, they are free from responsibility for sex crimes and are declared "clean" by those whose purpose it is to root them out.

Chapter Nine

In early 1961, the California press carried headlined articles on people who had been duped by bogus organizations with a legal appearance. California has more than its share of such organizations, and law enforcement agencies are extended in attempting to cope with them. Because of the strain placed on these agencies, it is not difficult to understand why some of the less obvious illegalities escape attention, notably those in the field of sex guidance.

I read an advertisement in a club bulletin which, though not stating so, nevertheless was inserted by a practitioner in this field. It read as follows:

TEXAS: *Married couple, 50 & 42, 5-5 & 5-3, teachers, enjoy metaphysics, photography, parties, are broad-minded and unconventional; all letters from sophisticated persons answered.*

My inquiry was forwarded from Texas to an address in California from which I received a reply on impressive stationery bearing a letterhead carrying the man's name and noting his degrees - a B.A. and M.A. He was described as a sex consultant and counsellor, dealing in personal, marital and teenage counselling... "First Interview Free - Write For Free Appointment".

He further stated he was a researcher on the sexual behaviour of children, adolescents, teenagers and adults, and a collector of erotica, books, pictures, pamphlets, etc. This description on the letterhead presumably clears him with the authorities with reference to the importation of volumes banned on the grounds of obscenity, and protects him while in possession of such material.

Explaining his new address, this man stated that he and his wife had moved from Texas in search of a better environment. They had met and associated with a compatible couple during their stay there but, though glad of this, they believed nevertheless that California was better suited to the line of work he had undertaken. He explained further that by "broad-minded" and "unconventional", they meant that they "don't hold anything back" and are "shockproof".

They still felt "somewhat inhibited" at times, "due to lack of experience", but they were willing to learn, and might be described as "highly cooperative under the right circumstances". To remove all doubt as to his meaning, he then gave his wife's measurements, 35-28-36, pointing out that, if the opposite male liked his partners passive, "he'll have to tie this one up".

After more such personal detail, he mentioned knowing a "nice" couple in Oakland and another couple in Richmond and requested permission to exchange names and addresses.

Following this, there were the usual warnings regarding care with photographs and language used, since postal inspectors, "disguised as broad-minded couples and singles", might write requesting photographs and "hot" letters. "Beware! Pictures can be exchanged later".

Apparently he was not aware that postal inspectors are not allowed to tempt people into breaking the law. He added, with reference to photographs, that personality and performance were what counted, not looks.

The question of colour was then mentioned. It was explained that his wife was from the South and, therefore, they had never had a "party" with coloured people. "Maybe someday but not right now. Do you see what I mean by inhibitions?"

Later on in the investigation he adopted an official tone. In sending a photograph of himself, he requested that the couple in Richmond be "consulted", and gave their names and address:

"I have not heard from *my other clients* but will give you their names when I do.

"You can keep this picture of *your counsellor* if you want to. *Please keep reporting your progress.*"

The italics are mine. This pretence at sex counselling continued throughout the correspondence, despite confessed ignorance on the subject, ignorance of grammar and misuse of quite ordinary scientific terms.

He stated further that his wife was a "little apprehensive" [sic] due to their lack of experience, but that they had decided to be "cooperative" and, since they "don't hold back", they had even been invited for a "repeat performance". They had "developed enough" to:

"...realize that the colour of the soul is what matter [sic] and not of the skin. However, we haven't, so far, crossed the line. It is in the future. The same goes for other colours.

"By free to talk, we mean freedom to approach a subject without having to watch one's words. As for freedom to act, I mean to do whatever is agreeable to one's partner. Restrictions get in the way of full realization. Pleasure being the keynote, it can be approach [approached] in several ways. Besides, it is the only way to grow and to get rid of whatever inhibitions one may have. Whatever little we know about sex we have learned this way and **it is**

too late to stop. *On the other hand, how can I call myself [a] sexologist without going through the whole way? The couple in Texas were our initiators and they do not play the game the way you do or the way we do. They just like the missionary position, separate rooms, and their conversation is full of labels. They get in the way! Intellectually and otherwise, I don't think there can be a let-down."*

This is bad enough and ignorant enough but, in discussing his wife's sexual experiences, and in relation to personal attempted experiments in anal intercourse, he stated that on the same occasion his wife found herself "morally" obligated [his italics] to reciprocate, but that she hadn't enjoyed "the experience, either". He added that they hadn't had enough "experience to know whether" they were "ambisexual or bisexual". While the layman sometimes confuses the two terms, it is somewhat surprising that even a phoney sexologist doesn't know if he is a bisexual.

As for anal intercourse, he was of the opinion that a lot of women "like it".

"...more than you think! On the other hand, you'd be surprised *how many women I had to talk to in order to let their husbands do it that way. I have to instruct the husband. ..*"

It quite escaped his attention that, even from a qualified sexologist, such advice and acceptance of it would be punishable by law. It did not occur to him, either, that it is a moral and ethical offense to persuade persons to do something in which they do not believe or which they do not enjoy.

The wife of this sexologist is a schoolteacher in charge of sub-teenage children, and "she hardly has time for anything else". He had forced her to drop her work on Fridays and Saturdays, and she had begun to enjoy this "separation of activities", although they did not have many friends in the locality in which they now lived. She was "pretty shy" but would communicate later. However he, he promised, would have plenty of surprises. "And believe me, this is the first time that I get ideas when thinking on statistics!!!" Apart from the questions raised regarding the fitness of such a woman to have charge of the education of young children, it will be observed that her husband never missed an opportunity to continue the pretence of being a scientist or, in this case, a statistician. Yet despite this pretence he was prepared to defer to another layman who might be more informed:

"I did not mean to give you the impression that I or we are experts. As a matter of fact, *we are just beginning and we realize that there is a lot for us to learn, especially from people like you who undoubtedly know more than we do* This *ignorance* has determined our 'cooperative' role with *partners who know more than we do* " [My italics.]

And further:

"I knew after I read your previous letter that you knew more than us, and we would welcome any knowledge coming from you and your help would be greatly appreciated."

As to how he became a sexologist with an office and a clientele, he confessed that, after twenty years of teaching Spanish and counselling, he was not able to get a certificate when he and his wife arrived in California, so he decided to "go into" something he enjoyed more - marriage counselling, specializing in sex problems.

This decided, he had "great difficulties" because all his academic training had been in what he called the "unrelated field" of languages. "Little do they realize" ["they" presumably being the academic authorities] that, because of his knowledge of languages, he could "very easily detect when people are not telling the truth". He did not say how or if his "great difficulties" were overcome but was quite definite that he set up a practice because:

"So far I have just had a handful of cases which, by the way, *I have solved satisfactorily.* [My italics] I realize that my knowledge of sex is limited, for instance. But don't forget that I am dealing with the 'average' marriage, the one in which the partners don't even know what sex is. Double-daters, as I call the couples in our *movement* [my italics], would have as much use for my counselling as they would for an extra hole in their heads."

Here ignorance is used as an excuse and extenuating circumstances because of the greater ignorance of the patients.

It is not my purpose to draw conclusions. But the presence of such a man in any community, free to open an office and to advertise as a consultant and expert on sex relations, surely poses many dangers.

It will be noted that he claimed to have solved cases satisfactorily, and it may be asked exactly what this means.

Satisfactorily from the viewpoint of whom? That of the couples and individuals concerned? If so, how is this to be proved? Or satisfactorily from this man's viewpoint alone?

If the latter, then exactly how much moral damage has been done? And how much will be done in the future to all those who seek his advice? More to the point, how much damage will be done to teenagers who, in the normal process of growing up, will find themselves with all kinds of problems and will need the best advice obtainable?

Today the states provide adequate sex counselling for those in need of it or, if not, then license properly investigated private organizations, the members of which are proven experts. Any qualified medical practitioner will willingly serve as a guide to these experts.

But this "expert" is simply a married man who "trades" his wife with other men for their wives, and indulges with them in sexual excesses. His activities to date are shielded by the fact that, because of some loophole in the laws of a state, he is permitted to open an office for the purpose of giving sex counsel, advertise this in a reputable manner and also advertise in disreputable journals. He even obtains immunity from interference with the obscene mail he both receives and sends.

If the man uses obscenity to a client, then he is merely scientifically adapting himself to that client, and using the language the client understands in order to help him and not cause confusion by using difficult terms. When he uses obscenity himself, he always manages to refer to the scientific viewpoint, mentions words like "statistics" and attempts to convey the impression that he is labouring for the worthiest of causes.

It should not be necessary to point out that, while a scientist may accept obscenities within their context, he does not deal with them himself. He does not use the vernacular for coitus or the genitalia, or for the various methods and techniques of sex. Especially, he does not use himself or his marital partner, or their sex life, as a means of establishing rapport or of comparing notes. The personal is eschewed even in a normal doctor-patient relationship, and the scientist is far more detached. But this "scientist" deliberately seeks the most intimately personal.

Not only did he describe in detail his own and his wife's sexual experiments with other couples, but he also supplied the names and addresses of couples with whom others may "trade":

"...I just heard from another couple in Fresno... They travel a lot. I quote from his letter: 'We are a professional couple and considered attractive. She is in middle thirties, me in middle forties. We have no children and neither can have, so with no encumbrances we get around the state quite a bit, particularly me as my business takes me out of town a great deal. We like most everything and in particular the unusual. We have a Polaroid camera and have much pleasure with same at parties.' If you care, I'll tell them to contact you after I get their permission."

Yet again, he described a male with abnormally large sexual attributes and suggested a meeting:

"The man, although not married, travels with a very nice-looking girl who is also an expert but ignores [does not know] if they are bisexuals. This couple lives in Vancouver and are planning to visit us late in July or early August, and they are interested in having couples to visit during the trip, so please let me know."

Still on a scientific basis, he included with the letter photographs of himself and his wife, posed indecently in the nude.

Such letterheads and envelopes as this man uses, bearing his alleged profession as well as his name and address, lend themselves to abuses. Medical and scientific sources in many cases are responsible for the importation of pornographic books from Europe and elsewhere which are banned in the United States. I have seen one such book, *Linda's Strange Vacation*, published by the Oceanic Press, Paris, France, and obtained through the mails by a doctor in New Mexico for non-medical friends. One other doctor known to me has a vast pornographic collection amassed in this way, though it must be emphasized that such individuals are the exception and very far from being the rule.

But it is precisely because medical men and scientists receive such scanty attention from customs and postal authorities that the man discussed in this chapter seeks to identify himself with them.

That is why it is stated that he is a researcher on sexual behaviour, a sex consultant and counsellor, and why he openly advertises the fact that he is a "Collector of Erotica, Books, Pamphlets, Pictures, Etc." or, in a single word, pornography. And it is this tactic that does not absolve him from blame within the terms of the law, which is doubtful in the circumstances, at least for the time being he is exempt from serious scrutiny. With him are many more "sexologists" with no serious pretensions whatever to being what they claim.

This is the history of one such "sexologist" - a fake consultant and a marriage and teenage counsellor without credentials - who advertised in a club bulletin along with less self-glorified seekers after illicit erotic adventures, and who was investigated from that point.

Chapter Ten

Frequently during this investigation instances were found of one partner attempting to persuade the other to indulge in sex trading. In more cases than not, the aggressive partner was found to be the wife. The case chosen, that of a couple in a small town in Massachusetts, also illustrates how one partner “cheats” on the other, how both take this “cheating” for granted, and how neither objects as long as it does not give rise to scandal or is not brought too blatantly to either’s attention. It supplies, in addition, a commentary on the moral standards of the community in which this couple lives.

The wife in question placed an advertisement in a club bulletin with her husband’s full approval. It read:

MASS.: *Married woman, broad-minded, venturesome, seeks contact with other broad-minded married couples and singles who enjoy sociable get-togethers and modern fun. All answered.*

To show this is not an isolated case and that other women do not shy away from taking the initiative, another advertisement in the same bulletin is cited:

MASS.: *Broad-minded married lady seeks news from venturesome couples, singles, clubs, who enjoy modern fun. She and her girlfriend would like to induce husbands to participate in more social activities. She is 37, 5-2, 128.*

A query to the first woman brought a forthright reply and put the advertiser’s case beyond any doubt.

First age, weight, height and measurements were given, the latter being 35-26-37... “Definitely not the M.M. type, just average, as you can see”.

She further stated that her advertisement had not been worded as she had intended and had proved misleading. Her original intention had been to correspond with couples and married pairs who agreed on so-called “modern sociability”, or, “to put it a little more bluntly, swapping”. The purpose was to learn how other couples agreed on participating, and how it worked out for them. She hoped eventually to get her husband to “wake up and get a little more variety into life”.

Since she had passed 35, she said, she had wanted more variety and had a greater capacity for more prolonged sex than when she was younger. Her sex life with her husband had become “routine”, and unlike her, he “took it for granted that a ‘quickie’ once in awhile was enough”. She wanted more than that. And when she heard married women friends at work speak of occasional “unusual times” they had at get-togethers, or of outside liaisons that produced “very satisfactory” experiences, she wondered “just what was missing”.

She had often thought of “just going out and finding ‘it’ alone”, but that could produce “disastrous results” if her husband found out and she believed, “the couple that goes out playing together will stay together”. Also her husband, other than “being a little on the routine side”, is a “good” husband.

She admitted that going out alone can be “interesting” for she had done so on several occasions and had had “exceedingly pleasant times that way”, each generally occurring when she “went out with a group of girls”. The next day, however, was one of remorse and worry lest “someone should find out”, and no matter how enjoyable the experience, this worry made it seem not worthwhile... “At least, not that way. I am interested in trying variety in techniques and ability”. She was also interested in finding out for herself whether all men were the same or, as one well-versed girlfriend had intimated, “some were better than others”. But she would like to do all this discovering with her husband.

She repeated that correspondence was her original plan, with the possibility of meeting compatible couples later on, “so long as I can convince him and get him started”.

There had been a great deal of reaction to her advertisement and she had heard from scores of couples and singles. The ad had been, in the main, misinterpreted. Those who answered had assumed she and her husband were already “swappers” and were seeking to enlarge their circle.

She couldn’t say, however, that she hadn’t “enjoyed” this misinterpretation since she had “had more propositions in a month” than she “could take in a year” from couples as well as single men and women.

“Couples generally have expressed a desire to meet, if possible, and others, who feel the distance is too great, are writing an exchange of ideas on how to get started. Have you any suggestions?”

“Some of the couples that wish to meet have sent photos taken in the outfits Mother Nature presented them...” This woman went into some detail regarding her illicit sex life, telling of a younger man with whom she had intercourse:

“Mmmm, such sweet music, but you know I still had that feeling of guilt when I got home and that took the edge off the sweetness lasting.”

Referring to female masturbation, she told of another married woman producing a dildo from her bag at a social gathering, observing that it was not merely for show. She comments herself:

"If she had a bunch to sell, she'd have done plenty of business that night, believe me. But as it was, she had bought that, along with a few ticklers, from a suitcase salesman that stopped where she worked."

Her frankness in these matters applied also to her husband. She supplied his first name and his age, height, weight, the colour of his eyes and hair, and then deplored his inadequate sexual endowments.

She was equally uninhibited regarding her women friends, telling of one "who took on four men in a car", and another who allowed two men to take her out regularly and copulated with both on the way home.

Again discussing masturbation, she mentioned that her "favourite item is a novelty rubber doll that I got at a Christmas party... about nine inches long..." She continually expressed her regret at being unable to obtain a dildo, "or old maid's friend, as some call them", and told of seeking a source of supply for french ticklers and related articles.

With reference to her husband, she described his preference for large-busted women and related how, "though he doesn't know that I know it", he had an affair "with this party that we both know. She has tits like a cow. I've seen them, a good D' or better, and from what she told others, he just couldn't suck and fondle them enough". She continued: "I should have got mad then, but didn't for some reason or other. That was a couple of years ago and at that time I wasn't in the mood I am now, or his fucking her would have made a damn good opening for me to get going on some cocksucking. I wish that it was now, and all the problems would be solved for me to get what I want, as much as I want, with who I want. She doesn't live around here now, so I can't go up to her now and say, Let's get together; you make a date with him, let me in on it, and when he knows I know you're laying him, he'll agree to get out in the open, and we can both get some strange fucks, either together or on our own, without any complaints'. It would be just delovely, if she were around here and that could happen..."

It was at this point that this woman confessed that her husband had full knowledge of her advertisement and of her correspondence, that he "doesn't mind", and had read most of the answers. Some letters, since they contained reaction to her more personal criticisms, he did not read. She then told of requesting his comments on various sug gestions regarding techniques and methods of exchanging mates, reporting disappointedly that "he wouldn't commit himself to saying that he would be interested"

Here the wife decided to attack from another direction and began to enlist the aid of other wives, inviting them to: "...take it over and write him, telling him what's in the offering [sic], and the advantages you've found in both of you sharing your interests in sexing it up together with others, and what he can expect from you and those who practice the fine art of sexual pleasure... so... write him a good letter, and let's see what does come out of it, and what answer he sends, if any."

She added as an inducement that this aid would result in lesbian get-togethers for herself and other women, threesomes with other women and their husbands, and in one case, "with a little bit of encouragement some hot pics of you and I and another man and I".

At this point, also, she supplied the names and addresses of three other couples who traded sex, liked indecent correspondence and would exchange sexual experiences and pornographic photographs of themselves at get-togethers, plus a divorcee in Holland, Michigan, who had similar in terests, a couple in Azusa, California, another in Richmond, California, and an Army sergeant and his wife in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

The name of the couple in Richmond, California was quoted frequently by contacts. They will be dealt with at length, later.

With reference to specific couples and to cunnilingus and fellatio, this woman told of one of her male contacts and of the amazement he had expressed at the number of males and females who indulged in both. She had introduced the subject when this man and his wife had answered her advertisement, had suggested that they insert their own advertisement, and since doing so they had received a great deal of mail with "admissions of oral sex".

Another couple had informed her that they were practising sex trading, but later on it transpired that they had not yet done so. According to the husband, his wife was having regular sex relations with an old friend. The husband knew of this and approved, and wanted another woman himself, but every time they had a meeting with one of the couples they had contacted, his wife found some excuse not to go through with the arrangement with the other man:

"The net result so far, she's fucking her buddy, and he's still trying. The damn fool, when his wife refuses to take on the other guy, lets things go by, and won't fuck the other woman, even if her husband and her agree that he can NUTS! He's got the will, his wife hasn't, yet I've got the will, my husband hasn't Things are sometimes arranged a little screwy..."

The husband's reaction to the efforts of another woman who sought to "aid" his wife in persuading him to sex trading, as she had suggested, showed how each was attempting to out-manoeuvre the other . His letter amounted to a proposition which would allow him enjoyment of the other woman without his wife's knowledge.

This husband was nothing if not cautious. He admitted - as did his wife - to extra-marital affairs. He was very

complacent about this, dwelling upon his sexual successes at some length, and obviously was not aware of his wife's knowledge of his liaison with the big-busted neighbourhood woman some two years earlier. He was a little contemptuous of his wife, though he admitted that, "with married women" this desire for "trying other men" has been kept suppressed, but is now at the point where they, too, are trying an occasional new shoe, but still with the fear of being found out and chastised in some way, shape or manner.

Although admitting to an "interest" in the other woman, he would not commit himself to a meeting, but acknowledged he had known for some time that it was his wife's desire to swap and, generally speaking, he went "along with her wishes to try this, among other things that have become of interest to her". He did not, however, rule out a separate meeting for himself.

As for his wife's lesbian desires, he had no objection to other women indulging in parties with her "so long as there are limitations and the utmost discretion is used". He did not define lesbian limitations. He would "put my foot down" if there were "interference in our own relationship", since he feared that any lesbian involvement might result in estrangement. He ended by admitting that he might be turned "in the right direction", because he was "not inhuman, after all".

No matter how wrong she may have been, the wife in this case appeared in a more favourable light than did her husband. She, at least, was honest. She consistently refused meetings on the grounds that her husband must be a party to whatever was afoot, but he had no such scruples about another man's wife. No matter what action she took, onus was on her, and he was free to judge and condemn, should he see fit. With regard to the advertisement and subsequent letters and indecent photographs received, he had prior knowledge and gave consent, and shared in her "appreciation". On legal grounds, he was equally culpable, and morally, any man who would indulge his wife in such a hobby is worse than she.

Once again, this is a respectable housewife, a good woman, who, to help the family and ensure its future security, has taken an outside job. The husband himself is a successful small businessman. They have children of school age and own their own home.

The wives of whom this woman speaks, the women who, after a few drinks at a party, can relax sufficiently to discuss their "on-the-side" copulations with strange males picked up after office get-togethers, are the wives of friends and neighbours and are mothers themselves. These are the women who can produce dildos at "hen parties" without any objections being raised and tell of french ticklers bought from door-to-door salesmen. They "take on" four men in a car as a sort of enormous joke, and copulate with two more on the way home from an evening's entertainment. According to this woman, these wives exchange suggestions on methods of masturbation.

This Massachusetts city may not be representative of other cities in that state. The society in which this woman moves may be an extraordinary one in any city in any state, but the fact remains that two other women in Massachusetts advertised in almost identical terms in the same club bulletin, and there were many more advertisements of this type, also inserted by women.

In the conspiracy with these women, and behind the pornographic correspondence and photographs, and the sex trading efforts in Massachusetts and elsewhere, are the individuals who build the clubs and issue the bulletins - and think only of profit.

Chapter Eleven

If one can become sexually accustomed to a specifically chosen partner, then one can become accustomed to any partner. This is something which sex traders soon realize whether consciously or unconsciously. It is a second stage with them, and once it is reached there is a driving need for other sexual unfamiliarities, other alien sexual satisfactions.

For some, this means a larger and larger circle of similarly motivated people, and larger parties. For others, it means seeking even more bizarre satisfactions that go beyond sadism and masochism or homosexual experiences.

Typical examples of what must be described as a drive toward moral and physical nihilism may be seen in two cases involving couples not known to each other, one in Oregon and one in California. In each the pattern has been the same since marriage, though pre-marital backgrounds differ radically.

The Oregon couple had no pre-marital experience. Their marriage came as the culmination of a high school romance and not until almost twelve years later did either experience sex with an outsider. They live in a small community in which every third or fourth inhabitant is a relative either by blood or by marriage, and they came directly into the sex trading world by way of curiosity about advertisements in magazines. They are still in their thirties and their children, two boys, are in their teens. The husband has his own business. They are regular churchgoers and are prominent in all civic undertakings. They believe that enjoyment of sex "has nothing to do with love", or with the mental, spiritual or emotional. That is exactly how they put it.

The background of the other couple is far different.

The husband is 50 and the wife's age is 42. They were formerly in the Navy and Air Force respectively, and he has also seen long service in the merchant marine. Both come from wretched surroundings. In the case of the man, there was a broken home, poverty and an early introduction to all that is worst in life. On the woman's side there was a home life made miserable by drunkenness, prostitution and brawling. She ceased to be a virgin at the age of 14 and, on her own admission, over a period of approximately 25 years until marriage, had lived with man after man and, between men, with lesbian women. Her husband's life until marriage had been similar except that, while in the Navy and merchant marine, his heterosexual and homosexual experiences had been more varied, including men and women of almost every nationality.

These two couples could not be more different. Yet they argue the case for their interpretation of a satisfactory sex life from the same standpoint. They confuse humans with animals, reasoning from the animal viewpoint without realizing that animals have no moral issues to prove or defend or that biological fact is not moral truth. In the ancient struggle between animal and man, they have yielded to the animal.

In the lives of each of these couples, the pattern has been the same. The only difference lies in the timing. With the Oregon couple, the pattern developed within a relatively short time, two years at most, whereas with the California couple the pattern had been developing throughout most of their lives prior to marriage. The California couple has not lived as carefully or as normally as the Oregonians nor do they seek justification to the same degree. The Oregonians planned their course deliberately, as follows:

- (1) Habituation with normal marital relations.
- (2) Acceptance, through books, magazines and newspapers, of the extra-marital relationships of others.
- (3) Impersonal theoretic agreement.
- (4) Personal theoretic agreement after discussion.
- (5) Discussion of theoretic experimentation.
- (6) Experimentation with others after membership in clubs and subsequent correspondence.
- (7) Homosexual experimentation and acceptance of bisexual relations with others.
- (8) Satiety and boredom with both heterosexual and bisexual relationships.
- (9) An effort to discover new fields of sexual enjoyment.

The California couple detailed their sex history from their earliest years. In discussing bisexuality, the wife admitted to a keen desire for new lesbian experiences and recalled that her first such experience had been with her sister at the age of ten. They had fondled each other and then had engaged in cunnilingus. Later on, this woman admitted to other lesbian experiences, particularly while in the service, and gave details impossible to print beyond the fact that she frowned on mutual simultaneous cunnilingus and preferred the active and passive roles performed separately. With men, she preferred cunnilingus and fellatio, or anal intercourse, the latter for reasons to be discussed later.

The husband had experienced homosexual activity at 17 with another youth of the same age [I cannot reproduce the text because of its obscenity]. After he had left home and was rooming with the other boy, money was scarce and they were not able to afford even the small entertainment necessary for the procurement of girls. They had, while indulging in masturbation, discussed the desirability of one of them being a female in order that both might achieve satisfaction. They had later exchanged roles for masturbation purposes and had passed from that to anal intercourse, then to joint fellatio. He revealed that, once commenced, there was never any desire to cease homosexual practices in the years that followed, despite heterosexual activities and improvement in economic status.

With reference to her preference for anal intercourse, the wife stated that, at any early age, she had an accident whereby, through a fall, a stake was driven into the vaginal area and the pelvic bones "grew back" so closely together that, in later years, normal intercourse was extremely painful. Because of this, she had come to prefer cunnilingus in her relationships with men and had become accustomed to performing fellatio. Later, she had allowed rectal penetration and now had reached the point where she experienced rectal orgasms to a greater degree, she believed, than those received from vaginal penetration. According to her, these orgasms were far more intense than those experienced by women of her acquaintance at the climax of normal intercourse. She added, also, that many of these women insisted on anal climaxing for the male as a birth control measure.

This couple had an aversion to hirsuteness. They had discovered a method of depilation guaranteed against "scratchy regrowth" and offered it as a service to all couples with whom they consorted. In no case would they agree to a sex party unless the other couple had first either consented to depilate in advance, or as they preferred, allowed them to depilate, she the man and he the woman. Their acquaintance with other such couples was wide, though not always satisfactory from their standpoint. On one occasion, this childless pair related that the night was spoiled by the attention required by the young children of the other couple: "Another couple we were with one night down here had three kids in the next room, so we didn't enjoy that at all."

On numerous occasions during the night, the wife stated irascibly, they had been interrupted, once during fellatio on her husband when the mother had to leave hurriedly to attend to "one of her squalling brats", and while she herself had been fortunate in that sense, the father's endeavours and orgies had not made up for this. On other occasions, copulation itself had been interrupted, once during an intricate activity involving all four and, again, it had been her husband "who had suffered". It had gone "on all night", and since the others did not enjoy anal intercourse, and because of other divergencies in taste, each couple had "ended up together", and that was "the last time for us, you can bet".

Both "decorated" themselves with rings, earrings and scatter pins. The loose flesh below the glans of the male sex organ had been pierced and the man wore earrings and other ornaments there. He had also had his nipples pierced in order that he might wear earrings and scatter pins. Pho tographs were submitted, proving this, as well as photographs of the wife with both breasts decorated.

Some evenings both would wear earrings and scatter pins sex organs, don loose "clothing" and "then go for a walk around the block". On such occasions, no sooner had they returned than the friction and pleasurable irritation they had experienced during their walk would cause them to disrobe feverishly and fall into each other's arms.

Even less credible is the history of the Oregon couple.

Although their experiences had covered less time and they had known fewer couples, such minor titillations were not for them. The one plea of the wife, an attractive brunette, was for discretion. She continually emphasized the need for caution and her horror of being "found out". Despite this, she had no hesitation in telling of a sex party with a Canadian couple, after an introduction by mail via a club bulletin, during which every conceivable sexual act had been performed, with the exception of one on her part.

This woman had an abnormal fear of pregnancy because her husband had had a vasectomy and her family knew it. At the party, therefore, she did not have intercourse with the other husband, although she performed fellatio for him and cunnilingus with his wife, and they did the same for her and her husband. She made it quite clear that, although nothing else was barred, copulation would never be allowed unless the other husband were "fixed". Even in discussing her "dream" of copulation with a negro with a "giant" sex organ, the impossibility of finding one who is "safe" is foremost in her thoughts.

This woman, fully abetted by her husband, was continually on the search for new thrills. They had experimented with anal intercourse, but because of her extreme discomfort the results were unsatisfactory. So keen was her desire to "try everything" however, that it had been arranged that, at their next meeting, the Canadian husband would initiate her, since he was less well endowed than her own husband, and his wife had given her personal assurance of his expertness in this direction. She discussed the methods he would probably use and then shifted from that to her love of fellatio, giving details of her technique with her husband and other men to the extent of some 300 words in all.

This woman was obsessed with animals. She continually referred to accounts she had read, or of which she had heard, of the copulations of women with beasts, from classical times to the present, from the Cretan bull to the Cairene donkey. She was determined to emulate these women and dwelt on the possibilities of dogs and goats. And, at last, she succeeded. Previously she had implied, rather than stated, that they had had no success in this direction, and then:

"We have just obtained a magnificent animal for our personal pet as well as watchdog and family companion. He is a Boxer and Great Dane combination. When we purchased him we only hoped that he would have the tendency to fuck women, so we could train him. We got him home and found that he not only had the tendency but also the knowledge. He is three years old and someone has trained him to fuck a woman already!"

Thereafter followed a description of how the husband brought the animal into the bedroom and the wife undressed and prepared herself. The the husband helped the dog and actually effected sexual union between the animal and his wife.

She commented, among other things that cannot be printed:

"...we ourselves have enjoyed this. Yes, as I said, the dog loves it as much as I do.... What a thrill it is I... We've tried other dogs but they were too small or too afraid... We've had fun (with other dogs), but it [this dog] is really erotic..." She added belatedly: "Perhaps this is a wee bit late to say this but we hope the foregoing incident doesn't disgust you... Now that we have the means for it, there will be many times like it to follow."

This reveals how, for some, even joint extra-marital "thrills" can pall and point the way to more and different, bigger and better and more alien thrills.

It need only be added that this young wife and mother now seeks other and bigger animals, still abetted by her husband, and regrets only the difficulties that accompany such a quest.

Chapter Twelve

A glance at any of the private bulletins issued by various clubs reveals husband-and-wife advertising teams from every state in the union, and it may be wondered how many of these couples are seeking to engage in correspondence leading to sex trading and how many are innocent. Study of one bulletin, followed by research on a liberal cross-section, determined that advertisers could be divided into four categories:

- (1) The innocent and very small minority which shied away from any discussion of sex habits, orthodox or otherwise, approximately five per cent.
- (2) Those who desired only to exchange pornographic photographs and correspondence (those who enjoyed "artistic modelling"), approximately fifteen per cent.
- (3) Those who did not want to engage in correspondence over any prolonged period and insisted upon knowing only those who lived within driving distance in order to effect reasonably swift meetings, approximately thirty per cent.
- (4) Those who would correspond with all, education, social status and attractions accepted, but who wanted swift meetings and would drive or fly to effect them, or expected those with whom they were in contact to do so, fifty per cent.

For the purpose of research, the first and second categories were deemed unfruitful, and the fourth presented what appeared to be insuperable difficulties, so I decided to concentrate on the third.

I first answered the ad of a couple in the St. Petersburg Tampa area saying that a vacation in Florida was due, and I asked for a definition of "broad-mindedness", "sophisticated behaviour" and "modernity".

The reply received was to the point. No obscenities or suggestive terms were used by the husband who answered, but he made it clear that he and his wife indulged in joint extra-marital sex and enjoyed modern get-togethers.

This particular man was unpleasant on any terms and his case would not be cited were it not for the fact that it illustrates how one contact inevitably leads to many others across the country. Because of him, my investigation turned in quite another direction, to Memphis, Tennessee and then to St. Louis, Missouri.

The Florida correspondent, like many others contacted, was in business for himself and more than comfortably well-off. He owned his home and was a father.

What made him objectionable was the air of sanctimoniousness with which he contrived to cloak everything, even sex trading. This, in its peculiar way, was more offensive, because of its pseudo-holiness, than the more frank attitudes of other, much cruder men. Only on three occasions did he allow himself to use the vernacular, and then the terms used were calculated to cause the least offense. He had more sexual ego than appetite, but he did exchange his wife for other men's wives, and she was cooperative.

He recounted two occasions on which sex trading had taken place with the prior knowledge and consent of all concerned. On another occasion, it was revealed that, while he was successful with the other man's wife, his own wife had not been successful with the husband due (he felt) to her "backwardness" and reticence. As matters stood when my contact with him was broken, he and the two women were conniving to get the other husband into the arrangement "following a church picnic".

This man was very much concerned with the dangers involved in connection with U.S. Postal Inspectors. It was a subject he could not leave. He talked of a friend, who also "traded", and of the warnings given to this friend by a "friendly" official, presumably a postal inspector. He dwelt on the guile of these men in seeking to trap those who contravened postal laws, pointing out how inspectors posed as "modern couples and singles" belonging to clubs in order to "get the goods on them". Frequently he excused what he called his "caution", but "you just never know", and he went to extreme lengths in relaying and repeating warnings. An attempt was made to learn the identity of the "friendly official" but without success. Questions were evaded, not answered or deliberately misunderstood, and when persistence began to take on the appearance of investigation, the subject had to be dropped.

But despite the warnings he relayed, despite his preoccupation with the dangers that he and others like him undoubtedly face, this man cannot help himself. Aware that his family and future are at stake, he has no control over what he is doing, and even supplies colour slides of himself and his wife in the nude.

Sometime after this contact was broken, a letter was received from a couple in Memphis, Tennessee. It stated briefly that they were friends of the Florida man and "lived life in the same way", having thrown away the "usual stupid rules" of conventional behaviour. It was their opinion that the Florida man, despite photographs, was "trying to promote something for himself", without his wife's knowledge, which was not the case with them.

The Memphis couple was "new at modern living", having only traded sex with one other couple to date, but they

were "willing" and held out "much hope" for the future. They both dated separately when they could, though this was difficult for the wife since "she had to stay around home".

Other free-loving couples in their area were drinkers and irresponsible, and they did not associate with them because they did not wish to become involved either in scandals or divorces, and because they "deeply love" each other.

Since the husband travelled a great deal because of his business, he did not suffer from the restrictions imposed on his wife and free-dated as often as he could. His wife was not left out, however, because when he slept with a strange woman, he was always careful to tell her of it in detail on his return home, and their "sexual transports were redoubled much to her enjoyment and satisfaction".

On one occasion this man had procured another man, a friend, for his wife. He invited the man to his home and, after some drinking, had pretended to "pass out" in order to give his wife free rein.

According to the wife, the experience had been far from satisfactory, since the man, uneasy because of the proximity of the "passed-out" husband in the next room, had only partially undressed himself and had been "too quick and too excited". Sexual union had been of very short duration, and she had failed to climax.

This couple sent colour slides of themselves, developed by the husband, in which she performed fellatio and he cunnilingus, separately and simultaneously, and also revealing them copulating in various positions. In each case their faces had been scratched out with the point of a knife in an unsuccessful attempt to prevent identification.

Because of this defacement, there was a suspicion that "they" might be a single individual posing as a couple in order to gather pictorial pornography, but doubts were resolved a short time later when word was received that they were to trade sex with a new couple they had met, and they promised to supply full information, as well as names and address.

Details sent of this party were explicit. After the new couple had arrived they had dined together, had a "few drinks to loosen up and set the mood", watched some "dirty" movies the Memphis husband had "waiting", and then, leaving their wives together to talk "things over", the husbands had gone to the kitchen and "talked things over" themselves. On their return, they found their wives were agreeable to trading, whereupon one wife had taken the other's husband to her bedroom, while her husband stayed with the other wife and they availed themselves of the settee in the living room.

Further details evidenced cunnilingus and fellatio by both couples, the visiting wife having a "passion" for the latter. Next morning multiple sex acts were performed after a night of separation, and both wives cooperated in taking contraceptive measures.

The Memphis couple had been married for more than ten years at this time, whereas the other couple, who hailed from St. Louis, Missouri, had only been married for fourteen months. Oddly enough, the latter couple had vastly more experience in sex trading with other couples.

A short time after this get-together there was a quarrel between these couples over the exchange of pornographic photographs. The St. Louis husband objected to receiving the slides with the mutilations to prevent identification in return for those he had sent of his wife and himself. He expressed himself forcibly on the subjects of trust "and true friendship".

His own photographs were easily identified. Most of them were of his wife in the nude except for hose and shoes, posing indecently on a bed and an easy chair, and masturbating with various objects. One full-length photograph showed him leaning against an easy chair, half-sitting, while his wife knelt beside him and performed fellatio.

They were equally frank about the other couples with whom they had traded. They criticized individual shortcomings in performance and technique, particularly those of the husbands. On one occasion the shortcomings dealt with were those of a visiting Canadian wife who "only put out to" the husband because her husband liked to experience other women. With one physically attractive couple an approach to homosexuality was made by the women, and a photograph was supplied showing them naked in each other's arms on a settee, indulging in indecent caresses.

This St. Louis couple sought continually for tenderness and affection with the couples with whom they traded. They consistently asked for sensitivity, for what other people would call genuine love-making, in their liaisons.

Time after time this plea was made, and the wife describes how, after one particularly disappointing and unrewarding session with another husband, she and her own husband had been "almost pathetically glad" to get "back in each other's arms".

According to both, the husband is unduly sensitive, easily upset by poor behaviour on the part of another woman, but still "happy to go along" for his wife's sake. In his opinion, she, despite a condition evidently approaching nymphomania, is equally sensitive and just as liable to shredded nerves from the roughness or insensitivity of her sex partners.

A continuing point was made of this, and yet this sensitive wife, desiring anal intercourse and discussing

attempts made by her husband and her resultant discomfort, expressed disappointment that she was not yet to experience the "odd thrills" known to other women of whom she had heard and requested suggestions on how to succeed.

This young couple admitted to having grown sexually accustomed to each other, in little over one year, and to having maintained a continual quest for new partners and adventures. In comparison, there is another couple in Illinois, married for over 20 years and with a grown son, who, though dating separately for years, have never shared another couple in each other's presence. They painstakingly advertise this.

According to this Illinois couple, their extra-marital adventures have been numerous and widespread. The husband, with his wife's knowledge and approval, has sex with several married girlfriends and pick-ups, and the wife, on the same terms, has many steady men friends. They have both run the sexual gamut but separately, and it is their one desire to share with another couple, enjoy voyeurism and take photographs of each other "in all the acts with" another partner. In order to achieve this they advertise, outline their interests in the most specific terms, and supply nude, in decent photographs of themselves.

They are a middle-aged couple, the previously discussed couple is half their age, and yet both risk everything because they have grown accustomed to each other. One couple is just beginning marriage, the other has been married many years, and both have the same moral flaws, both willingly run the same dangers.

All the usual pornographic channels are open to these people, and they are well-acquainted with them. They have access to forbidden films, banned books and photographs.

Nothing can possibly add to their knowledge of the lewd and indecent, and yet they want to learn again and again from others what they have already learned and know by heart.

Endlessly, they want to confirm that they are not alone, as if by some form of mental manipulation, they seek to prove for themselves that they are normal. They want to believe that other people think as they do, and that all the world is the same if only the world would admit it and stop hiding itself behind a wall of hypocrisy and pseudo-respectability.

While many of these people are men, married and single, many also are women. There have been cases, cited to me by the authorities, where the offender has been a married man whose activities have been carried on without his wife's knowledge. While living an outwardly respectable life, he has been living another, a secret life apart from his family, and when exposed, has appeared to them as the kind of monster read about in newspapers and periodicals. Sometimes it is the wife and not the husband, just as often it is a single girl or man. There is no set, recognizable type.

There is one such man, young and unmarried, living in the New York area. He has the normal sexual outlets available in any city in this age of contraceptives and sexual revolution, and yet his entire private life consists of pornography exchanged with girls and married women, either pictorial or printed. He is obsessed with lesbianism and collects and exchanges photographs of beautiful models engaged in lesbian acts. This does not interfere with his heterosexual appreciation, though heterosexuality must always be expressed in the most perverted manner possible. His contacts range nationwide and as far afield as the Philippines, where a photographer makes a speciality of posing girls in lesbian exchanges.

He has one overwhelming fixation. It is for women's panties, worn and soiled and not laundered. He boasted of a collection of these, wanted to add to it and, to do so, was prepared to do anything. He had one fear, that of parcels going astray, and begged that "junior" be added to his name to ensure that neither parent opened his mail in error, since he bore the name of his father. He stressed the "decency" and uprightness of both parents.

Another man of this type lives at the other end of the country, in Texas. He is married and his wife knows of his interests and, though having no sympathy with them herself, apparently approves his contacts with other women and his need to degrade himself with them.

This man's overpowering need is to be dominated by the opposite sex and, his wife failing him, he seeks experiences with other women without distinction as to class. He is excited by relating circumstances under which he has been dominated by various women, of the incredible conditions imposed by them for their services, of the whippings and sexual humiliations to which he was subjected, and which, incidentally, he now misses. Because of this need, he seeks, through advertisements in club bulletins, to contact similar women and as many as possible, married or single, accompanied by their husbands and men friends or not, as long as he may be again degraded and humiliated and used bestially. He named many female contacts and was willing to hold these "sessions" in his home, since his wife "doesn't mind" as long as she is not involved.

Still another married man, this time in California, makes such contacts with his wife's knowledge and approval.

He supplied names and addresses of couples in California, Oregon and New York with whom they had traded sex in the past, a dozen, in all. His only regret was that these activities had been discontinued because, since his wife had entered menopause, her behaviour had become uncertain, and life had become "considerably less exciting that way". He added that much would depend upon the other husband, and that "it would help a lot" were the other wife to be attractive in the nude.

This man and his wife are nudists and belong to a sunbathing camp in their locality, the camp supplying many of

their sex trading contacts. It was their custom to invite attractive nudists to their home for a few drinks after sunbathing and, since all would undress again, it was simply a question of waiting until everyone "had loosened up", and of "letting nature take its course". Then usually he would take one bedroom and his wife the other.

He supplied detailed information on the bisexual males and females, some of the latter single, whom they had met in this manner, and offered himself as a Southern California guide to such contacts. Since trading was uncertain under their present circumstances, he devoted himself instead to written and pictorial pornography, specializing in black and white drawings of homosexuals of both sexes, both imagined and copied from existing photographs. By profession he was a draughtsman and a skilled one. He also supplied a photograph of his wife, a heavily made-up woman wearing glasses, at their nudist camp, posing between a younger woman and an obese girl in her early teens, possibly thirteen or fourteen.

Dwelling on the importance of careful choice of partners and the undesirables that must inevitably be met in this way of life, he told of one evening when his wife and he had been forced to entertain some unexpected guests.

The visiting couple was already at the point of intoxication when they arrived, and they applied themselves immediately to his stock of liquor. During the drinking all disrobed, since they were nudists and had first got together that way, and as the evening progressed, the other woman became more and more lewdly inclined. She demanded first cunnilingus and then coitus. After disposing of his liquor stock, she was in a "disgusting condition", and, since her husband had passed out and his own wife had left the room in disgust, he persuaded her to dress and accompany him in the car while he got more liquor - hoping that the cold air and driving "would help sober her up".

What passed in the car does not bear repeating, and it is enough that he was glad to turn around and drive home as speedily as possible. But the evening still had shocks in store for him. Once in the house, tearfully maudlin because she was persuaded that nobody wanted her, the woman, in a sudden change of temper, pulled a gun from her bag and began to shoot, cursing obscenely all the while.

The man's subsequent fight for the weapon, amid the hysterical screams of his wife and the other woman, left permanent scars on him, he swore. Even worse was trying to explain away what had happened in a respectable neighbourhood to the neighbours who came running. It was sheer luck alone that prevented police knowledge and investigation.

So it goes. Here are men and women with so many of the good things in life, particularly economic security and some prestige - and yet they are prepared to risk all they have for the sake of personalized pornography, even in preference to the professional. Such are the people in category number two.

Chapter Thirteen

It has been shown that couples and single individuals have illicit contacts all over the country and, in many cases, outside its borders. As contacts are made, new contacts and sources are opened up and entirely new pastures presented. As these contacts widened under investigation, it was found that the name of one couple was continually cropping up in references. Because of their widespread activities, they deserve special mention.

This husband and wife have the code names "Joe" and "Clara". They live in Richmond, California, or have an address there. After quoting references from Southern California to Massachusetts, I established contact. They eventually revealed themselves to be important components in a large scale pornographic racket.

Initial approach produced a carefully worded reaction which stressed the need for absolute caution at all times. All the risks and dangers had evidently been calculated.

"Joe" and "Clara" worked on a very simple principle.

In order to form a basis for "friendship", certain primary admissions regarding sex trading had to be made by both corresponding couples in detail and language that would preclude "ratting" on anyone's part and would ensure that all parties would be irretrievably committed should the worst come to the worst. Variations of this technique are used by most couples for the same reason. It ensures nothing except that instead of hanging singly, all will hang together.

Caution and discretion were necessary because Joe and Clara had a large circle of sex trading acquaintances not only in Richmond but in Oakland, San Francisco, San Mateo and "over in Marin County", and any "slip up" would result in "the worst kind of scandal". Many of those involved were politicians and any scandal would have tremendous party repercussions across the nation. The party was not named. Details of the sex orgies indulged in were given, together with a promise that at the next party, Joe and Clara would pose for a series of photographs to be taken by other party-goers, showing them nude and "in hot sexual actions, everything!".

These photographs were duly sent by Clara, together with a detailed description of a separate orgy with a Negro dentist, following the sudden departure of her husband on a business trip. This escapade, because of protracted cunnilingus, "had put her in mind" of a lesbian friend in Redwood City. She was going over "right away" to see this friend and promised all details later. Her husband, engaged in the electronics business, was in Japan at this time, and she had need of this particular form of sexual fulfillment with another woman, since it was safer because "of gossip, you know".

She mentioned at this time that both of them were bisexual. Joe performed fellatio for men at parties and she cunnilingus, and "all of the guys and gals are the same".

With reference to the photographs, Clara was careful to point out that they were copies and later asked for their return. When she mentioned the photographs later, I pointed out that copies meant little, could be obtained from any dealer in pornography and had been destroyed.

Clara then admitted that the photographs were copies of a series for which she and Joe had posed at a time when their finances had been badly strained. She gave details as to when and where and stated that they had never regretted posing for them since remuneration received had proved to be in excess of Joe's yearly earnings as an electronics engineer and had put them back into business for themselves.

This admission together with the details supplied naturally caused me to raise the question of how such profitable employment might be found. Then she came out into the open.

Apparently just waiting for such a query, she was quick to point out that one "was silly not to get paid", and "unusually well paid", for doing what one enjoyed, anyway.

She would help me all she could.

It turned out the politicians and businessmen in Clara's circle had carefully studied the pornography market and its probable financial returns, and invested a not inconsiderable sum of money. A governing board had been appointed and, because of their "personal know-how", Joe and Clara were board members. Clara said she had asked for inclusion of her new friends and if certain terms were met, then "we'll all be okay", and everybody would be on the way to riches.

The terms for membership were these: the female of the couple had to have a series of photographs taken, the first in ordinary street clothes, the second in slip, the third in panties and brassière, the fourth nude. Other photographs, besides displaying the figure, should be as erotic as possible, and, if it could be arranged, show the woman having coitus in various positions, performing fellatio and, though this was not a must under the circumstances, performing cunnilingus.

This latter photograph could be taken later with Clara's cooperation.

The series of photographs, preferably a dozen since photographs were sold in series of twelve, had to be accompanied by a telephone number in order that at an agreed time the recruit could be called long-distance by two board members and questioned to study voice quality and personality. Arrangements would then be made for an interview where more detailed questioning regarding sex techniques would take place. Other women would be present, everyone would undress and proceed to engage in an orgy as a kind of initiation ceremony. At this time various selected couples would pose for lewd photographs, including the recruit, and a movie would be taken of the general orgiastic proceedings.

It was added that while a husband need not participate in posing for photographs, if more money were desired then he, too, could do so. But this was a personal decision and was not mandatory.

It was made clear that lesbian activities in front of the men and male homosexual activities in front of the women would be emphasized at these parties, as well as involved poses between two or more copulating couples. This assured a profitable return on the sale of photographs.

Apropos of homosexual activity, Clara told of a "wonderful" party she had enjoyed with the rich and beautiful wife of a politician, a woman she had not suspected of having "such cute tastes; she was good, too". And she makes continual references to lesbians.

The terms set forth could not be met, but Clara remained persistent. In doing so, in stressing how she had used her influence with the board and how hard she had worked on behalf of her "friend", she revealed further details designed to allure.

She discussed those already in the "ring", the entertainers or performers who had been recruited, apart from the board. The women were of all types, blondes, brunettes, brownettes and redheads, some beautiful and some average, but all possessed of pronounced sexual characteristics, their ages ranging from the late teens to the late thirties. Since buyers of pornography had wide and varied preferences, the women were graded to fit any market. Some were big-busted and big-hipped, others were as slender as boys, with barely discernible breasts; some looked ultra-sophisticated and blasé, while others appeared innocent and virginal.

The men, since women's tastes also differ, covered as wide a range. There were he-men, tall, heavily muscled and hairy-chested, and lean youngsters, though there was less emphasis on the male form except in respect to the genitalia

Most of the men were average, but there was one man who was abnormally sized. Details supplied about both sexes were calculatedly obscene.

Then it was announced that the position offered had been filled. The wife who had been accepted, while good-looking enough, was not as attractive or as desirable as she might have been but was "enthusiastically expert". Clara was regretful. Perhaps she could do something next time a team was assembled if she had received photographs by then. She was certain she could fix up "something to earn" her friend some money, if only on a temporary and "fill-in" basis.

Clara didn't give up. Even after her additional requests for photos were ignored, she tried. Surely there were *some* kind of photographs to be had? Or wasn't she trusted after she'd climbed out on such a dangerous limb? Well, she'd done her best and, though the offer of employment was temporarily closed, it would always be open on a long-range basis. Then, attempting still to allure, she supplied additional information on the organization itself.

There had been debate regarding the feasibility of opening a studio in one of the Bay Area cities but, after careful study of the problems and risks involved it had been decided to locate near Lake Tahoe where a secluded property had been purchased and where pornographic movies and photographic series could be "shot" without fear of discovery.

Various shooting scripts had been prepared and more were in preparation. Clara herself was at work on still more, and the board was receptive to "new and unusual ideas". When the summer was over, the team was moving from Tahoe to a winter location in Acapulco, Mexico. This was advisable particularly because Mexican facilities were easier to acquire, bribery where necessary was "even less of a problem", and there was plenty of male and female Mexican "talent" which could be had "more cheaply than the U.S. variety".

Invitations were issued on behalf of Clara, her husband and the board to visit both at Tahoe and the Acapulco location, especially at the latter "for a winter vacation and a lot of fun, huh?".

The financial set-up also was laid out as follows: on pornographic photographs alone, posers could earn comfortable monthly incomes ranging from \$400 or \$500 up to \$1,000, depending upon the number made. The earnings were doubled on movies and photographic series in twelve-unit groups, showing either male or female homosexual or heterosexual activities

For series of bisexual activities, plus movies, a firm offer of \$25,000 was made.

This income was tax free. Fees were paid in cash or any other way the payee demanded. Payment was made on completion of assignment but, even before the assignment was accepted, all financial arrangements were satisfactorily concluded from the standpoint of the assignee.

Fees quoted for any assignment did not include expenses which were paid separately, much in the same way big business arranges these matters for top executives.

The organization also assigned work to others in different parts of the country and in Mexico. For an assignment in Detroit or Fort Worth, for example, the fee would be set in advance, and both expenses and fee would be paid in advance.

The posers' income did not end with completion of the assignment. If a series proved popular and sold well, reprints were made from negatives held at headquarters. Then the posers received a prearranged percentage of the net proceeds. Everything was done in a business-like manner, and all problems raised were resolved immediately.

From Clara's standpoint it couldn't be better. She had two or three months' "work", she stated, no tax problems and another nine or ten months to do as she pleased. She could stay at home or travel, go to Europe or Hawaii after once setting up a satisfactory financial alibi. There were dozens of ways of doing that, and businessmen and politicians were there to help.

No matter how incredible this may appear, it happens.

Any police chief of any big city from coast to coast will testify to that, as will the Post Office Inspection Department.

Contrary to popular belief, the pornographic racket is not run altogether by the so-called criminal element. Too often it is seen as a lucrative investment by allegedly responsible individuals who would blanch at the mere thought of being in any way associated with a racket or a racketeer. Those concerned in it are not prostitutes or pimps themselves. They are private individuals "looking for thrills", and do not in any other way lend themselves to questionable practices.

Naturally, there are exceptions.

The women involved do not admit that they are prostitutes or even in the same business. They argue, as do their husbands, that they do not traffic with men for money; the men do not pay them. The traffic is for pleasure and the pleasure itself is payment. The fact that their husbands are present, as well as the wives of other men present, is merely a bonus in voyeuristic terms.

Secondly, they persuade themselves, they are not directly paid for trafficking with men but for *allowing photographs* of this trafficking. Since the photographs would be taken in any event (it is a norm at any sex party) and they would allow this willingly because they enjoy both the acts and the photographing, why not accept if offers of payment are made? The point for them is that they are not *primarily* posing for money and, therefore, taking payment does not make them prostitutes.

As has been pointed out before, there are exceptions.

Many of the couples hired by the board are primarily interested in money, the authority for this being Clara herself.

The reasons for the popularity of amateur pornography have been dealt with earlier. The world is full of such semi-professional sex hucksters as Clara, and she has her male counterparts. They are continually on the alert for new talent not to be encountered in gin mills and tenderloin saloons. It is one instance where amateurism pays better than professionalism.

The products of such enterprise are sold undercover on many newsstands and bookstalls. Either by accident or design, they sometimes fall into the hands of juveniles.

Sometimes the material is found by parents and there are outcries and arrests. We all know that this happens regularly across the nation. While to a certain degree we accept the knowledge that such stuff exists, we attempt to fight pornography. Many of us do not know what we are fighting or that the people we are fighting are not all professional racketeers. Most important of all, we do not realize the necessary democratic restrictions placed on enforcement agencies in investigations.

A policewoman may pose as a call girl up to an obvious point. It is too much to ask her to *be* a call girl. She cannot do this even if, in fulfilling the role, she might get on the inside of a prostitution or a pornographic ring. There is a point beyond which enforcement agencies cannot go for reasons of legal restrictions or human dignity, and it is exactly at this point that the true need for them begins.

In a country such as this, only the law-breakers usually realize the limitations of the law. Apart from moral, ethical and legal considerations, there are definite physical limitations to investigation. For this reason the amateur pornographers are more dangerous than the professionals because they are more difficult to track down.

There are also loose-living girls (although they prefer to think of themselves as being "modern") who do not realize at the time they allow photographs to be made that they are being exploited.

I cite the case of a tall, blonde girl in Downsview, Ontario, Canada, who posed nude for pictures in an apartment

on a date with a man with whom she had intercourse regularly. Months later, to her consternation, she discovered that the pictures were even more lewd than she had imagined and were being offered for sale over a wide area.

There are many more such cases. There is at this time a lewd photograph of the owner of a well-known San Francisco bistro in the possession of various people in the Bay Area.

The photograph was taken in a jail cell, back in the days when she was better known as a madam and prostitute, after she had been arrested in a brothel and contemptuously decided to give news photographers an eyeful. Her place of business is now visited by the rich and famous, and there is no doubt that she would give anything to know all the prints were destroyed and that she most deeply regrets ever having posed as she did.

There is a very definite pornographic demand, and there are photographers who are going to meet it with or without cooperation from the subjects.

Clara's case may appear incredible in many ways, but there are hundreds more like it, in official files. Pornography is not only a vice; it is, in every sense, big business.

Chapter Fourteen

In primitive societies, such as those of some Congo tribes, the travelling blood brother or fellow initiate of a secret tribal society knows, without having to think about it, that he has access to his blood brother's wife.

This also is true of the travelling American if he belongs to the right secret society. It is equally true of his wife.

The African savage travels from his own village to another for the purpose of buying or selling cattle, or trading, and the fact that he does have access to a blood brother's wife is a purely secondary consideration. In this country and Canada, though business may be one reason for travel, it is not the primary consideration for some individuals. At the very best, business may have equal importance. But to these people, sex generally takes first place.

Many salesmen are involved, but the day of the jokes concerning the travelling salesman and the farmer's daughter is long past. Today the joke is more likely to concern the travelling salesman and his wife and the farmer's daughter and son-in-law.

When initiates are considering a business trip, preparations are made far in advance and, as often as not, by the wife, who has arranged to accompany her husband. Business conventions in themselves are harmless but male-only conventions are becoming less and less popular. These days, when the conventioner is married, the odds are that he will be accompanied by his wife. Again, most of the wives accompanying their husbands do so for the best of reasons.

The traveller or conventioner, of course, need not be married or even have an unmarried partner - quite the contrary.

One publication carries numerous advertisements from broad-minded couples who pointedly seek single males who like photography and will assist them in this hobby, requiring only that they be virile, within a certain age group, reasonably prepossessing, "understanding" and similarly "broad-minded". There are even more advertisements seeking single girls. Of the clubs and publications through which arrangements like these may be made, one, above all, does the job thoroughly. It is based in Pennsylvania and is organized in this manner:

Membership is on a six-months-only basis, at a cost of ten dollars to singles and six dollars to married couples.

Obviously the greater the number of married couples having membership, the more popular and, therefore, the more profitable the club. Members are issued:

- (1) an identification code card.
- (2) a lapel pin.
- (3) a guarantee of receipt of four monthly newsletters concerning other members and their activities.
- (4) a membership roster by code (financially, this is very important for the club).
- (5) a guarantee that all letters will be forwarded for a fee, as long as they are sent to the club unsealed for examination to ensure that postal regulations are not being violated (this is a precaution taken by all these clubs and means little since initial letters are harmless)
- (6) ordinary photographs of couples or single individuals must accompany membership applications and fees.

Item six allegedly is to ensure the applicants' good faith and although it is not stated, it would also ensure certain apprehension were legal regulations violated.

It is pointed out here that any unscrupulous club operator could give himself a code name and number, trap members of the right background and use their communications for blackmailing purposes. Police records prove that people will submit more easily to blackmail concerning their sexual habits than to any other kind of threat.

Through this particular club, meetings may be arranged quite easily, specifically for sex trading, since after initial letters contacts between members are direct. As stated before, the club no longer is responsible for the correspondence. Anyone may obtain membership and nobody is rejected as long as the necessary fee is forthcoming. All that remains then is to choose a convenient time and location, a convenient couple or single, reach an understanding ahead of time and then make the journey. As a matter of course, each couple makes certain in advance that everybody's sexual foibles are clearly understood, and the more experienced the couple, the more they insist upon this.

It is stated, entirely without fear of contradiction, that any salesman of this persuasion, with a given territory under his jurisdiction containing four to a dozen large cities, can with his wife's cooperation contact at least one compatible couple in each of those cities. When actual contact has been established and mutual credentials approved, introductions will then be effected with anywhere from two to six other couples.

Thus, were a man covering eastern Tennessee, he could within a very short time link up with approximately a dozen other couples with like interests, and normal business trips could be turned into pleasure trips by his wife's presence.

A member need not be in communication with any other. That is the important thing about this particular club.

He may step onto a plane or a bus, or enter a restaurant or bar, and find himself facing a person wearing an identical lapel pin. If the person seen wearing a pin is of the opposite sex and is not considered sufficiently prepossessing, then all that has to be done is to cover or remove one's own lapel pin to avoid recognition, though oddly enough this seldom happens. Beyond a certain point of sexual experience, normal standards of attraction no longer count since a degree of perversion, and certainly of deviation, always enters into consideration. This cannot receive sufficient attention.

Why else do young and attractive couples in their early 20's enter into liaisons with couples in their 60's who are running to fat and dewlaps, or stringiness and grossly sagging busts?

It is true that this report shows that, in the main, age goes along with approximate age, if only because of background and environment, but it was also revealed that the more widely experienced couples pay less and less attention to this. They demand variety not merely in physical attractions and techniques but also in what could be said to lack nor mal attraction.

A man of average build and attractions, with a wife who has the same average qualifications, appears to find after some meetings with other couples that even new partners with ordinary charms become stale and he will look for still more different differences, more varied varieties.

Should his wife be brunette, then he will favour blondes, and this, it has been shown, is true also of the wife.

Should the wife be slim, then he will lean toward plumpness.

From that he will go to the other extreme of unfeminine leanness, then back to the obese, and from the passive to the dominant; from the reticently passionate to the tumultuously lewd; from the masochistic to the sadistic; from the abnormally tall to the abnormally small; from the younger to the grotesquely older. This has been proved time after time and will be dealt with more fully in a later chapter. The point is that it does not necessarily follow that a club member will evade another member at any accidental meeting simply because of the other's lack of the more obvious attractions.

Thus, in New York or Memphis, even in London, Paris or Brussels, the club member is likely to introduce himself when he meets a fellow member, have lunch or dinner and talk things over, compare intimate notes faithfully, arrange a meeting and an evening out when, all proceeding satisfactorily, they will justify club membership to themselves at least. Or it may be the wives who meet in the beauty shop, or at the library or local art institute, and arrange matters.

That is how this club operates. Instead of a fraternity emblem a lapel pin is used, instead of an old school tie there is an ID card, and the owner and wearer is one of the privileged. He is due all the help and attention to which a fraternity or sorority member, or member of an Old Boys' Association, is entitled. There is, however, no way of placing any blame whatsoever upon the club itself.

Even more of a problem, from the investigative and legal standpoints, are the clubs within clubs.

A man from Minnesota placed an advertisement in a publication catering to his kind, in which he asked for contacts from interested couples or singles of both sexes for the purpose of establishing clubs in Chicago, Minneapolis and in the Minnesota lake country. He envisioned a kind of floating arrangement, with various headquarters for the travelling convenience of members, and with certain permanently located individuals. These clubs were to satisfy all who liked "discipline" and enjoyed "modern parties".

Investigation produced these results:

First, a photograph of the man himself, naked except for a cache-sexe. He was tall, muscular and well-made, his body and head closely shaven and his entire body oiled.

Secondly, a declaration of the proposed clubs' purposes, in which was unequivocally stated that this man was "completely sold" on discipline, that no act of discipline was too severe for him, that he particularly liked to "play slave and master", and that he was more than willing to adopt either role. He elaborated as follows:

The best way to "play" was to strip the "slaves" stark naked, and ridicule them, humiliate them as shamefully as possible, especially if they were female and beautiful, and bind them, forcing them to submit to as much pain and discomfort as they could possibly bear.

This treatment was to continue until the "slaves" begged to be allowed to perform "acts of degradation" on their "masters or mistresses", while "everybody watched".

During this process their bodies were to be "shamefully violated", and "slaves" of both sexes were to be forced to perform fellatio and cunnilingus for all "masters and "mistresses present", on both heterosexual and homosexual terms, submit to anal coitus and be whipped and otherwise abused unmercifully, all without

distinction as to sex.

Women, particularly, were to be treated grossly. They had to be prepared to submit to simultaneous vaginal and anal intercourse on the part of two "masters", this to be preceded and followed by degradations impossible to print, and whipping with knotted thongs and the flat of the hands. "A victim is not properly disciplined otherwise."

It was explained that, after the photograph supplied had been taken, the subject had been laid over a stool, tied hand and foot to the legs, and then whipped with a leather strap "until I begged to be degraded". Again, it is not possible to print details supplied regarding degradations.

It was promised to any couple joining a proposed initiation ceremony that, although he was single, his experience was so wide, particularly with women, that both "would have a wonderful time with me, each with the other watching". Another couple from southern Minnesota was to attend, plus a young male who would be "perfect for a general slave", a second couple from California, and a third couple from Canada. A photograph of the Canadian husband was sent, nude and in a state of erection.

This man was free with personal details regarding him self, naming the university he had attended, Kansas State, giving his degree, his profession and various other details concerning firms for which he had worked and the kind of work he had done. He then requested:

"Please write me all about yourselves airmail, and what you like, and send a photo (nude, if possible). *You may keep this picture of me and please display it to all your friends* [author's italics]. In my next letter I will describe in more detail the tortures and acts of degradation I have endured, so please write and let's get together."

Beside his actual name he signed himself "Stud" and added this postscript:

"Why do they call me 'Stud'? You will see." This, apparently, was for the benefit of any female friends to whom his photograph could be shown. There was one thing more: for various reasons connected with discipline and sex acts, he kept his body completely shaved at all times.

A second photograph obtained from this man was self-explanatory. This time the cache-sexe was absent and he displayed an exaggeratedly thick and elongated penis in a state of quiescence.

Persons of this type, of both sexes, proudly refer to themselves as sado-masochists and, despite the fact that the healthy among us consider them to be outside the norm, they do take a very real pride in the description.

Others, principally women, openly profess to be sadists, while yet others, principally men, confess humbly, but still somehow with that curious pride, to being masochists, as witness the man who writes to the same publication from South Africa.

He is of strong build, he states, but of very submissive nature, and he wishes to make friends in the U.S.A. and Canada since he believes:

"...in the superiority of women and is anxious to discuss with ladies of dominant nature the subjects of discipline and fashions, etc."

This type of advertisement is inserted by both sexes.

Both request letters from, and meetings with, dominant persons of their own and the opposite sex. The dominant women, as they are called, far outnumber the dominant men, among them being Wanda who operates "Wanda's Club" in New York. This woman makes a practice of regularly writing letters to this publication on the subject of the disciplining and torture of husbands. She solicits interesting ideas and experiences concerning this subject for the confessed purpose of increasing club membership

"Wanda's Club", she states, meets every Monday, some times in the evenings and sometimes in the afternoons, depending upon the availability of club members. It is headed by four "mistresses", "five when my mother is here", and present at meetings is a male "secretary", who "with proper urging", reads any letters from "enthusiasts", and passes around "new literature or pictures" among those "at the head table only".

Wanda's belief, stated openly in her letters to the publication and printed in the letters-to-the-editor, is that:

"Man is the inferior animal and that the dominant woman (specifically the dominant wife) fills a real need in our society."

She asserts that this belief is shared by all other "Mistresses":

"This need is great and there is much more of this relationship going on than most people realize, because society still does not openly recognize it, and outward appearances must be kept up."

George, Wanda's husband, is whipped regularly twice a week. She does not "lay a finger on him" from Sunday night to Thursday night, these being whipping nights:

*"...because I allow him to play golf on Thursdays and they shower at the club and, of course, **the marks would show.**"* [Author's emphasis]

She states further:

“Once that psychological moment comes when the woman completely subjugates her mate by the power of her will, it is natural for her to increase her dominance more and more, and to gradually reduce him to his natural position of servility.”

Wanda thrashes her husband twice a week and, according to other letters printed, other wives thrash their husbands considerably more than that. In addition, these husbands are forced to wear, when in their homes, articles of women’s clothing, such as garter belts, hose and panties, as well as dresses. Their wives draw up house rules by which they must live, and minor infractions are met with blows in the face, while major violations mean a trip to the basement or to the bedroom, where the male prepares himself for discipline by removing his clothing and by laying out the whips and straps his spouse will employ on his flinching body. First, however, he must wait upon her pleasure. This wait before the infliction of punishment is as important as the punishment itself, according to these women. Therefore, the wife sits and has another cup of coffee, dawdling over it, while the poor wretch waits, and then she goes upstairs and ties him to the bed, or hoists him by the pulleys in the basement, sometimes gagging him so his screams will not be heard as she gives full rein to her cruelty. There are base sexual undertones and overtones to everything discussed, though sex itself is never mentioned and the words “cruelty” and “sadism” never used.

In her public letters, Wanda never admits to treatment like this, though she does admit that, after whipping George, “the marks would show”. But she seeks to attract recruits by advertising openly, as the Minnesotan advertises, and, while the Minnesotan leans toward masochism also, both are sadists. Both types write letters which are printed after careful editing and clearly set out the pros, though never the cons, of this considered brutality called by them “discipline”. Week after week these letters appear, and they are answered and complemented by other sadists who lack the courage to call themselves by this name but pose as social reformers and moralists.

It is only fair to add that these letters also are eagerly answered by willing victims and that all, victimizers and victimized, receive open help in organizing, and undercover help in purchasing, the implements necessary to abusers and abused, as described earlier.

Chapter Fifteen

Through clubs and publications and advertisements placed in those publications, people interested in the “modern way of life” operate on an international scale. Contacts may be made in Canada, Britain, France, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Germany, the Scandinavian countries and Latin America, and even in the Philippines. It is the purpose of this chapter to show how two contacts alone eventually involved people in many of these countries.

A British couple, living in Quebec Province, Canada, advertised in an American club bulletin, offering themselves as disciplinary experts and instructors, with the accent on what was called “old-fashioned English customs”.

Inquiry elicited the fact that the wife, who was the correspondent, had had a long career as a governess both in private and in the English school system, though in the private school system, it is imagined. The husband was of the submissive type and completely under his wife’s thumb and whip.

The hope was, according to the advertiser, that should a friendship be established, aside from the exchange of ideas, experiences and techniques, she and her husband would get together with the other couple for a joint disciplinary and sex session, after which firmer plans could be made for the future.

The woman’s name was Jean; her husband was Roger.

According to Jean, she whipped and caned her husband regularly and he was completely submissive to her in every respect. This form of discipline took place particularly before sexual intercourse and acted as a stimulant for both, since it made erection and mutual orgasms more than usually enjoyable. She adopted the dominant role in the sex act, she stated, as in other respects.

It is not proposed to enter into details of the punishment inflicted on the husband by means of dog whips, thin canes, etc., since most of the other methods employed in these “old English customs”, particularly those designed to cause extreme sexual discomfort, are unprintable.

From discipline of her husband, Jean passed to her own need of discipline which, however, she could accept only from another female. In order to satisfy herself on this score, she had met and arranged weekly punishment sessions with an attractive German girl. During these sessions, each bound, gagged and then caned or whipped the other in turn until whipper and whippee were thoroughly satiated and both were “sexually aroused”. When this point was reached, the whippee was forced to perform cunnilingus for the whipper, and in such a position that the whipper could revel in the sight of the bruised and red-streaked thighs and buttocks she had so “enjoyably abused”. Then it was her turn to be soundly whipped and afterwards to indulge in cunnilingus for the other. Sometimes on these occasions simultaneous mutual cunnilingus was performed, the German girl normally adopting the more active role. While bisexuality was obvious in Jean’s case, there was no record of homosexuality on the part of her husband, or of other husbands of women with whom they foregathered, other than the disciplinary penetration mentioned.

This female bisexuality was discussed again in an account of a vacation spent with a couple in Maine. Both wives, it was claimed, took turns whipping, caning and physically abusing each other’s husbands, prior to copulation and even before whipping and enjoying each other homosexually.

Other than this, she dwelt at some length on the satisfaction received from enjoying the two men at the same time, the other wife watching. This had been achieved initially by fellatio on her part upon one, while the other performed cunnilingus, and then by coitus by simultaneous anal and vaginal penetration, later receiving as keen enjoyment as a voyeur herself.

This woman, on her own admission, travelled considerably as an instructor and told of one party in New York at which she presided and where she had “given a group of ladies instructions on disciplinary methods”. She had not been satisfied with the model supplied for whipping and regretted that a female with whom she hoped to establish a friendship had not been there instead so that she could have “demonstrated more fully and enjoyably” to the ladies concerned and left them even more satisfied. She had demonstrated effectively, however, she believed, and had gained “converts”.

She referred to many female sex disciplinarians in her own country, England, particularly in the London area, stating that she and her husband were well acquainted with all of them. She cited one specifically who lived in London and had been trained especially in this field. Since she was “gloriously” bisexual, this woman would arrange to discipline either sex, and afterwards would cater to both heterosexuals and homosexuals. A list of names and addresses of a comprehensive circle was offered.

The second contact reviewed is a couple with a circle of sex-partying friends that stretches almost world-wide.

Their own contacts led from New York to northern California, to Los Gatos and the San Francisco Bay Area; to London, Paris, Rome, Madrid, Berne and Zurich. Among those involved were Danes, Swedes and Norwegians, as well as Germans and Belgians. There was a house in Palma, Majorca, and sex parties were offered there or in any of the cities mentioned.

The husband, whose name was John, admitted, among other things, to editing pornographic books for a Paris dealer and was distinguished by an almost complete lack of caution. His wife, Brenda, was far more discreet and prudent, though no less explicit. Both were well-educated, well-travelled and certainly financially secure. The husband was tall and handsome and the possessor of an irritatingly "boyish" sexual humour. His wife was a striking woman with an excellent figure and long black hair.

This couple, their contacts already impressively numerous, was setting up an international sex club, the membership consisting of married couples and singles of both sexes. The aim was that, when members travelled to any of the cities mentioned, parties could be arranged, headquarters being at their flat in Zurich, Switzerland. Apart from the married couples, unmarried Swiss, German and Swedish girls were members, as well as many Danish, Swiss and American men. This couple is American. For the man, no sexual act was barred except any kind of anal contact and homosexuality; for the woman, only anal contact was barred.

Parenthetically, the husband stated that while his wife enjoyed lesbianism at parties, especially with other attractive wives or girls, he doubted if she would want to participate with another girl alone, no matter how attractive the girl.

Were he away from home, he said, and were a female member of the circle to stay with his wife overnight, and even though they had indulged in mutual cunnilingus innumerable times at parties, he still doubted if his wife would be tempted.

Lesbianism was simply something which, though enjoyed by the women on these occasions, was only indulged in at mixed parties for the purpose of "lewding up things", and for the visual enjoyment and exciting of the men. Both stated that there had never been any female demand for male homosexuality.

The life lived by this couple is fully illustrated by the photographs they submitted.

There were sixteen photographs in all, the first two showing husband and wife in swimming trunks and bikini respectively, the other fourteen dealing with every possible sexual combination involving coitus, fellatio, cunnilingus and lesbianism and, with some exceptions, showing three persons, the husband and wife and another girl, participating.

These photographs had one stated purpose: to show to would-be members the sensual pleasures that could be anticipated.

There were nudes in which husband and wife posed as suggestively as possible, with emphasis on the woman's physical attributes and, in one case, on the man's tumescent sex organ. There were also semi-nudes of the wife in brassière and fur panties, allegedly mink, and one photograph in which, nude except for shoes and a fur coat, the coat held widely open to place exaggerated accent on her breasts and pubic region, she raised a glass of champagne to toast her own lubricity. The other photographs were painstakingly detailed and pornographic.

There was a photograph of a Swiss "convert", a dark-haired, beautiful girl, performing fellatio for the husband. The photograph was a close-up, posed and taken by the wife.

There was a series of the wife and a Swedish girl indulging in lesbian acts in a variety of positions, each in turn the active partner, and one in which they performed mutual cunnilingus.

There was a photograph of the wife having coitus with her husband, seated astride his knees and with her back to him, while the Swedish girl knelt smilingly before them and manually aided their union, leaning to the side so that she wouldn't obstruct the view for the photographer, her boyfriend.

There was another photograph in which the girlfriend adopted with the husband the position previously used by the wife, and the wife smiled as she manually assisted in the sexual act.

There was a photograph of the wife and the Swedish girl posing nude beside each other on a bed, smoking and holding glasses of wine, displaying the pubic areas lewdly.

There were photographs of the wife performing cunnilingus on the Swedish girl and the husband performing cunnilingus on his wife, while the Swedish girl performed fellatio for him. There were many variations on this triangle.

Finally there was a photograph in which the husband was shown lying prone, the Swedish girl sitting astride and over him while he performed cunnilingus, while at the same time, over the lower part of his body, his wife was at the point of effecting coitus.

As stated, these fourteen photographs showed every possible method of performing almost every sexual act short of male homosexuality and anal intercourse. What was not evidenced by the photographs themselves was vouched for in writing. And all was for the express purpose of gathering in as many married and single "converts" as possible.

It was stated that, while the centre in Zurich, Switzerland, was the sexual stamping ground for all, if Zurich were an inconvenient location, then New York, London, San Francisco, Rome or Paris would suffice. It was simply a matter of naming the place. A vacation at the house in Majorca was suggested, and the beauty and expert knowledge of the women stressed for the male recruit, while the good looks, virility and accomplishments of the males were held out to the females. In this latter respect, the husband paid special tribute to the masculinity of a Danish pilot, whose abnormally big genitalia had proved so "immensely delightful" to his wife on innumerable occasions at threesomes and larger parties.

All that was required for membership was an initiation party with this couple, and then international doors would be opened. At this first party photographs would be taken of all the sex acts and passed on for approval, together with comments regarding methods and accomplishments, after which "invitations will come from everywhere".

There is an especially large circle in Paris consisting of married couples and singles of both sexes. They include Americans, Canadians, British, Scandinavians, Swiss and Italians. These groups also advertise, independently of people like John and Brenda, particularly in one weekly news paper printed in Canada. This couple was acquainted with this circle and they "have wonderful times", said John and, as he had previously stated, he and Brenda were "in on everything", even to the editing of pornographic books on his part so that their full lewdness might be apparent in English.

Pornography may be purchased in Paris as long as it is not printed in French. This is true of the works of French pornographic writers also. As long as the book is in English or Swedish, or even Swahili, no action is taken. Pornography as pornography is published and sold there, and John, though confessing that the pay was disappointingly small, said he enjoyed his work.

John is ideally situated for selling and distributing pornography. He travels extensively, often between France and this country, and customs and postal inspectors seldom suspect either his type or profession.

Both these cases could be duplicated an untold number of times. There is the man in the Philippines who specializes in photographing girls performing homosexually, and there is another man who advertises from Brazil. There are the many groups located in Europe. During the summer of 1961 an advertisement ran for weeks in the Canadian weekly newspaper referred to and read approximately as follows:

Any couple contemplating a vacation in Paris should contact the advertisers, but only if interested in "outdoor sports and indoor fun", and if they liked "modelling and photography". The advertisers gave their ages, heights and weights and described themselves as "broad-minded, unselfish college graduates, handsome and well-proportioned". They claimed that there was a "circle anxious to welcome the right kind of visitors" to Paris, though all answering the ad should bear in mind that communication must be in French, a somewhat obvious precaution.

Another advertisement ran in the same newspaper during the same period, this time asking contact with "broad-minded" couples who contemplated vacationing in Switzerland, particularly those residing in the San Francisco Bay Area.

The advertisers stated that they were hoping to vacation in the Bay Area themselves and would "expect to be suitably entertained". With reference to "entertainment", there was the usual accent on "broad-mindedness".

As I investigated another case, which stemmed from the second contact discussed here, I got some idea of the difficulties besetting authorities. Again, this involved a woman known by sight to the writer. This woman and her husband belonged to a club, advertising themselves in the club bulletins as "broad-minded" and loving to model for "their keen hobby" of photography. The woman dealt with all transactions and was exceptionally difficult to pin down, as was another couple, more than intimate friends of theirs, living some twenty miles away.

To the initiated, photographic modelling, especially as advertised in the club's bulletins, means only one thing: photographic pornography. Because of the woman's caution, nothing could be done on official levels, I learned. It could not be proved that anything illegal had ever been sent through the mails and, while the police knew of the activities, proof again was lacking.

It is this problem of obtaining proof, whether of sex clubs or pornography, on local and international levels, that prevents effective law enforcement.

Chapter Sixteen

Earlier during compilation of this report, I had occasion to speak with a district attorney. I wanted to check with him on the law regarding homosexuals in the State of California.

This was because two homosexual magazines had come into my possession and neither appeared to be illicit organs nor, as far as could be determined, had any attempt been made to sell them undercover or otherwise distribute them in a way calculated to disguise their purpose.

The magazines are *One*, a male homosexual magazine, published in Los Angeles, and *The Ladder*, a female homosexual magazine, published by "The Daughters of Bilitis", a lesbian organization, in San Francisco.

Briefly, I was informed that, while homosexuality was illegal, it was policy to leave homosexuals alone unless activities were brought to official attention or a specific complaint made. I gathered that the reason male homosexuals received more attention than female was that lesbians gave less trouble, did not congregate in bars and took some pains to be as discreet as possible and not attract publicity.

At this time I was asked the reason for my inquiry and replied that I was doing a book on assignment, on off-beat sex and sex clubs in the United States and Canada, and that naturally homosexuals would be investigated under that heading. I had been curious about the magazines and I wanted my position made quite clear. As it happened, my status was checked on by the police, a somewhat curious reaction in respect to a heterosexual in view of the fact that overt homosexual activities produced no reaction.

Homosexuality in this country is illegal. In view of the fact that laws are made to be enforced, it is surely a matter for concern that homosexuals are allowed to organize and publish magazines. There are both male and female prostitutes, after all, and it would appear that sex laws, to be effective, should be enforced equally - that none should be allowed to go by default. As matters stand heterosexuality itself is legal but ill effects are prosecuted; in the case of homosexuality, both condition and effects are illegal and neither, unless pressure is brought to bear, are prosecuted.

It is curious that the popular view of homosexuals, contrary to scientific findings, still appears to be largely incorrect. The male is thought to be effeminate and fragile, and the female masculine in appearance and in habit. While many are, even more are quite the opposite, the males being as masculinely handsome and well-built as any popular movie idol, and the females just as femininely alluring as any *femme fatale*. There is no way of distinguishing a heterosexual from a homosexual except by actual experience or by such means as were employed in compiling this report.

Investigation revealed that the male homosexual may just as easily be bearded and tough in appearance as not, while the lesbian is just as likely to be dainty and as feminine as any woman could be. There are no physical yardsticks, no rules to go by, and in view of the many cases of bisexuality cited in this report, this fact itself could be of significance to the expert. The women concerned were not true lesbians, although possibly they could so evolve. That evolution is posed from the layman's standpoint and with reference to a specific case in British Columbia.

This particular woman is in her early thirties, divorced and has one child. She was contacted through an advertisement in a club bulletin in which she stated that she was "looking for good times, modern parties and broad-minded, fun-loving people, preferable married". She is a business woman, a partner in a real estate organization.

Queried, this woman stated that what she liked were sex parties where couples engaged in sex without reference to marital affiliations. She had no objections whatsoever "to joining another couple in the nude and living it up after a few drinks", and then watching as well as participating in copulation. She made it equally clear that she would enjoy sexual satisfaction "from both", adding that, if there were "more than one other couple, then so much the better".

From the beginning, this woman's interest in her own sex was explicit, though she stated that she enjoyed sex with men, also. In support of this, she told of sex parties given in her home, where she had "entertained local officials and business associates and their wives" at what she described as "orgies". On these occasions, to quote her, "...someone was always fucking someone else's wife in some spare space in the house, and the wives were loving it".

Despite this and other testimony, a note critical of male sex partners is always present. While unreservedly enjoying cunnilingus, there were reservations concerning fellatio. With some men it was a chore, with others bearable, though with some, she admitted, it was an overwhelming necessity for her and "wonderful". And she "loathes" ejaculation. She criticizes copulation with reference to male potency and lack of expertness, and then compares women as sex partners.

Her experience had not been wide, her female partners few, but nevertheless "it has been wonderful". She went on to say that lesbianism had many advantages and listed them:

There was no fear of pregnancy; there was not that "horrible" ejaculation; there was no animal roughness; there was no fear of being left "high and dry" by a selfish partner since a lesbian lover got as much "joy out of giving as receiving", and could not "be happy until the other partner is happy, too". There was, she avowed, less selfishness, more tenderness and understanding, and more "love" [Author's italics] in a lesbian relationship.

All this did not emerge immediately, and it was never certain that this woman was not simply seeking sexual gratification in terms other than the normal.

In this respect, she stated on one occasion that she had "a mind to try a dog", and cited a brief interlude with a friend's pet when a certain amount of cunnilingus by the animal was allowed by her for the "sake of experience", although actual penetration was not allowed.

She referred also to a woman friend who habitually allowed her dog to have coitus with her, and who had described the experience as being "much more enjoyable than" normal sex relations with a man, as well as being infinitely "more safe". Evidently neither had heard of anthrax.

But she never got far away from the subject of lesbianism, and later she clearly expressed a desire for another woman to give her sexual satisfaction. This was in a hospital, following a car accident during a business trip, and she gave obscene details of the sheerly physical characteristics of this desire.

She discussed a young girl, also hospitalized, who "is very appealing that way", and the fact that a young woman doctor, "said to be a Lesbie, too", is buying the girl clothes and toilet articles, leading her to believe that the girl is "being seduced, though she doesn't seem to suspect it".

It is not necessary to indicate the terms employed in describing lesbian thoughts or acts by this woman, or even to use the scientific equivalent of the vernacular. It is enough to say that homosexuals can be as obscene as the most gross heterosexuals. Finally, after much "self-examination and soul searching", this woman stated that she was no longer interested in any form of heterosexual relationship, since she had found that her "drive" was purely homosexual. This decision was arrived at despite her previous marriage and her child, despite numerous male sex partners since her divorce, as well as her entire sex life since puberty.

She stated unequivocally that she was willing to have a homosexual affair with another woman, if this woman's husband agreed, and if this was not possible, then "we had better call the whole thing off". She concluded by pleading for a "hot and sexy love affair".

This could have been the process whereby an individual evolved from the heterosexual to the bisexual to the homosexual.

Yet another woman investigated, though clearly a lesbian, was equally clearly a sadist and could not enjoy her female partners without complete domination. This meant, in her terms, employment of the whip, brutal bondage and torture. Physically, she fitted the popular conception of a lesbian since she was masculine in appearance, with a thrust-out jaw, and weighed more than 200 pounds. She was also a sodden mental mess of Freud, Krafft-Ebing and Havelock Ellis, the older Greek classical writers, and *The Golden Bough*. Her reactions were so unbalanced and, even to a layman, so clearly psychopathic, that investigation was discontinued.

A third girl, in this case a true lesbian, was in an altogether different category. She was ultra-feminine in appearance, an unusually attractive brunette and, heterosexually speaking, was a virgin. She was 28, had never known a man sexually nor had she wanted to, though "to keep up the appearance of normality", she had dated men since the time when she had been old enough to do so and still dated them. Men had never held any attraction for her physically, mentally, spiritually or in any other way. She had even disliked male parental kisses and embraces.

She was a musician in a small orchestra and, despite "some disquieting thoughts over the years", she had always hoped that one day she would "cease to be different". A meeting with a soloist, appearing at a concert at which she performed, and her seduction by this woman in a hotel bedroom which they shared, brought her "face to face with what I was", and left her "very unhappy".

This affair ended, she stated, when the other woman had to leave the area and, since it had lasted for some weeks, she found herself alone and "needing love and affection". She was unwilling to seek a new affair in the company of other women she knew to be lesbians like herself, because she found these women "crude and horrible, noisy and inconsiderate", and not what she wanted.

She confessed to another affair, after a lapse of time and when she had grown even more lonely and unhappy. This was with a beautiful coloured girl but ended by being "disgusting". The coloured girl had turned out to be "completely selfish", the act had been "purely physical when it happened", and the girl was a "prostitute because she always wanted money, and then more and more", and she could not stand that.

So, after more long months of loneliness, she stated, she had advertised in the hope that, somewhere, there was some girl with whom she could find what she wanted, someone she "could love and be loved by and find happiness with, with music and poetry and all the beautiful things there are in this world".

Though admitting to a need for homosexual relations, admitting to experiences with a homosexual prostitute and paying for embraces, admitting that she is planning on future lesbian associations, this girl is never obscene or even improper. She shies away from lesbians known to her and does not know of lesbian organizations

familiar to her sisters in the United States and Canada.

The most prominent lesbian organization is "The Daughters of Bilitis", which is known across the country.

This is evidenced by letters in the "Readers Respond" section of its magazine, *The Ladder*, from Michigan, Illinois, Texas, Louisiana, Kansas, New Hampshire and other states. It also circulates in Canada and prints complimentary letters from readers in France. Reference is made to it, also, in the "Collectors' Report", published in Florida.

As a magazine, *The Ladder* is neither good nor bad.

Its editor is Del Martin, with editorial assistants Agatha Mathys, Elaine Kingston, Millie Jensen; Los Angeles reporter, Sten Russell; production manager, Patty Patterson, and circulation manager, Cleo Glenn.

It is published in San Francisco, and its purpose is to promote the integration of the homosexual into society. There is no pen pal section and, while no encouragement is offered heterosexual sensation seekers, no encouragement is offered to queering lesbians, either. On the other hand, the magazine may be subscribed to, and in it is information relating to lectures, discussions, etc., so the queering lesbians may be easily satisfied.

As for the contents of the magazine, there is little to be said on the subject. The issues are clear, as clear as the issues relating to heterosexuality, and what is there to be said about the latter? Most of us accept homosexuality, are not violently anti, if not pro, and the only concern here, as anywhere, is with the law.

An average issue contains a short story on a lesbian theme, an article on homosexuality, usually by a psychologist, other articles such as "Why Am I A Lesbian?" written anonymously, a homosexual book service, Lesbiana, and the "Readers Respond" section referred to earlier. Occasionally in the "Readers Respond" section there is a letter stating that the writer is forsaking lesbianism and why. One such typical letter, printed in May, 1960, stated that the writer had married and wished to end her subscription since, if the magazine fell into the hands of her husband, there would be a certain amount of unpleasantness. Some portions of this letter are worth quoting:

"After seven years in 'Gay Life' I believe that I have at last made a successful break from what I consider the worst possible existence for myself. I've found that the security of marriage means far more to me than the heights of emotion and certainly more than the depths of despair.

"I can't tell you how thrilling it is to be accepted by my family and by his family at face value. I've almost forgotten to be afraid of what people are saying or possibly thinking of me - no more of that awful feeling of 'everyone' knows..."

The Ladder is fair, no matter what else may be said about it.

It records its defeats as well as its successes, reveals the backsliders as well as the enthusiasts.

As might be expected, organizations other than "The Daughters of Bilitis" offer *The Ladder* for sale as part of a selection of curiosa, and at a figure representing a good profit.

This is inevitable with publications of this nature.

The D.O.B. itself is incorporated and is run as a non-profit organization. Its national officers in 1960 were: Del Martin, president; Marty Elliott, vice president; Patti Brown, recording secretary; Billie Tallmij, corresponding secretary; Sten Russell, publications director; Audree Allen, treasurer.

It held its first national convention May 27-30, 1960.

Convention headquarters were at 651 Duncan Street, and the convention itself was held at the Hotel Whitcomb, 1231 Market Street, San Francisco. The address of welcome was given by Jaye Bell, president of the San Francisco chapter of the D.O.B and was followed by a talk, "About D.O.B.", by the national president. The program consisted of "Some Comparisons Between The Lesbian And The Male Homosexual", drawn from questionnaires circulated throughout the country, the paper presented by Patty Patterson.

A panel discussion on "Why The Lesbian?" with Mrs. Bernice Engle of the Langley-Porter Clinic moderating.

Panellists were: Dr. Frank A. Beach of the Psychology Department, University of California at Berkeley; Patricia Lyon, ethnologist and archaeologist, University of California at Santa Barbara; Dr. Norman Relder, head of the Psychiatric Clinic at Mt. Zion Hospital, San Francisco, and Dr. Leo J. Zeff, Berkeley clinical psychologist.

Luncheon speaker was the Rev. Fordyce Eastburn, Episcopal chaplain at St. Luke's Hospital, San Francisco, and his topic was: "Can The Practising Homosexual Be Accepted By The Church?"

A short dissertation on the problems involved in the writing and publishing of lesbian novels by Artemis Smith, author of *Odd Girl* and *The Third Sex*.

"Civil Liberties - The Homosexual's Responsibility", was the contribution of Albert M. Bendich, staff counsel for the Northern California Division, American Civil Liberties Union.

The "Gay Bar Problem" was probed by Sidney Feinberg, area administrator, California Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, and Morris Lowenthal, San Francisco attorney who acted as Amicus Curiae in the "First And Last Chance Bar" case, San Francisco.

Presentation of a group of gay folk songs by Lisa Ben.

Banquet speech by Kenneth Zwerin, San Francisco attorney, on "The Legal Problems Of Lesbian Couples".

Toast mistress for the evening was Dr. Vera H. Plunkett, San Francisco.

The point here is that in the United States homosexuality is illegal. It is not a question of personal belief but of impersonal law, and yet there is a United States attorney in this area and there is a district attorney, and nothing was done about this lesbian convention, nor was action taken against any official, nor any move made against any speaker. This is not to disagree or to disapprove of any individual or any portion of the program. That is emphasized. But it is to question the legality of the convention and the failure of the authorities to enforce the law. Whether or not the law ought to be changed is another matter.

It is pointless to contend that homosexuals may organize, may publish magazines and hold conventions, as long as they do not practice homosexuality. This could be contended for Communists and prostitutes. One does not register as a Republican or Democrat and then not vote. No-one can, as this organization has done, register as a homosexual and not practice as such without breaking the laws of every state and without being, under the terms of those laws, both perverted and obscene. Yet a practising churchman spoke on whether practising homosexuals could be accepted by the church and could be accepted outside must abide the context of the law by which all churches must abide.

Chapter Seventeen

The case for homosexual males is far different from that for lesbians. Many male homosexuals appear to court trouble and behave so badly in public that they offend even their own kind. Unlike lesbians, the majority have an unfortunate tendency to attract publicity of the worst kind.

The border homosexual poses a new problem in this field and one that is not generally appreciated. The same questions regarding bisexuality in the heterosexual female are posed also with reference to the male who forms this border type. From material gathered, it is more than evident that, of husbands engaging in sex trading parties with their wives and other couples, more than sixty percent share homosexual relations with the other men. A case in point is that of the Canadian husband in chapter six, although in many ways he is exceptional. Less exceptional are the married and single men who, though professedly heterosexual, and almost belligerently so with wives and girlfriends, nevertheless privately, if not regularly, join homosexual ranks.

One such overt heterosexual in New York privately admits to numerous experiences with males, despite the fact that he has heterosexual relations with many females, desiring the latter to the point where he resorts to prostitutes.

Yet this man seeks the company of men, though irregularly, and related how, on one occasion, he performed fellatio for three men and once, in the presence of a third man, he willingly submitted to fellatio. He told of other occasions when he had relations with males, and his case has many parallels.

This is a borderline case. This man is bisexual, but at infrequent intervals, and does not fit into the category of the husbands who regularly behave bisexually with their wives and other couples. As it happens, also, the New Yorker is unmarried, but many married men are bisexual, although this fact may be unknown to their wives, and at intervals seek other men.

It might be that this bisexuality has not received sufficient scientific attention. Material gathered revealed that it is surprisingly widespread, which would appear to indicate a need for further study even though it may not be a startlingly new phenomenon.

True homosexuals appear to be divided into two main groups. The first group is overt, sometimes objectionably so, whereas the second group fits in more nearly with the general lesbian trend toward quietness, even conservatism, and shies away from any public association with fellow homosexuals. Despite the San Francisco convention, most lesbians fit into this category, whereas only a relatively few male homosexuals comprise the second group.

There is no central male homosexual organization, although there are many small and unrelated groups. There is a homosexual magazine, *One*, as has been noted, but it is not of the same calibre as the lesbian magazine, *The Ladder*, and some of the short stories printed are less pleasing from the heterosexual standpoint. Otherwise, issues contain an editorial, poems, articles, news and views, sometimes a second short story, reviews of books dealing with homosexuality, and letters to the editor.

As is *The Ladder*, *One* is incorporated and is a non-profit organization formed to publish a magazine dealing primarily with homosexuality "from the scientific, historical and critical point of view", and to promote the integration of these social variants into society. Its staff consists of: Don Slater, editor; Robert Gregory, managing editor; William Lambert, Marcel Martin, Sten Russell, associate editors; Alison Hunter, women's editor; Eve Elloree, art director; Dawn Frederic and George Mortenson, staff artists. It will be noted that Sten Russell is also on the staff of the lesbian magazine

The short stories in this magazine are reprinted sometimes, one such story being "The Pickup" by Lance Knight, which appeared in *Justice Weekly*, a Canadian publication, on October 21, 1961. It dealt with a young male college student whose car had broken down in the desert and who was rescued by a truck driver, following which both "fall in love". Some idea of the calibre of the writing may be gathered from the following:

"I felt his hand press mine as I gazed down at him. Slowly his lips parted and his arm came up to encircle my neck. He slowly pulled me down to his lips. Instead of pulling away, I was excited by his kiss and responded to him. Then I drifted into nothingness as I saw his face flash before me.

"We drive on the same run now that I'm out of college. We found happiness in the cab of a truck that night and I never want to lose it."

On occasion it also publishes poetry by lesbians, as well as by male contributors. In April, 1961, it printed "Lyrics For Lesbians", by Jacqueline Lawson, one "lyric" from which is quoted:

"There was a young butch of Spokane

Who fell for a cutie named Ann;

When they clinched for a kiss,

That astounded young miss

Said, 'I much prefer you to a man!'"

Other than to point out that a "butch" is a lesbian, this requires no comment. Other short stories deal with men who come home to find their men friends in bed with drunken male pickups, and other men who divorce their wives for younger men with whom they have fallen in love.

In 1961, January 26-29, the Education Division of *One* held its seventh midwinter institute in conjunction with its ninth annual business meeting. The theme was: "A Homosexual Bill Of Rights". The institute was held in Los Angeles.

To help with the drafting of this bill of rights, a questionnaire was sent out which, apart from asking whether those interested had been heterosexually married, asked whether they had been homosexually married and included the following questions:

"Would you like homosexual pen pals... How often do you have sex... Is this adequate... Is sex a problem to you... Do you consider yourself effeminate [males]... Do you consider yourself masculine [females]... How do others regard you... What role do you prefer... Have you ever been arrested for homosexual activity... Convicted... Served time... How long... Have you ever been blackmailed... Beaten up... How often... Robbed..."

This magazine, like *The Ladder*, may be purchased, along with other so-called curios, from outside organizations doing a profitable business. In common with the lesbian magazine, *One* does not adopt the tactics of allegedly more respectable publications by reaping profits from box numbers in connection with private advertisements and disguised pen pal sections. There is that much to be said for them both, though possibly they are subject to closer official scrutiny.

Differences between these two groups of homosexuals have been noted, specifically as to behaviour, but there is an other important difference of which the public does not appear to be sufficiently aware. That is disease.

It is a fact that all too many male homosexuals are carriers of venereal disease.

This particular evil is seldom, if ever, thought of by the public in connection with homosexuals, but it is nevertheless a saddening fact. It is even more saddening when it is remembered that some married men are only part-time homosexuals and the disease may be transmitted to their wives.

As newspapers have revealed over the last few years, surveys in some of the more densely populated American cities have shown the prevalence of venereal disease among the country's homosexuals and, more than that, of an increase in recent years.

The percentage of female homosexuals with venereal disease is infinitely smaller. This could be because lesbians are seldom arrested and examined as frequently as male homosexuals, and a lesbian contracting such a disease could pretend to heterosexuality and blame a male carrier. In many cases also, the females concerned are bisexuals and have contacted both males and females extra-maritally. The physical characteristics and location would tend to show that infection of true lesbians would be extremely unlikely.

The fact that venereal disease is on the increase among male homosexuals, inclusive of bisexuals, reveals a new direction for an always existing threat to society.

It has been pointed out that while both ranks must inevitably recruit to strengthen themselves and to have a measure of protection, there is less recruitment, or less obvious recruitment, by lesbians in places of public assembly.

It is true that, in some of our larger cities, as in Europe, some locales are known as lesbian meeting places, but in this country, at least, many more male habitations exist and the reputation they enjoy is uniformly scurrilous.

A 1961 California case, which could be duplicated across the nation, involved a tavern on Bush Street in San Francisco. No less than 103 persons, 89 men and 14 women, were arrested in a vice raid and booked as visitors to a house of ill fame. The proprietor was booked on four charges, one of them being keeping a disorderly house. Male patrons, it was alleged, behaved improperly and danced improperly together - and not merely by the fact of male dancing with male. Among these men were young students. The presence of women was never explained, and it may be accepted that they were voyeurs, if nothing more.

Proprietors of certain bars and saloons, though not homosexuals themselves, cater to homosexuals because of profit arising not merely from the patronage of these variants but from heterosexual voyeurs. Since overt homosexuals comprise two types, the pursued and the pursuers, there is behaviour at these places, especially when viewed by the young and inexperienced, that undeniably tends to corrupt. When latent tendencies toward homosexuality are present, viewers can be influenced by appearance, comparative wealth and what seems to be acceptance.

Apart from the corruption of the impressionable young, consideration should be given to the violence that seems to follow homosexuality. It will be remembered that in the questionnaire sent out by *One* magazine, there were items dealing with blackmail, assault and robbery.

A case in point was that of a prominent man in the same area, a city manager, married and to all intents and purposes living a completely normal life. He appeared to love his wife and children and he was respected in the community. He was away from home overnight and then was found dead in a cheap hotel room in Oakland, the victim of a young homosexual he had sought to buy but who had murdered and robbed him.

Even more gruesome was the case, again in San Francisco, involving the murder of a night club owner by an aspiring ballad singer. And here it might be pointed out that San Francisco is far from being as bad in this respect as comparable size and importance across many other cities of the nation. According to the killer: "He [the victim] was a sadist [masochist?]. He wanted me to rough him up and seduce him..."

The singer performed at the club one night and afterwards was invited to the owner's apartment for a drink.

The owner disrobed and suggested the singer also disrobe, after which he requested that he be lashed and a homosexual act performed. There was a struggle and when it had ended furniture was overturned, walls were blood-spattered and the night club owner lay dead at the singer's feet with stab wounds in the neck, heart and abdomen. The weapon used, a pair of scissors, was found lying at the dead man's side.

In the words of columnist Herb Caen: "...one of the goriest killings in recent history here; the most hardened cops were appalled at the mutilation".

It is argued that, were laws against homosexuality removed, this kind of crime would not occur. This is nonsense. Even if such a measure were approved, men still would be ashamed of what is considered to be a failing. They still would frequent ill-lighted bars in order to gratify what they would continue to think of as an "unnatural" appetite and would lay themselves open to blackmail and murder. And this is even more true of the married bisexual than of the homosexual proper. This is the Occident, not the Orient, and what has been sanctioned in the Orient for centuries could not find approval here overnight, certainly not by heterosexual wives free of the restrictions of Oriental religions.

On the same basis, it is nonsense to say that those who wield influence in the field of education, and who believe in and practice homosexuality, do not corrupt. There is no point in discussing specific cases such as that of the Smith College professors at Southampton, Massachusetts, but since homosexuality is unlawful, and since those who practice it are liable to prosecution and imprisonment, and since to hide themselves they are liable to blackmail, their very lives are corruptive. They are as corruptive, under existing law, as the professor who advocated masturbation for the young unwed as a means of preserving chastity and, in doing so, completely overlooked what chastity means.

In 1961, the National Security Agency fired 26 sex deviates as security risks because two of that body's code clerks had defected to Soviet Russia in 1960. It was not stated that the defectors were sex deviates, to be sure, but were deviates employed, it follows naturally that they could be blackmailed into detecting and taking with them information detrimental to the national good.

This is the risk with reference to married couples who engage in sex trading parties with other couples. They are liable to the same blackmail, apart from more usual blackmail, and, when they are in government employment, are just as liable to defection. Because of our laws, sex deviates of any type are security risks for the reasons outlined.

It is doubtful if changing the laws to obviate these risks would be proper, and doing so would definitely open the door to changing other laws which should not be changed.

Morals and ethics should not be confused with legalities, it is true, but it must be remembered that laws themselves are founded upon morals and ethics. Admittedly, this is no place for either moralizing or editorializing, but it would appear that the general public still is not fully aware of the nature of existing dangers. Even genuine liberals will not understand that laws, especially as they apply to public morality, are designed to apply to society as a whole and not simply to an enlightened minority, and that there cannot possibly be any question of double standards in this respect.

Because of a lenient atmosphere brought about by liberal heterosexual support, too many are capitalizing on homosexuals, including those who allow them to frequent their bars and saloons. Even worse than these individuals are those who, in common with the clubs and publications referred to previously, cater to homosexuals by establishing correspondence clubs and supplying names and addresses for a fee.

One such organization operates out of New York and supplies lists of white girls, coloured girls, nudist camps, model agencies supplying free female nudes, photographic hobbyists and amateur photographers in the business of pornography or near-pornography, artists and even divorcées.

This firm supplied, in this case, List Number Twelve, "50 Men Who Want Men Friends Only", adding at the bottom of the page, "It is unlawful to contact these people for unlawful purposes", which might have been better worded but which presumably cleared them with the law. Each of the individuals contacted from this list was a homosexual.

The firm can say, and probably prove, that it was not known these men were homosexuals. Actually, it didn't know whether it was passing out the names and addresses of homosexuals or Martians. No check was made on me and I could have been a juvenile or a female; therefore it is reasonable to suppose that no check had been

made on those listed.

Whatever they were, or whatever I was, we paid the fee.

In all, 24 of 50 listed were contacted and 19 replied.

Their ages ranged from 20 to 64, and they came from all walks of life. One wrote from a Naval Hospital in California, others from the New York area; others were from as far afield as South Carolina, Ohio, Idaho, Arizona, Tennessee, Louisiana, Georgia and Illinois. One, aged 24, wrote from a well-known university, two from the San Francisco Bay Area.

All, without exception, were homosexuals and all wanted homosexual friends.

While there were homosexual circles in their neighbourhoods, none of them wanted to associate with the more crude types in those circles. A small minority did use crude and vulgar expressions, but in the main this was not so.

Two were contacted, as they desired, by telephone. One was reserved, cautious, apparently deeply sensitive, and had a speech impediment that caused him acute embarrassment. He was an architect. The other was exaggeratedly masculine, an extrovert, and spoke to the point about what he expected from male friends. A third, contacted later, had a friend and simply wanted literary pornography dealing with his deviation.

Only one sent a photograph of himself. It was a nude, a rear, standing view, taken at the end of a sheltered garden.

It revealed little except that the model was overplump. He stated:

"Am enclosing a recent photo, and since I am a nudist, you should expect that type of picture. I have no others and will expect you to get the correct impression, since this is a way of life with me. A clean appreciation of beautiful things is all that matters."

With reference to homosexuality, he wrote:

"This letter leaves much unsaid, and I hope and pray the day will come when we will find that which we each seek."

Another is a wine chemist who dwells on his love of books and music and handsome men:

"Wish you were here, I'd show you my feelings." Another is a professional at a small golf club. He claims homosexuality freely, but points out the difficulty of fulfilling "these desires" except upon "rare" occasions. He is "very well trained", he insists, and has "a very nice, two-bedroom apartment that I keep up", in the hope that he will be "able to share it with" some "wonderful man".

Yet another is an accountant who loves classical music and wishes to know more about painting, but most of all:

"I like to be loved, but I think we are all that way, for without it life means little. One day I dream of finding a person who will care enough to love and be loved, to want me around..."

"I, too, desire masculine friendship.... and I am sure my desires, including above statements, are the same... to love and be loved."

It would serve no purpose to quote further letters. For one thing, it is not possible for a layman to be properly objective about the sense of loneliness or to fully comprehend the shame that creeps into them.

But these are the homosexuals that the average homosexual doesn't know about; the homosexuals that heterosexuals never surmise exist. They live among and work with normally directed people and nobody knows or even suspects that they are other than what they outwardly seem. They are exiles in more ways than one, particularly because the only other people who would accept them, the overt homosexuals, are crude and not to be borne.

Homosexuality, to these homosexuals, is not simply a matter of the physical and sexual aspects. While vital, they are in some ways incidental to the emotional aspects. They shun those to whom the physical and sexual aspects are all that matter. All that happens to these self-exiled people is that, in their search for what they think of as fulfilment, they are exploited by the unscrupulous and too often black mailed by heterosexuals posing as other homosexuals.

For this type there is seldom any happiness. They either live alone or they marry heterosexuals to escape from themselves, as did the city manager cited earlier. Their cases are similar to those of the occasional women who write to *The Ladder* cancelling their subscriptions because marriage means the end of loneliness, and, in one case, because there will be "no more of that awful feeling of 'everyone knows'".

Every city in every state has its meeting places for the other type, the type that practices homosexuality openly and flaunts its deviation - the kind that has within its membership those who carry and transmit disease to their own sort, and from whom the disease is carried to bisexuals, and from the bisexuals to single girls and unsuspecting wives in too many homes across the nation.

Chapter Eighteen

During the 1950's, when I was an editorial writer, I was also a beauty contest judge in northwest Florida. This latter undertaking frequently had me travelling to the city now known as Fort Walton Beach, a vacation resort, then known as Fort Walton. While in this city I partially uncovered a pornographic ring operating out of Eglin Air Force Base and run by servicemen and their wives.

I say "partially uncovered" because the office of then State's Attorney Edward Wicke made the exposure before I had covered the complete story and before I had gathered sufficient evidence. Wicke, a personal friend and the son-in-law of Congressman Bob Sikes (Dem.-Crestview), was more than helpful. He arranged to have me visit his office in order to view the evidence he had accumulated and to fill me in on details of which I had not been aware.

The names are mentioned to establish that what is stated is a matter of record, as well as to acknowledge the helpfulness of both men at all times. I would also acknowledge the advice of Rabbi Julius A. Leibert, himself a lawyer, during my preliminary investigation.

This investigation, incidentally, will reveal that sex trading parties and amateur pornography are not limited to big metropolitan centres such as New York, Chicago, New Orleans and San Francisco, or to big foreign cities, but may be found even in the smallest communities. It will also reveal that professional pornographers abroad have little to teach their amateur domestic counterparts.

What started the investigation on my part was a simple thing, the courtesy of a waitress in a restaurant. I commented on her to my companion, which led him to speak of the difficult time she was having in "living things down".

It transpired that several years before the girl had been the centre of a trial scandal involving incest when, it had been revealed, her father had been intimate with her and her two sisters, one of them becoming pregnant.

Her situation was particularly unenviable in that the girl herself had never been anything but good. She had been forced into intimacy against her will and had been, in effect, raped. This had emerged at the trial, sympathy had been with her, and yet she was experiencing difficulty in finding even the most menial employment because of public reaction. At the same time another girl, not yet out of her teens, not only was a part-time prostitute but was earning extra money by posing for pornographic photographs with teenage boys.

Pressed, my informant supplied further details and then took me into the newspaper's composing room where a young apprentice allowed me to view some of the photographs. It was at this time that I decided to investigate.

It did not take me long to get to the source of this particular aspect of the case. I determined names and addresses and was fortunate enough to see the full series of 12 photographic poses of the teenage girl and a younger boy.

I also discovered that there were more photographs in circulation, involving older models. Later I was able to purchase the series posed for by the teenagers, which were eventually turned over to the authorities as additional evidence.

These photographs, I learned, and others which I had not then seen, were developed and printed by the owner of a Fort Walton Beach firm and were being widely circulated for sale throughout the area. At different times I saw them in the Officers' Club at Pensacola Naval Air Station, at Osceola Golf Club, in various stores and business offices in Pensacola, in Fort Walton Beach, in the environs of which they had been taken, and as far afield as Tampa, St. Petersburg, and Mobile, Alabama.

These photographs showed the girl and the teenage boy, who had a handkerchief across his lower face to prevent identification but whose identity was known to most area residents, engaging in every possible form of coitus and performing both fellatio and cunnilingus.

At this time, the girl was 17 and the boy 16.

With acquisition of this series I found investigation temporarily blocked. There were still rumours of others engaged in producing pornography, and occasionally I was allowed to see photographs, but nothing definite could be established regarding identity and source. Then I went down to Fort Walton Beach to judge another beauty contest, and at a dinner party later that evening I found the block removed.

Discussion of the photographs and of the persons concerned led to a suggestion that I be shown certain films. The owner of the films, the businessman referred to earlier, was embarrassed at the indiscretion and somewhat angry, but since the matter was out in the open and because of my affiliations, it was deemed better to let me view them and so implicate me rather than risk any action I might take. We left the dinner party, accompanied by the man's wife and a blonde woman friend whose boyfriend was absent, and drove to his studio.

Two films were run for me. One was a German import and the second had been smuggled in from Cuba.

Both were comprehensively obscene and were even subtitled obscenely in English.

During the viewing of the films the businessman's wife left the studio because she had "seen the damm things so often", she was "sick of them". The other woman stayed because, though having seen the films previously, she evidently had not seen them enough. Incidentally, the other guests, men and wives and girlfriends, had all seen the films, but the only reaction was one of amusement. Some of the women disliked them, but none was outraged.

After the showing I asked careful questions and got some surprising answers. First, the man had been showing both films to civic clubs throughout the area, usually as entertainment in place of speakers after meetings and lunches, and secondly, he had obtained the films on a rental basis from a Miami agency.

For a not inconsiderable fee he had first obtained another two films, had returned them in due course and then, for a smaller fee, had obtained two more, the current films being the third batch so rented. He could go on renting these films for as long as he liked and had been assured that there was no danger of repetition. Films could be rented in much the same way as books from a privately owned library, or a library of films could be bought outright on a single purchase basis. He added that civic club memberships had been most appreciative.

I learned at this time of the larger pornographic ring which had started operations only a few weeks earlier. It was centred at Eglin Air Force Base, I was told, and at that time producing photographs only but was about to go into film production at any moment. Scenarios had been worked out and, since he was already developing and printing the photographs, the businessman was arranging to develop the films. He predicted that some startling material would soon be at hand.

As with other cases in this report, I pretended a sheerly personal interest and allowed my motives to be misunderstood. I requested any one of the photographic series posed for by the Eglin couples but, though the negatives were in his possession, there were no prints available, and I had no success in "borrowing" the negatives. It was arranged that he was to contact me when he printed again, within a few days, and that I would be kept informed on the progress of the filming project.

The same week I viewed approximately 50 pornographic photographs and had almost enough for a story.

I considered telephoning State's Attorney Wicke at that time, but I still lacked sufficient identification regarding the Eglin group and the local people who were involved. When I learned that the films were to be shot the following week, I decided to postpone action. I was confident I could get all the information and identification required, and the more detailed evidence I got, the better. I had learned also that sale or renting of the films had already been arranged.

The photographs produced by the Eglin group were technically superior to the imported variety. They were exceptionally clear and detailed and had been carefully posed to the best possible advantage. They involved two servicemen and their wives, a number of male service friends and local males, among them a prominent businessman, as well as local girls. At that time neither of the couples was older than the middle 20's. The other girls were approximately the same age, though some of the other males were older, at least in the 30's, and the businessman was in the middle 50's.

One of the wives was a beautiful, dark-haired, if some what heavily-proportioned, German girl. The other wife was an American, of slimmer proportions, and considerably less attractive. The other girls were moderately attractive.

The photographs were almost calculatedly unprofessionally posed to add to their obscenity. Otherwise they fitted the normal and expected pattern. There were close-ups and longer-range views of fellatio and cunnilingus, each wife posing with the other's husband. There were photographs in which they were engaged in coitus in a forest glade, side by side on the same blanket, laughing at each other while they copulated, and apparently engaged in mocking conversation. There were dozens of such photographs.

Other than these, there was a large and complicated series devoted to the German wife herself. She was posed naked except for shoes, hose and plentiful costume jewellery, her fingers loaded with large-stoned rings, and her arms with heavy silver bracelets. She exhibited her heavy breasts and buttocks as indecently as possible, sometimes posed with her husband or with her friend's husband, performed fellatio for both, masturbated and submitted to cunnilingus, al though in the majority of photographs she posed alone.

Apart from their calculated indecency, what made the photographs remarkable was that all had been posed out doors and in beautiful surroundings, the photographer having gone to considerable trouble with regard to composition. The result was that the obscenity was even more glaring.

At the time I viewed these photographs a heated debate was in progress regarding the prices being charged for each series of one dozen photographs. I tried to purchase one or more of these series, but the argument prevented that.

Finally, because of my persistence, I was taken aside and told that, if I would wait until the price issue had been settled, I could have my choice of photographs for nothing, and with that I had to be content.

Before leaving, I was invited down to the studio the following week end to view the first processed film, being told that another photographic series had been completed, an extremely "unusual" one, and this also would be

ready on my next visit.

Ironically, a few days later I had occasion to speak to State's Attorney Wicke, and during our conversation, I mentioned that I would have something good for him in a few days. He laughed and said he thought he would have something better for me. I didn't ask him to elaborate. I should explain that, as is usual in such cases, I had anticipated placing all material and information on his desk before commencing to write. Only a fool scoops a state's or district attorney in matters of this kind, unless there is clear evidence of malfeasance in office.

Then, during the same week, before my visit to the studio, all members of the group were arrested.

Subsequently, during conversation over a lunch with Wicke, I learned that his staff had been working along lines parallel to my own, though naturally with greater efficiency and success. I learned of evidence I would never have been able to uncover myself, principally because of fear of too much personal involvement and unwillingness to accept risks. It was in order to examine this additional evidence that I was invited to his office. He had done a thorough job.

I mentioned in an earlier chapter that, once having committed themselves to this way of life, initiates could not confine themselves to the more usual sex deviations but had to continue searching for more and more variety, in type, build, species in some instances, and in age.

In the state's attorney's office this statement was fully substantiated. Some of the models, both male and female, were in their 60's and 70's. They were posed indecently together, and they were also posed separately and in groups with youthful models. Some were grossly obese, with huge, pendulous bellies, breasts and buttocks, and elephantine thighs, while others were emaciated to the point where their rib cages and hip bones stood out from their leathery bodies like those of inmates of Belsen and Dachau.

That is how far perversity had taken these young people.

When I say that there were thousands of these and similar photographs, I am not exaggerating. That is literally true. Briefcases bulged with them and the word "bulged" is used advisedly because some of the cases would not lock, and their contents were held in place by straps.

There were films equally perverted and obscene. All were made and posed for by servicemen and their wives and allies and were developed and printed by a man with a wife, family and a prosperous business. This same man was to arrange for their distribution, just as he had arranged for the distribution of professional pornographic films.

The case was taken into court and is now a matter of public record. There was much, however, the public didn't learn. As in the California case cited in chapter fourteen, there was private financing but, somehow, this was never brought out at the trial. The businessman involved escaped conviction.

In State's Attorney's Wicke's office, I saw a photograph of this man standing, fully clothed, between the naked wives of the two servicemen mentioned earlier, his arms around their waists, cupping a breast of each in either hand, and smiling full-faced into the camera.

But the case against him was dismissed. It was claimed he did not know the photograph was taken, because he did not *pose* for the picture.

It could have been true.

Further south, in New Orleans, the tourist may view sex circuses, but, unlike the Eglin Air Force Base variety, the participants are common prostitutes and pimps. They don't pretend respectability and society knows what they are, because the police courts know them. And no matter how vicious they are, they are not teenagers still in high school.

Reverting to the Eglin pornographic case, some points are worth noting:

- (a) The operation was an amateur one on the part of young servicemen and their wives.
- (b) Local persons participated with them regarding posing.
- (c) A businessman with his wife's agreement, though without his or her participation, developed, printed and distributed the pornography, besides renting and exhibiting lewd films.
- (d) At least one other businessman was aware of the operation, otherwise he could not have been photographed with nude women.
- (e) Civic clubs in the Fort Walton Beach area knew of the operation and viewed the films.
- (f) Many thousands of persons of both sexes throughout the area also knew of the operation and had viewed the photographs but were so lacking in public spirit that they did nothing, and because of this public apathy, it took the state's attorney's office months to track down something which otherwise might have been halted in a matter of weeks.
- (g) At least two teenagers (although it was known there were others, and a teenager photographed the acts)

participated in this operation.

It was at this time that there were brief newspaper reports out of New Orleans concerning a vast husband-and-wife-swapping ring of international proportions, though after the initial newsbreak connecting some nameless society couples to this ring, remarkably few details were to be obtained and in a matter of days it was forgotten.

Chapter Nineteen

The effect of these unlawful activities across the nation cannot help but be felt. When the rules of moral conduct are so flagrantly ignored by the minority it follows that the common good of the majority is also endangered. When the guilty parties happen also to be parents of growing children, the damage to the moral fibre of the nation is incalculable.

Parental guilt, as any psychiatrist can tell you, is a two edged sword. It can sever the bonds of love and devotion that hold parent to child with the result that delinquency is encouraged in the home and community. Parents who are wrapped up in their own selfish pleasures are not likely to find time to discipline and guide their youngsters into accepted social channels.

Oddly enough, parental guilt can also produce an opposite reaction - although instances of this are admittedly less common. It can cut through the texture of human tolerance and simple understanding so that parents can become tyrants to their children and can deny them the freedom which they themselves have so sorely abused.

In either case, society suffers. And because society suffers, it has a right under the rules established by itself to punish in order to prevent recurrence. It should be remembered that the violators themselves belong to this society and give overt approval to those rules.

In this report accounts have been given of parents who, with other parents, live in a state of virtual sexual anarchy. Since all morality is primarily based upon sexual morality, should this trend continue and be condoned, it does not take very much wisdom to foresee that social anarchy would result. And with a breakdown of society, there would be no democracy as we know it, no equal justice under the law, since that law would no longer exist, and since the law-breakers would then be the law-givers, and freedom would be translated into license.

Therefore, these sexual anarchists conspire against us all, against our society and good and well-being. The threat is indirect, perhaps, as far as they are concerned, but it is uncomfortably direct for the rest of us.

There is the mother who, with her husband, behaves in lewd fashion with another couple in a bedroom, and periodically all night long is putting on a robe to go and minister to her complaining children on the other side of the bed room wall.

There is the mother who, after a night during which her husband not only has allowed another man to possess her but to possess him in her presence, is concerned with getting her small son off to his private school in the morning.

These mothers and fathers militate against us, against all society. None of these parents can live a normal life with their children. They cannot avoid being either too lax or too strict in the use of home discipline. And moreover, they cannot escape their own ultimate exposure and disgrace - thus depriving their innocent offspring of their right to a happy childhood.

Some of the tragic effects of this lowering of moral standards among the adult population is evidenced in the ever increasing incidence of teenage delinquency, especially in the densely populated areas of New York, Michigan, Massachusetts and California - to mention a few of the states which seem to have more than their share of juvenile problems.

Let me illustrate my point by examining the case of one city in southern California, Laguna Beach, and by mentioning some of the strange goings-on that are reported there each year during Easter vacation. In citing Laguna Beach, I would like to point out that it is not an isolated example but rather one with which I happen to be more or less personally familiar. What happens there happens elsewhere in the nation.

Every Easter many hundreds of students swoop down on Laguna Beach from the high schools, junior colleges and universities in the Greater Los Angeles area. These highly spirited youngsters turn the city topsy-turvy in their quest for alcohol, sex and general excitement. They rent houses, sometimes sleeping 20 to a room, 10 boys and 10 girls, and in pairs they litter the beaches at night, leaving behind them beer cans, wine bottles and discarded prophylactics.

It has become a serious problem for Laguna Beach, but it is a problem which it, like many other resort centres, has brought upon itself in its search for extra revenue. Easter is an "off season" for merchants and landlords in this community and for many years the free-spending students were enthusiastically welcomed, especially since many of them came from well-to-do families. As might have been expected, the students wore their welcome very thin.

Laguna Beach saw its wildest Easter on record in 1960, although the chief of police, remembering past Easters and anticipating trouble, had the foresight to almost triple his force by hiring off-duty county deputies. The police blotter bulged with an all-time record of 154 arrests, nearly double that of the previous high in 1958, the charges ranging from drunkenness to possession of marijuana and outraging public decency.

The latter charge arose out of the fact that, quite without shame, students were micturating in the downtown streets and even defecating in the public flower gardens of which the city is so proud.

These students were as young as 14 years in some cases, and yet, despite this, liquor sales soared. Liquor store owners tried to guard against purchasing alcohol and the police kept sharp watch, but every student got all he or she wanted. The older youths, chaperones of both sexes, saw to that. There was even an alcohol black market run by fraternities and sororities. Because of all this, the city's streets and alleys, and even the front lawns of private residences, became dumping grounds for empty beer cans, wine and whiskey bottles.

Some of the reports made by individual police officers are fantastic:

One officer complained that students had taken dog manure and scrawled obscenities all over his automobile.

Another officer, coming upon a parked sedan, saw two teenaged youths standing on the top, heard the fraternity brothers shout obscene references to the genitalia, and then saw the two partially remove their clothing and exhibit themselves indecently.

A third officer, investigating a call he said he had difficulty in believing, found a student, unable to find a parking place in the street for his motorcycle, riding it around the living room of a home.

Most of these students come from a radius of more than 150 miles around Laguna Beach. They come from Pasadena, San Gabriel and the vicinity of Los Angeles. But fraternity and sorority students from the University of Washington, more than 1,000 miles to the north, also visit.

They all add up to an impressive total. The city now has a reputation among these students, and they are determined it will live down to it. In this respect the girl students are as bad as the boys.

It is estimated that for every co-ed, there are at least four boys, all hoping to "make time". In view of the accent on sex, and remembering the four-to-one ratio of boys to girls, plus all the alcohol available, it might be expected that there would have been at least a few charges of sexual assaults or attempted assaults during the 1960 season. There were none.

As the police chief put it in a newspaper account: "It's an ironic commentary on morals that we've yet to log our first rape complaint."

To illustrate what happens, the case of one landlord will suffice. This man rented a duplex: the downstairs apartment to teenage boys and the upstairs one to teenage girls. He discounted the possibility of immoral behaviour since the apartments had separate entrances, both open to the view of passers-by and neighbours, and there were no connecting doors. Nevertheless, in order to be doubly sure - and knowing he would be accountable for any trouble that might ensue - he asked the police to keep a close watch on the premises. This they did.

Nothing happened - no hint of any objectionable activity whatever during all the time the duplex was rented.

Prowling squad cars had nothing to report, not even of a minor nature, and the owner was relieved and grateful for his fore sight.

On the day the students vacated, the landlord checked to be sure that no damage had been done. He was amazed, upon entering the lower apartment, to see an upright ladder in the centre of the living room floor. The top of the ladder disappeared into the ceiling where a huge hole had been cut.

While propriety and decorum had been outwardly observed, actual traffic between the two sexes had gone on night after night undetected and unimpeded. From the students' standpoint, it had been an ideal arrangement indeed!

The fact that the cost of repair exceeded the price of the rental was of no concern to them.

As for the alleged chaperones, most of them are only old enough to qualify for the purchase of liquor for the youngsters they are there to protect and who are prevented by law from buying their own. Some are young school teachers, while other do not even have that dubious qualification. And, say the police, some of these chaperones frequently "turn in performances far more bawdy than those of the students" they are supervising.

Again quoting the police: the chaperones go off to a bar, get drunk, pick up older college boys and bring them back to the houses and apartments they have rented, where they proceed to "raise the roof". When the debauchery gets too loud and uncontrolled, neighbours call the police to complain, but by the time police reach the scene, word has mysteriously got around and, beyond passing out severe warnings, indignantly protested and rejected by the chaperones, there is nothing to be done.

The chief of police himself made a surprise dawn raid on one house and found a 22-year-old UCLA girl student, ash-blonde and attractive, next to nude on a davenport between two boys. The boys had been with her all night, and their eyes were red-rimmed from lack of sleep. Said the chief:

"She had... a whistle-bait figure and was dressed, if you want to call it that, in a very narrow bra and extremely short shorts."

And this girl, it was claimed, was a "house mother" for a group of UCLA fraternity students who were renting the premises!

During this same Easter vacation, in answer to dozens of complaints from the neighbourhood, police entered another rented house to find an 18-year-old co-ed in a drunken stupor, "living it up", as far as she could, with no less than six fraternity boys.

These boys turned out to be one of the black market groups responsible for supplying liquor to younger, underage students. They had a big sign displayed over the fire place in the living room quoting moderate prices for good bourbon and seeking to eliminate the competition.

The parents of these students are a mixed lot. Some, not knowing what really goes on, think that since chaperones will be present, then everything must be all right. Others simply don't bother to think enough about it and, if they do, well, "it's all a part of growing up", and "kids will be kids".

Yet others, anxious that their own good times on vacation won't be interrupted or spoiled, believe everything can be arranged with a little more money and don't particularly care what happens as long as there are no repercussions.

It could be that some parents don't care about anything at all because of their own participation in other more controlled, and less public, debaucheries.

When these parents are told what has happened, they "simply don't understand" how their children could have got into any trouble. Or they quarrel with the police for "spoiling" their Easter. Or they quarrel with their children because they have been inconvenienced by having "to drive all that way".

The *reason* for the inconvenience, for the spoiling of the vacation, apparently escapes them all.

The reaction of the schools and universities to complaints is itself deplorable. Despite police pleas for aid in what should be a joint disciplinary problem, they do absolutely nothing to help. They take the position that the students are on vacation and that, therefore, they have no responsibility for them, entirely overlooking the fact that whatever students do must inevitably reflect upon the educational institutions with which they are identified. Also, even when there are apparently clear-cut cases, alumni who are attorneys assist students in undermining the law.

One such case involved a mob of 150 which smashed windows, overturned cars, tore out electric wiring, knocked down walls and rioted wildly through the city. Piles of discarded beer cans, bottles and general garbage constituted such "sheer filth and a health hazard" that the police chief sought and obtained an arrest warrant.

The police chief wasted his time. The boys, when arrested, quickly made long distance calls to the fraternity house at UCLA, whereupon their fraternity brothers on the campus telephoned alumni who were in the legal profession, and then it was only a matter of time.

The alumni attorneys acted so quickly that there wasn't even time to photograph and fingerprint the arrested students before legal technicalities were "flying so thick and fast" that the police had to yield and the culprits went free.

Nor was that the end of it.

Despite the overwhelming evidence, university officials were loud in their denunciations of the Laguna Beach Police Department for "blackening the good name of UCLA" in the newspapers.

There are Laguna Beaches in many parts of the country. There are several in Florida, to mention one eastern state. In Florida the vacationing students are a little better behaved, perhaps, but otherwise there is little difference.

This makes the California students cited here not worse or better but simply more stupid, according to like-minded but more sophisticated youth. A novel was written on the behaviour of students in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and though it was considerably played down, some idea may be gained of the over-all picture. It could be said to amount to sexual anarchy before marriage and before there had been time to grow accustomed to old-fashioned and allegedly outmoded ideas of decency.

In chapter eighteen reference was made to a male homosexual college student. There are many accounts, notably from San Diego, of the lesbian orgies indulged in at vacation resorts by female students from southern California universities and colleges. Lesbianism has already been dealt with in detail, so I do not propose to go into it further. This is merely stated parenthetically and as a matter of record.

In connection with abnormal student behaviour generally, there is no ground for believing that this derives from the sexual anarchy of the parents. Still, unfortunate examples are set by some parents and are communicated swiftly by "friends". Students get wind of scandalous behaviour from these friends with the result that youths of both sexes cannot help but react. Some may wish to speculate on the possibility that so-called "queerness" may result in the off spring even though the parents may have indulged in normal extra-marital activity.

Adding to the complexity of the whole problem is the fact that people often lack the courage to deal firmly with

their friends on moral grounds. Most of us are guilty of this: we sanction talk and behaviour of which fundamentally we disapprove. This is attributed to the fear of being laughed at or of being thought "old-fashioned" and behind the times.

Thus we connive, however unwillingly, to perpetuate a state of affairs that is unhealthy for anybody irrespective of age.

Chapter Twenty

Many Americans unwittingly aid those to whom they are unalterably opposed, despite their honest dedication to liberalism.

Various organizations across the country, concerned with the important matter of personal freedom and the encroachment of the government upon the rights of the individual, unknowingly attract individuals whose aims are not to preserve personal freedom but to pervert it.

One of these, a private organization, is the "Committee For Personal Freedom".

The aim of the committee is to gather sufficient membership strength to propose a Twenty-third Amendment in the Congress. There is no reason to doubt that the motivation of this body is anything but correct and in keeping with what is known as Americanism. However, an examination of what actually is proposed in this contemplated Twenty-third Amendment reveals too many loopholes through which injury could be done to the general good of those it is purported to protect, and also innumerable ways by which moral and political subversives could conspire at that injury.

According to publicity releases, believing that the primary responsibility of a government lies in the extension of public and private liberty and in the enhancement of individual and group creativity and expression (and, therefore, that the proper function of the law enforcement agencies and the courts of a nation is the protection of the life, welfare and rights and property of the individual and the group, rather than their harassment and deprivation), the committee urges the enactment and adoption of a Twenty-third Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, to be known as the Personal Freedom Amendment, embodying the following points:

Neither Congress nor the States shall make any laws nor shall the civil authorities take any actions, abridging or restricting the activities or rights of assembly, expression, dissemination or possession of any rational adult members of society, where there exists no clear threat to the maintenance of public order, or the life, welfare, rights and property of others.

All existing statutes conflicting with this Amendment are hereby nullified.

Believing these provisions to be a minimum requirement for the maintenance of a free nation and society in a period of increasing cultural and ideological conflict, the committee invites all who concur upon the present need for the establishment of such a standard of personal liberties to support its drive for the adoption of this amendment.

It has been suggested by some critics that the proposed amendment is too broad in its implications and too revolutionary to gain acceptance. How broad the implication and how revolutionary is not immediately apparent.

However, the exponents of the amendment do not believe this criticism is sound:

Freedom is a broad term. For purposes of legal interpretation it must be based on an objective criterion.

Freedom for some and not others is no freedom at all. Within our limitations proposed, we must be prepared to grant rights to others with whom we disagree, in order to gain those particular freedoms which we individually desire

As to the revolutionary aspect, it is pointed out that: there is little in the proposal that is not already suggested in the "clear and immediate danger" rule as expressed in a number of Supreme Court decisions, and the "rational, consenting adult" rule enunciated by Judge Learned Hand.

The proposal only extends the logic of these rules to specific forms of restriction and applies it to the direct limitation of police powers.

In investigating this body I would like to make it quite clear that I specifically brought up the trend toward mutually permissive extra-marital sex, or sex trading. My purpose was obvious. I suspected, from its title and after perusal of its literature, that this organization was another front for what may be termed sexual revolutionaries. I could not prove this was so, nor could I prove it was not.

My references to mutually permissive extra-marital sex relationships, within the context of this proposed Twenty-third Amendment, received no comment whatsoever, although they were purposely made with sufficient point to merit comment. The practice was neither condoned nor condemned. It simply was not mentioned. I make no other point than that.

Apart from the outline of the proposed amendment, a second article of literature specified a number of direct changes in existing restrictions, growing out of the more general proposal, to be interpreted as applying strictly within the limitations established by the general proposal. In order that there be no accusations of misquoting, this second article is cited in full, together with observations on each clause as it is listed

"Within the limitations envisioned in the proposed amendment, the Committee for Personal Freedom urges the removal of restrictive statutes governing the following forms of interpersonal and personal relationships: 1. RELIGION: Elimination of the power of secular authorities to enforce the dogmas and injunctions of any particular religious creed upon the population as a whole. Extension of the rights of any religious sect, cult or group to openly establish itself and seek adherents regardless of form or ritual theological conviction and/or belief."

This is window-dressing and must be viewed as a diversionary tactic. Both items are provided for already under the Constitution. With reference to the rights of religious sects, there must necessarily be restrictions, with reference to polygamous marriage and self-mutilative rituals, or rituals involving sacrifice of live animals, to cite but three examples, and establishment of a cult of Priapus is unimaginable.

"2. CENSORSHIP: Elimination of all restrictions concerning form of expression, content, depiction, exhibition, dissemination and possession in the fields of literature, drama, dance and the plastic and graphic arts."

This would permit even the worst kind of pornography to be circulated on the basis that what might be obscene to one might be art to another. We suffer enough in the opposite direction. Both extremes are wrong.

"3. NUDITY AND DRESS: Elimination of restrictions upon the right of individuals, whether alone or in groups, to dress or be undressed, as they desire."

This right is already provided. There are nudist camps and a person has the privacy of his own home. On the terms set forth above, the rights and beliefs of those who object to nudity must be considered.

"4. MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE: Establish marriage as a branch of contract law, subject to the general rules of contract law. Acknowledgement of the right of individuals to contract marriage freely with others, where no restrictive clauses are contained in previous contracts still in force. Legalization of divorce by mutual consent of both parties, where adequate provision has been made regarding property and the welfare of progeny."

This must be viewed as more window dressing. Apart from the contract law proviso, every right mentioned already is in force, with the exception of divorce by mutual consent which, apparently, would be patterned after the Soviet system. This is an extremely debatable field and, with reference to contract law, it might be pointed out that marriage is something more than a business, although alimony abuses might be prevented.

"5. CHILDREN: Elimination of the stigma of illegitimacy upon all progeny, and enforcement of their legal rights of equality with all other children produced by either parent. Definition of the legal rights and relationship of children to the state and to either parent."

Much already is being done with regard to removing the stigma of illegitimacy. With reference to the other provisos, while they are just, no encouragement of promiscuity should emerge from any law, and no denegation of marriage.

"6. FAMILY PLANNING: Elimination of all restrictions upon the sale and use of contraceptives and upon instruction in their use. Legalization of abortion at the wish of the mother-to-be."

With a few notable exceptions, there are no restrictions upon the sale and use of contraceptives in the states, and in most states there is effective instruction in their use. Restrictions continually are in the process of being tested in the exceptional states noted.

With reference to legalization of abortion at the wish of the mother-to-be, again most states take a realistic attitude depending upon the circumstances and reasons given. It would be both unrealistic and foolish to legislate unrestricted application. This would both promote promiscuity and cater to the worst social types.

"7. PROSTITUTION: Legalization and professionalization of prostitution, with the institution of standards in licensing."

From the standpoint of health, this might make for better standards, but as in other countries where prostitution is legal, much would depend upon the economic status of the prostitute. It is not a certain guarantee. Nor would it resolve the moral and spiritual problems posed, and these also are important sociological factors.

"8. SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR: Eliminations of all restrictions on sexual relations between rational consenting adults."

This speaks more than eloquently for itself. It would quite obviously permit all the activities discussed in this report, specifically exchange of marital partners, planned orgies between couples, bisexuality at these parties, male and female homosexuality and so-called homosexual marriages, and the kind of bestiality discussed in chapter twelve. It would also permit sadism and masochism, along with other fringe sexual deviations. It would also remove the need for marriage and make mandatory implementation of clauses five and six.

"9. SEX EDUCATION: Encouragement of classes and centres for sexual education of both children and adults, emphasizing the social and psychological aspects of sexual relations, rather than merely the procreative."

Undoubtedly many adults need such instruction, but it is doubtful if juveniles may be successfully initiated into

the social and psychological aspects of sexual relations, since a lot is accomplished if this is done successfully with reference to the “merely” procreative. Definition of the terms, in any case, could be broad, indeed, and precise definition should be mandatory. With reference to the adults who require such instruction, they are not mature, anyway, and with youths who cannot even make the claim of years as against maturity, the entire situation could be dangerous.

Then there is the question of the standards to be arrived at, and the quality and qualifications of the instructors. From personal observation as an instructor in university centres and colleges, I feel not only the human material but also those who would mould it need instruction.

In brief, it would take genius to instruct on anything but the mechanics of sex, and there are far from enough qualified mechanics to begin with.

“10. EQUALITY OF RIGHTS: Enforcement of the role of equality of rights and treatment for all adult individuals, regardless of religion, race, sex or form.”

Since this is already guaranteed under the Constitution, this is more window-dressing. The other items taken into consideration, what matters here are the two words “or form”.

Once again, a loophole is opened whereby matters injurious to those rights could be introduced.

It only remains to quote the footnote:

“In addition to the above points, we feel that the extension of rights should be brought more into focus by the adjustment of the age of adulthood to closer correspondence with the biological and emotional maturation of the individual.”

This would be a hopeless task, as well as a socially thank less one. In the positive sense it would mean nothing except to those who live such abnormal lives as are described in this report and who have been apprehended. In the negative sense, it would mean even more trouble than already exists.

It would mean, in cases involving statutory rape and rape, etc., that more individuals than at present would be judged on the biological and maturation basis, instead of on a strictly legal basis, and it would mean even more offenders being catered to at the expense of the taxpayer.

Many of these offenders would never reach maturation in the legal sense, anyway, and to impede enforcement of the law and to double the cost of that enforcement is neither good legal nor good social sense – nor is it good financial sense.

It should be emphasized, also, that in such cases the law already takes as much cognizance as possible of these two factors, though perhaps not to the degree implied, and that, therefore, the protection sought would be for the legally capable rather than the legally incapable, which altogether perverts the issue.

Any study of the proposed amendment, and more especially of the explanatory literature, links every point put forward with the subject of sex. That is the only conclusion possible. It could be that this was not the intention of the committee. But a second conclusion must be that, further, it concerns the subject of grossly relaxed sex laws and behaviour. If this is not so, then the committee’s entire position has been badly stated.

To illustrate the conclusions, items two, three, six, eight, nine and ten are indisputably linked and serve a common purpose, and items four, five and seven, even as window-dressing, tend to support them, whereas item one apparently would take care of any possible opposition.

There can be little doubt that legalization of prostitution and the institution of standards in licensing would lower the VD rate in a most welcome manner. But there can be little doubt, either, that enactment of this proposed amendment as a whole, with reference to item eight specifically and granting enough adherents, would effectively remove the need for prostitution and, therefore, the necessity for standards in licensing. And what would happen to the VD rate then?

Venereal disease is likely to be a problem for a long time to come. Despite penicillin, it is still on the upgrade in many American cities due to a number of reasons, among these homosexual infection. It should be noted, also, that infection of the young is on the upswing. Admittedly, thanks to Madame Herbert and her campaign that saw the closure of licensed brothels in France, VD has had an alarming increase in that country. Admittedly, also, in such countries as the United States, Great Britain and Canada, etc., where prostitution is not legal, VD always has been and still is a very serious problem, much more serious than in those countries where prostitution is allowed. However, the contention that legalized prostitution is the answer is still debatable.

It is the obvious answer, true, if only because of control and elimination in one dangerous field. But it is merely that, one field. And on the basis that going regularly to church in itself is not enough, in view of all the related necessities, then VD cannot be eliminated totally by institution of licensed standards in brothels.

In short, the trouble with item seven is the trouble with those who indulge in mutually permissive extra-marital sex. The subject is argued biologically instead of ethically and morally, sex is substituted for love and successfully achieved orgasms for happiness.

Granting sincerity, it is abundantly clear that this particular organization has not thought far enough, and definitely has not carried the thinking process through to what should be its natural and inevitable conclusion.

With reference to item two, censorship, one of the trickiest legal questions on the books, is overridden without a blush and without the slightest reference to what might be considered obscenity, in this case the point of censorship.

Obscenity is not merely a matter of the vernacular four-letter words and of use of those words, orally or printed, but of definition and, more than that, of intent and motivation. It cannot seriously be questioned, for example, that what was not obscene to one person in D.H. Lawrence's until recently banned book undoubtedly can be obscene to another.

But Lawrence's intent was never in question and, therefore, in the wider sense, his book is not obscene, and this is even more true of the works of Joyce and Miller. All are debatable on this basis, perhaps, but this is not true of such books as *Linda's Strange Vacation*, referred to earlier, which is obscene on any grounds. But item two would allow circulation of this smut.

Obscenity, for any civilized man, is exactly what he judges it to be out of his own environment, education, experience and entire way of, and philosophy of, life. This is not of necessity true of his neighbour. And since they *must* communicate and associate amicably with each other, without continually giving and receiving offense, then they must compromise and agree on a proper meeting ground, in the real sense of the word "proper". That is how any workable rules for censorship should be arrived at.

It is submitted that, if this cannot be done, if meaning and intent cannot be considered in relation to each other, then there is no real civilization. More than that, if no workable compromise can be achieved, then both, in their contrasting and opposed ways, are obscene.

Obscenity, then, must be a matter of common agreement and, to some workable degree, of compromise.

But this committee would erase all agreement, would deny the rights of even minor opposition. Or is that its intent?

And also, to refer to item nine, what does it mean by the social and psychological aspects of sex relations? As apart from the procreative? All that can be meant is that sex relations do not exist merely for the propagation of the species, but have certain pleasurable aspects which may be ensured by certain techniques. Since the pleasurable aspects are well-known even to morons, emotional frigidity aside, this means instruction in methods and techniques. Instruction here, to be properly accomplished, would mean accompanying lectures on frigidity, its causes and cures, not to mention lectures for those who are not troubled by this malady. And the idea of teaching admittedly immature children on this plane is no less than appalling, considering the problems they and we already face in this respect.

It is appalling because education up to college age is, or should be, for the express purpose of teaching the young the rules for living, among them the hoary rule of duty, of responsibility to themselves and to the community and to the nation, as well as fitting them for existing in a practical way and earning a living. To stray from this into the field of the social and psychological aspects of sex relations, or the techniques and methods for ensuring pleasurable sexual life, would be dangerously diversionary. This belongs to maturity, and to tuck on a rider regarding closer correspondence with biological and emotional maturation is both paradoxical and nonsensical.

Maturation differs, not only widely but wildly. That should be so apparent as not to require stating. In fact, one wonders at the maturity of the committee... Which prompts reversion to item nine again in that, today's youth considered, or any day's youth outside a sexual Utopia, it is simply begging for trouble to emphasize social and psychological aspects which are only too well understood, anyway, if not in those precise terms. Reference here is made to the teenagers dealt with in chapter twenty and to the fact that the committee states this instruction should be given to children.

No amendment or law ever suited everybody. It is safe to say that even those who approve of a specific law would have riders included to suit their special cases. Were that permissible, that could mean possibly one hundred million riders included in one act alone, and the courts and the legal profession would be in chaos.

And chaos is another definition of anarchy with reference to certain discussed sexual behaviour.

There are many other organizations like the "Committee For Personal Freedom". The Birch Society, for example, is one which stands on the other side of this particular street, though that, in this case, is not laudatory.

However, while no attempt is being made to define any objective of this committee other than those set forth, it is submitted that, very definitely, it would accomplish all that those under study in this report most vehemently desire. It is suggested, just as definitely, that this would be bad for all of us.

I do not know if there are hidden objectives behind those listed by the "Committee For Personal Freedom", though truthfully, those listed are scarcely laudable. But what I do know I have set down. I believe the conclusions drawn are just and, more than that, inescapable. And this I positively know:

That no organization that seeks to set individual rights above collective rights can be good, and that no

individual who would protect the individual at the expense of the majority can be soundly motivated. I know that the committee is gaining adherents and that it is the kind of organization that is often infiltrated by sexual and political subversives as a matter of course. That is why it was investigated initially and why its overt objectives have been listed and commented upon.

It is reiterated that there are many such organizations in this country, far too many, and whether they deliberately exploit or are exploited, the result could be the same for all of us.

It is a result that the Constitution and the Bill of Rights are expressly designed to prohibit.

Chapter Twenty-One

As I pointed out at the beginning of this report on moral decadence, I lay no claim to being an expert on the subject of sexology. Any conclusions regarding the behaviour of the unfortunate deviates discussed herein must be left to the scientists who are best qualified to arrive at them.

Such conclusions as I have ventured to draw have been with particular reference to law and even then I have care fully eschewed any attempt to weigh the right or wrong of the law concerned. This holds true also of the law as it affects the homosexual. A general trend toward toleration of this variant has been evidenced over the past two decades; his status in society has been defended by some of the sharpest brains in the country - and this I will neither praise nor condemn.

I will take only one position in this respect, and that is a firm one: I believe that no law should be broken by the individual member of society, and I also believe that no law should be broken by the judicial and enforcement agencies designed to support it. If laws are wrong, then they should be changed and not flouted. Were laws to be changed in respect to homosexuals, I feel strongly that a pressing subversive danger would be removed. This is not to suggest that any such change would be either beneficial or desirable.

However, all laws, including sex laws, should be enforced without distinction. To prosecute under one sex law and not another is very far from justice.

Although I have shied away from drawing any pseudo-scientific conclusions, I find it hard not to moralize, this being clearly within any layman's sphere. A report such as this must have a moral aspect, in any case, or it is not worth doing, and should never have been attempted in the first place. Men hold to certain beliefs, and every issue is right or wrong according to their upbringing and education and the laws by which they are governed. That is all there is to it. It is not a question of special or of individual belief, no matter how well founded, and always must be one of general, of majority belief. In a properly governed country the people as a whole must decide on any issue, no matter what minority liberals think. If the decision is wrong, then only education and public discussion should be allowed to effect the majority verdict and bring about change.

A primary consideration always has been the attitude of enforcement agencies and, more specifically, unequal application of the law and, on occasion, deliberate overriding of the law.

In this respect, in San Francisco on July 25, 1961, it was reported that judge Albert A. Axelrod of the Municipal Court was to give his attention to the "curious etiquette" observed at a Geary Street social function where the guests, four males and three females, disported themselves in the nude. Two police officers arrested the seven, it was made known, in normal performance of their duty.

A few days earlier, on June 19, 1961, in Muncie, Indiana, a circuit judge ordered a grand jury investigation of charges that teenage girl prisoners, jailers and trustees cavorted at sex orgies and drinking parties at the county jail.

The investigation was touched off by a newspaper inquiry that began after a disgruntled former deputy sheriff talked about "that mess at the county jail". A seventeen-year-old girl complained that, while she lay in a top bunk in a jail cell, a deputy sheriff and a woman prisoner had sexual relations in the lower bunk, and that later that day, the same deputy returned and forced sexual relations upon her. In addition to the jailers, deputies and trustees, it was charged that staff members of the sheriff's office were involved.

Then again, a lesbian convention was permitted in San Francisco in 1960 at a well-known hotel, and porn magazines are permitted to be published and distributed in the State of California, as well as in other sections of this nation. Also, a district attorney admits that laws affecting homosexuals are not enforced as a matter of policy, except in unusual circumstances.

In the first place officers enforce the law, in the second they use their positions grossly to violate the law, and in the third the law is evaded.

Many more such cases could be cited, concerning not only law enforcement agencies but also officials in related fields. That is why the tag *Quis custodiet ipsos custodiam* was so pointedly used at the beginning of this report.

Another consideration was the difficulty experienced by conscientious enforcement agents in tracking down violators, plus the difficulty of obtaining evidence. In this respect, a specific case is cited:

The man concerned wrote on behalf of himself and his wife, in explanation of a previous and brief warning regarding postal interference. He pointed out that he had written "30" of these warnings to other sex traders and pornographers and probably had scared them off, but he did not regret this since it gave them an opportunity to "cut down" from 18 to 20 current contacts "to 4-6, which we feel is all we can or *want* to handle".

He gave details regarding the initial postal action which had set off the scare and continued:

"...I am firmly convinced that the post office is **not** [his emphasis] concerned with private individuals, but is,

instead, conducting a campaign against mail order concerns that distribute films and dirty pictures on a nationwide scale...

*"First of all, we don't keep any old correspondence lying about, but rather destroy it as soon as it has been read. But I would no more destroy a photo than I would cut off my own head simply because I had a headache! **They, are, however, well hidden and well secured and will remain there until I feel it is safe to bring them home again** [Author's emphasis]."*

He then discussed precautionary measures taken by other couples who had reason to be disturbed by the activities of postal authorities, of warnings he had received from them, and the measures he, himself, had taken to guard against exposure, adding details of the successful manoeuvrings of a single man approached by inspectors. Obviously, it would be difficult to catch this man with incriminating material in his possession, and the only opportunity the authorities have of implicating him lies with others to whom he had sent letters and "dirty" photographs of himself and his wife, and then only if they had not been as cautious as he and had been found with the material in their possession, an unlikely contingency, to say the least, in view of the calibre of these people.

Other than incrimination by others, there would be no possible means of judging when this man might consider it safe to bring his pornographic material home from where it is hidden, and an unproductive domestic raid would prove expensive for the authorities. And yet he possesses photographs of himself and his wife, as well as other couples, in poses every bit as lewd as any pornography sent out by mail order houses anywhere.

In his letter, partially quoted, this man referred to one single man, one single girl and two couples, cited the localities in which they live and, in three cases, gave first names.

He overlooked the fact that, with this information, and since a club bulletin had been obtained by the authorities, all could be quite easily located and arrested, all would necessarily name him in an attempt to mitigate their offenses and would probably supply photographic evidence which would implicate him inextricably.

This kind of oversight is continually amazing. It crops up in case after case, and there apparently is complete ignorance of the fact that handwriting, typewriter and finger prints can be identified beyond any doubt, especially when letters carry stamp cancellations to pinpoint their origin, and it is known also that the enforcement agency has a club bulletin in its possession.

It is emphasized again that the majority of these people hold good, sometimes enviable positions, both in the business world and in their communities, and most of them have families of their own, relatives in their immediate neighbourhood, as well as church and civic affiliations. This is tragic because all these things are considered by them to be very important, cause them ceaseless doubt and worry, which is evidenced by pleas for discretion and the most scrupulous care, and yet they persist in risking everything, despite the danger in which they positively know they stand.

Inevitably their worst fears are realized and everything they dreaded would happen does happen.

Even more tragic, in some ways, are the well-known, even famous, people who involve themselves in such dangers. Some of them are rich and socially prominent, though perhaps only in certain areas, but others are nationally, and in some cases internationally, known.

I quote an advertisement inserted by one such internationally prominent couple, the girl a former national beauty queen before marriage, the husband a nationally-known photo-grapher. They are Eastern Europeans. I omit the country of origin and have changed the box number of the advertisement, but otherwise the advertisement is quoted in full:

B-7475, [Country]: *Couple in the late 20's desires correspondence with singles all over the world, especially with coloured young men. She became "Miss ——" a few years ago, while he is a well-known physique photographer. We have many interests and are broad-minded and sincere. Have our own home and can offer hospitality to our foreign friends. Exchange of photographs wanted. Please send photo in your first letter which will be returned with one of ours. We promise to return all material. Air mail replies appreciated.*

Other advertisers in the publication in which this one appeared are sex traders. Without exception, every couple contacted through similar advertisements stated unequivocally that they desired sex orgies, either with singles or with married couples, and wanted pornographic photography and sometimes films of those orgies. Their desires were couched in the frankest conceivable terms, and there was no hesitancy in use of obscenity to describe special interests.

And yet a couple like this, one of them nationally and the other internationally known, are so indiscreet as to appear overtly in their ranks

The girl is exceptionally beautiful and is famous in her country. It elected her its beauty queen, after all. She appeared in films and newsreels of the pageant which she won and travelled from one end of the country to the other to meet her admiring fellow citizens. She received more publicity at the crowning of the beauty who succeeded her. Her husband, as she stated, is a well-known physique photographer, and their marriage created yet more publicity. Many hundreds of columns of newsprint have appeared about them, and were any scandal

now attached to them, especially an international sex scandal involving "coloured young men", they would be irretrievably ruined.

And still they advertise along with known sex traders...

In their way, these people, all of them, are saddening, bewildering, and, in a curious way, frightening. I do not even pretend to understand their drives or what motivates them or what makes it possible for them to separate so keenly the physical from the spiritual. Nor do I understand their willingness to risk the many social and legal dangers that beset their way of life.

They are foreign as the far side of the Styx is foreign, as the other side of that curtain between East and West, and there is the same sadness of human separation, of divergence and of irreconcilable apartness.

In one sense, I would have commuted to hell for an exclusive on the Devil but, in another, I would have been sorry that so many of the Angels would have no choice but to be on my side, more especially since the Devil, as I'm told, is not so bad to his own... I suppose their own disquiet transmits itself.

For these and other reasons, only a scientist or a psychopath could altogether relish compiling a report of this nature, and then for opposing reasons. I am not the former and not, I trust, the latter. I lack the impersonal dedication of the first and the disordered obsession of the second.

I am simply a man who found himself by accident, and unhappily at times, in a strange and alien world, or, rather, an unreal and unquiet underworld, and who reported on it - that and no more.



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