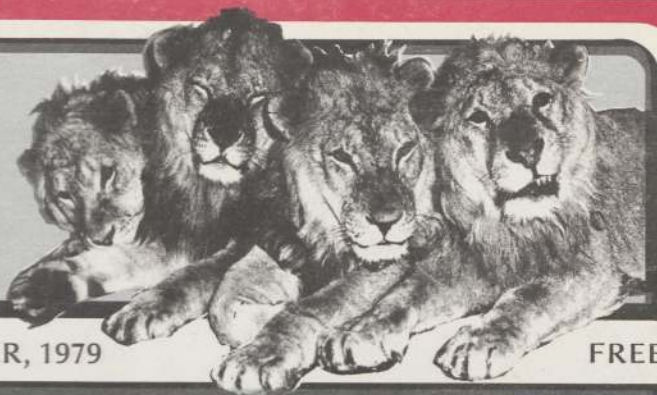


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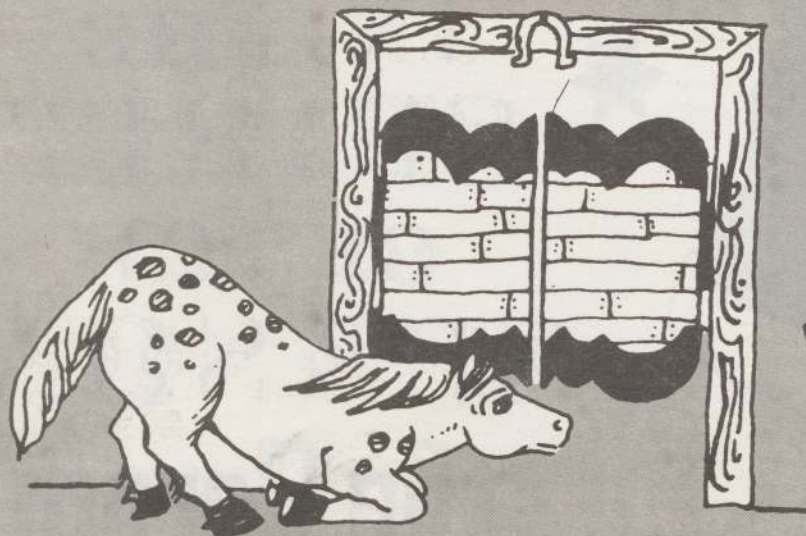
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## Methodists question appointment

Every United Methodist minister "in good standing and in the effective relation" with an annual conference is eligible for appointment, the church's Judicial Council ruled here October 27. The issue involved a "self-avowed practicing homosexual" pastor whose appointment in New York City has been widely criticized.

The denomination's "supreme court" pointed out that its response "must be limited to the question of law." It stressed that any change in the status of a minister, as to full conference connection, good standing or effective relationship, "is entrusted by the *Discipline* to the annual conference."

During three days' work on a long, 12-case docket, the council, headed by Tom Matheny of Hammond, Louisiana, also refused to consider a challenge to church boards' refusing to meet in states which have not ratified the Equal Rights Amendment; ruled a bishop cannot place a minister involuntarily on leave of absence; sanctioned a revised plan for nominating general board members; over-ruled 1972 changes in the General Rules as invalid and ordered a return to the 1968 (and original) wording; cleared the way for churches in Puerto Rico to gain autonomous status.

The appointment question was brought to the council by New York Annual Conference after a

two-year conflict over the status of the Reverend Paul Abels, pastor of Washington Square Church in New York City. In 1978, Mr. Abels had stated he was a practicing homosexual and was asked by the bishop and cabinet to take a leave of absence. When he refused, they recommended he be placed on leave, but both the board of ministry and the conference session rejected this solution. Following this, and since no charges had been filed, Bishop W. Ralph Ward Jr. reappointed Mr. Abels. The conference did not then ask for a judicial ruling, but did last June, when Mr. Abels was again appointed to Washington Square.

The conference cited two legislative paragraphs, which the council said applied only to candidates for the ministry. It also raised the question of the statement on homosexuality in the 1976 Social Principles that "... we do not condone the practice of homosexuality and consider this practice incompatible with Christian teaching." The council noted this reference but did not apply it in its decision.

The council also noted the *Discipline's* only other specific reference to homosexuality, Paragraph 906.13, which bars denominational agencies from funding any "gay group" or using funds "to promote the acceptance of homosexuality." It called this an ex-

pression of General Conference intent.

Its decision relied on *Discipline* Paragraphs 420 and 451, which assure an appointment annually to all ministerial members who are "in full connection" and "in good standing." A minister can lose such status, it said, "only by action of its annual conference," which has the power and responsibility "to make inquiry into the moral and official conduct of its ministerial members." A member would be in good standing unless his or her membership were restricted or impaired, which would require conference action or trial following charges.

The conference was represented at a Judicial Council open hearing here by the Rev. David Houston, Poughkeepsie, New York, chairman of the conference board of ministry. A presentation was made also by the Rev. John Collins, New York, on behalf of the conference chapter of Methodist Federation for Social Action. Several briefs were filed by conference agencies. Mr. Abels attended the hearing but did not speak. No one appeared or filed brief opposing the conference action.

The full text of the decision (No. 462) reads: "By virtue of Pars. 420 and 451 of the *Discipline*, every member of an annual conference in full connection is eligible for appointment to a charge so long as the annual conference continues the member in good standing and in the effective relation."

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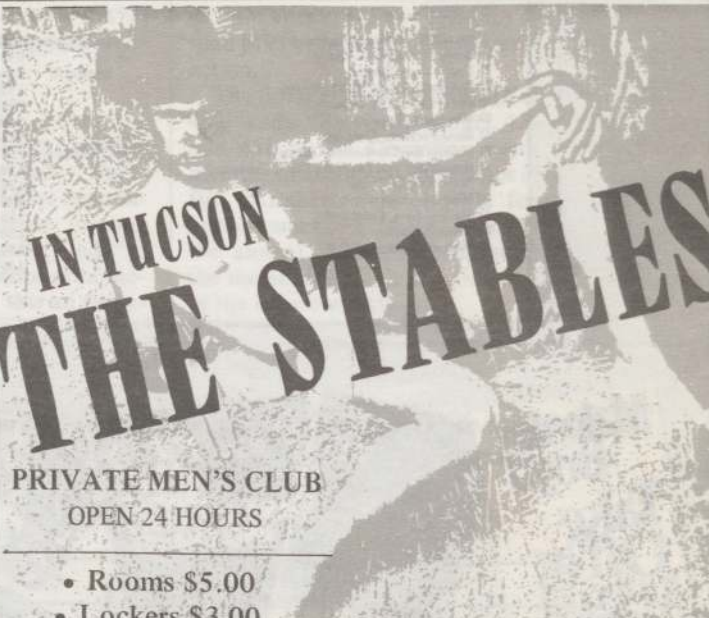
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- Ms. BLANCHE du BOIS (the one who lives out in prestigious Moo(n) Valley) appears to have worried so much about getting old that her hair turned blond...over night!
- And speaking of that Moo(n) Valley crowd...it has been said that if Miss P. CUNTSLES is ever going to sell her little cabin, she's going to have to either put up mirror squares or hang pot holders to cover up the vaseline (no, it just couldn't be Crisco) hand-prints on the wall over her bed. How they ever got there, we'll never know...since she says she NEVER has any visitors!!!
- We hope you will all make your contributions to send CHUCKIE (Forum bartender) to Nairobi...maybe there he can get his FILL...
- We understand that the best years of TONY BALONEY's life were his ten years between 29 and 30...!
- And speaking of age...have you noticed that our DRAGON LADY looks like a million...every year of it?
- We hear that JAN G. (The Mad Russian) drinks to forget...and at the rate he's going, he should have complete amnesia in about a week...!
- It has been rumored that the other night MARK (Forum's Doorman) was visited by a peeping-tom...who reached in and pulled the shade DOWN!!!
- One of NELDA NURSE's (Frank G.) friends(?) says that Nelda should be an operating room nurse because she would look better wearing a mask...
- To keep her beauty, MYRTLE MYTH puts so much mud on her face that her lover would feel at home if he was lost in a swamp.
- And...while we're in the beauty department...MOOSELA hasn't only kept her girlish figure...she's doubled it!
- With MIKE R's (The Village Plump) figure, he'd make a great model...for a ship builder.
- Have you noticed that when CHA CHA MONROE (Ted M.) is a little bit loaded at the Forum's Beer Busts he dances like a stampeding flamingo?
- During the closing night at Casa, almost everyone took something as a souvenir...and we hear DRAGON LADY only wanted one thing...two of the floor tiles out of the men's room...the two she usually had her knees on when she was in there for those prolonged periods!


- Ms. BLANCHE du BOIS' pie baking talents(?) have progressed so far that her last attempt set off the smoke alarm...and that's the truth!
- We are told that Miss P. CUNTSLES has a new little pass-time...attending funerals. In fact, she has attended so many recently that she may very well become known as Phoenix' first DIRGE QUEEN!!!
- If THE SLEEZE wouldn't sit on fire plugs he wouldn't need to see the doctor...
- We hear that Ms. BLANCHE du BOIS wrote to Santa Claus and asked if he would bring her a Ronco Egg Scrambler for Christmas...one that's big enough for her to sit on...!
- Congratulations to Phoenix Levi Leather Club and the Tucson Knight Owls on their latest art show ...on the walls of The Graduate's t-room. We're sure Dale Y. was really pleased to see it! By the way...how many of you flunked spelling?
- JIMMIE GOO seems as happy as a new bride... Herestranged (very estranged) husband, the fabulous Dr. Dickie has returned for an indefinite engagement. But why then did the aforementioned Mr. Goo run right out and buy a one way plane ticket to Hawaii???



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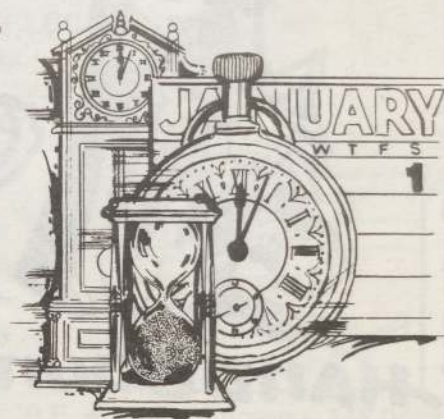
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It is especially time for Gays and Lesbians to begin scrutinizing the candidates, and to ask each of them point blank where they stand on issues of concern to ourselves and just what they intend to do for us, once they are elected. Upwards to 20 million votes (some say more) can come from the Gay-Lesbian community in the United States— not a number to sneeze at, by any means, and certainly not a number to be overlooked by the various Presidential hopefuls.

To date, to the best of my knowledge, only two candidates have addressed Gay issues, Senator Ted Kennedy and Governor Jerry Brown. And of the two, Brown seems to be the only candidate actively seeking the Gay vote.

Brown's "campaign of inclusion" is intended, I suppose, to muster support from otherwise disenfranchised Americans — women, Gays, Blacks, Senior

## GOV. JERRY BROWN IS HE THE ONE?



Governor Jerry Brown at The Pier discotheque last night courting the votes of the gay community. Mayor Barry joined the occasion and got a big hand, but he's not running for president.

*Washington Star photo*

Citizens and the rest — and it is obvious from his performance as Governor of California that he, indeed, would follow through with campaign promises made— unlike Carter, who has yet to even begin to keep his promises to Gays—but then, Carter seems less than believable on most issues!

It does seem, however, premature to be endorsing any one candidate, particularly since the candidates, other than Brown and Kennedy, have not yet indicated any position on Gay Rights, so we will leave that for later. But for now, here is some information about Governor Brown and Gay-related issues for you to consider, and as other information is made available to us, we will present it to you.

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Let me further assure you of my support for

passage of the legislation currently pending in both the Congress and many state legislatures (including California) prohibiting such discrimination and of my commitment to work for the adoption of a plank to the 1980 Democratic national platform urging passage of that legislation.

In this country, such unjust discrimination against any individual is unacceptable and contrary to the fundamental principles for which this nation stands. Efforts to end such discrimination against gay and lesbian Americans at all levels will always have my strong support.

My best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,  
Edmund G. Brown, Jr.



# Jerry Brown Up Front on Human Rights Issue

By Jurate Kazickas  
Washington Star Staff Writer

President Jimmy Carter sent a representative to last night's "Gay Vote USA Gala" and he was nearly booed off the stage. Senator Edward Kennedy sent a letter that was read by a campaign staffer and she got a healthy round of applause. But Governor Jerry Brown, the California candidate himself, actually showed up at the festivities at The Pier discotheque. And the crowd, more than 600 strong and mostly gay, roared with appreciation.

"My role is to drive the dialogue in my party on a number of issues - nuclear power, nuclear disarmament, and the issue of rights of gay and lesbian people in society," said Brown. "I intend to vigorously challenge attitudes that I find anachronistic and stereotypical. Your issue goes to the heart of protecting the rights of all people in this country. The rights of gay men and lesbian women ought to be a plank of the Democratic party. I intend not only to support it but to debate it."

And with that, Jerry Brown, speaking into a dozen microphones in front of a barrage of TV cameras, became the first major national political figure to visibly court the gay community and the only presidential candidate to endorse the concept of a gay rights platform plank for the Democratic convention.

"I think this is a real turning point in the history of American politics in so far as bringing gays and lesbians into the mainstream. All the presidential candidates were invited to attend tonight, but only Brown came. I think it took tremendous courage and a strong belief in himself. This will give him a lot of support from the gay community," said Mary Spottswood Pou, co-director of the National Convention Project.

The Project, founded by a coalition of lesbians and gay leaders, is working with 2,500 gay organizations around the country, to raise an eventual \$120,000 to lobby for a gay rights plank in both the republican and Democratic platforms.

"The message we'll deliver is simple," said co-director Tom Bartow. "We are everywhere. WE vote. And we are concerned about our basic rights as American citizens when we

vote." He estimates there are anywhere between 10 to 20 million gay voters.

Bastow said that Brown had been scheduled to appear at the \$10-per person fund-raiser, featuring homemade casseroles and entertainment, for weeks. But right up to speech hour, Bastow had no idea who if anybody would be representing Kennedy and Carter. All the Republican candidates, meanwhile, had politely declined the opportunity to woo the gay vote.

"The White House has been giving us a run around, saying they lost the invitation, and then promising to send someone from Stu Eizenstat's office," sighed Bastow.

As it turned out, Michael Chanin, deputy assistant to the president from Anne Wexler's office, showed up to do his valiant best on behalf of Jimmy Carter. When he tied off his speech by saying he came prepared to talk about what the president has done in terms of gay issues, "Nothing . . . nothing," the crowd shouted.

"I'm not sure we have done everything we should have done," Chanin ventured as the crowd yelled, "You're right" and one woman chanted "ABC, ABC . . . Anybody But Carter."

"We have a long way to go," Chanin tried again. "You better believe it," someone shouted.

"Jimmy Carter respects you," Chanin insisted over a shouted barnyard epithet, and someone said, "What happened to Midge Costanza?" while someone else sneered, "It's too late. You blew it. It's 1980."

But he retreated from the stage drawing a smattering of applause. "I think when they examine Jimmy Carter's record," said Chanin later to reporters, "they will be pleased."

When asked why Stu Eizenstat or Anne Wexler did not attend the gala, Chanin said, "Iran. We have had a very busy day today."

Kennedy sent campaign staffer Susan Estrich to the gala who read a page and a half long letter in which Kennedy stated: "I am well aware of the fact that members of the gay community are subject to discrimination in a number of areas including employment, housing and immigration and am very concerned about the problems they face."

The audience cheered at Kenne-

dy's words that "we must be concerned when an individual is denied permission to come into this country because of a statute based on outmoded medical and psychiatric views of homosexuality."

"I believe," he said, "that the Constitutional guarantees of equal protection and due process should protect individuals against such discrimination by the government. A person's ability and fitness - not his or her race or sex or sexual preference - are the only constitutional bases for governmental decision making."

Bastow was pleased. "That is a far stronger statement than Kennedy has ever made," he said. "He's never taken such a strong position before. We are very appreciative of it. He is after all, one of the leading candidates."

But only candidate Brown was available to the dozens of reporters to explain his support for an issue that some Americans still believe should be left in the closet.

"My campaign is one of inclusion, not exclusion. We have to welcome all people into society no matter what their philosophy. The time for division is past," said Brown. "There are certain myths that are really crippling the American society. And whether it's nuclear power or the rights of gay people, we ought to get beyond what is holding us back. I am not going to take a poll to find out what the majority opinion is on every issue. I am running to drive the dialogue, to open the minds of all Americans like I have opened up my mind to a future that is stronger. And I am confident that this movement will triumph."

The gays may not be so easily won over. As one self-declared lesbian, who asked that her name not be used put it, "The candidate's stand on gay issues is not as important to me as his stand on economic issues."

If he happens to be in favor of gay rights, that's an extra."

Over by the button table featuring buttons for sale reading "Gay means happy" and "Gay is groovy," Patrick, a lawyer for the government, sat eating his lasagna and cole slaw and said he supported gay rights but not necessarily Jerry Brown.

"I don't think he's going to win and I don't support his politics, like space exploration. If either Carter or Kennedy comes out strongly for gay rights, I'd support either of them because I'm gay," he said. "Gays should have the same opportunities for employment and housing as other people."

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# Jerry Brown's Support Is Out of the Closet

ple do. I don't expect people to love us, but I just want people to let us do what we want to do."

Early in the evening, musical satirist Tom Wilson entertained the cheerful boisterous crowd with songs like "Gays are everywhere" and "Sex for three is something to see" and "He's not attracted to me."

Other speakers included city council members John Wilson and Hilda Mason, and Mayor Barry who got nearly as hearty an ovation as

Brown - "but I'm not running for president," said Barry. "At least not in 1980."

Frank Kameny, member of the D.C. Human Rights Commission, billed as the grandfather of the gay movement, reminisced how life used to be . . . for gays. At first, he said, the politicians stayed away in droves. Then very minor and fringe candidates who were willing to take a chance because they had nothing to lose showed up. Then came low

ranking staffers from major candidates with carefully worded statements that said nothing. Then came some stronger statements but they were still second hand. And finally one day there was a major candidate on their side."

The Major Candidate didn't stay around too long. Shortly after the disco music began to play again, Brown was spirited off to a very private fund-raiser for his campaign held at the Kalorama Road home of real estate developer Bob Alfandre.

Los Angeles Herald Examiner

## Brown's stand on gay rights

By Mike Qualls  
Herald Examiner politics editor

Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. has promised the National Gay Task Force in Washington that if elected president, he would sign an executive order reinforcing equal rights for gays.

A Brown aide made the disclosure after the governor had given his strongest pro-gay rights speech ever before about 850 persons, including some of Los Angeles' most prominent politicians and administrators, at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel. The fund-raising dinner generated \$120,000 for the Los Angeles Gay Community Services Center.

David Mixner, a key political adviser in the Brown campaign, told The Herald Examiner that Brown had sent a telegram recently to the Gay Task Force promising his support.

Mixner, who has been traveling around the nation for Brown, said the telegram has won Brown "good response" from the gay community nationwide, "not only in terms of support but in financial contributions." Mixner estimated that \$30,000 to \$40,000 had been contributed to the campaign by gays in the past few weeks.

Brown, who received a standing ovation, said, "I'm convinced that it (my attitude toward gays) is more widespread than conventional wisdom would have you believe."

Brown, without direct reference to gays, also said, "The power of society ultimately comes down to individuals joining with other individuals in something they consider important in their lives." He implied that if gays band to-

gether, they will become "an irresistible force that gives meaning to a new theme."

"There are many miles to be traveled" before gays are accepted, Brown said, but he added, "the outcome is certain."

sition 6 — the anti-gay amendment sponsored by state Sen. John Briggs.

Also at the dinner was an unexpected guest — Lillian Carter, President Carter's mother, who was visiting Los Angeles yesterday.

When asked if she was embarrassed at attending a dinner in support of Los Angeles' gay community, Mrs. Carter queried innocently, "Is that what this is?"

Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, who had lent his name to the dinner as its honorary chairman, was unexpectedly absent on city business in Washington.

Brown arrived on time at 8:30 p.m. along with his chief aide, Gray Davis, and Richard Silberman, Brown's deputy campaign chairman.

When asked about the gay members of the Los Angeles community, Brown said they have reached "a level of economic, intellectual and cultural attainment as they have across the nation."

One of the main speakers at the dinner was state Supreme Court Justice Steven Lachs, a recent and controversial Brown appointee and gay rights leader.

The dinner, which ran nearly two hours behind schedule, also included a roasting of Sheldon Andelson, a prominent Los Angeles attorney and past president of the board of directors of the Gay Community Services organization.

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- Strongly supported state legislation in California prohibiting discrimination.
- Included gays at the highest level of his campaign for President.

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- Appoint qualified gays and lesbians to Federal positions.

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# FAREWELL TO THE CASA

Bulldozing landmarks is not an uncommon occurrence in our fair city of Phoenix — relics of the past collapse like houses of cards in the path of “progress”, turning into instant parking lots. It happens all the time, and usually without fanfare, without notice.

And so it went with the Old Dame of Phoenix' Gay bars. But the end of the Casa's days certainly did not go without notice. A week of festivities came before the demolition crew, and it was quite a sight. The place was full to overflowing every night — overflowing with the old-timers who remember “Mi Casa, Su Casa”, as well as those who were kindergarteners when it all began at 4331 North 16th Street. It was nostalgic and it was exceptionally fun.

And all week long, customers carted away bits and pieces of the place, memorabilia of the laughter, entertainment and “gay times” that happened there. So, by the time the building was to be razed, there really wasn't much left inside the old house.

Well, now, I'm not going to cry in my beer, but I must say that I'm going to miss the Casa in which, over the last ten years, I've had some awfully good times watching JoAnne, Cissy Goldberg, Carmen del Rio, Danny Pickens, and a host of others — not to mention the Turn About Shows (who could forget Bill Reinke in a Santa Claus suit surrounded by his crew of barking dogs!) or Sammy's Steak Dinners on the patio. I lied: I *am* crying in my beer!

So, here's a big, syrupy thanks from one of your patrons to Dr. Dickie, Jimmie Gillespie, Sam Sedeita, Bill Reinke, Danny Butler, Jack Moore, Bob Benson, Tony Bartoli and all the rest of Casa's former owners and staff who created the Casa tradition.

Enough! We caught a few candid pictures at the Farewell Party and Show, which went on and on — nobody ever did announce “Last Call” and some stayed til dawn. It was the perfect way to say goodbye to an old friend. *Jack.*



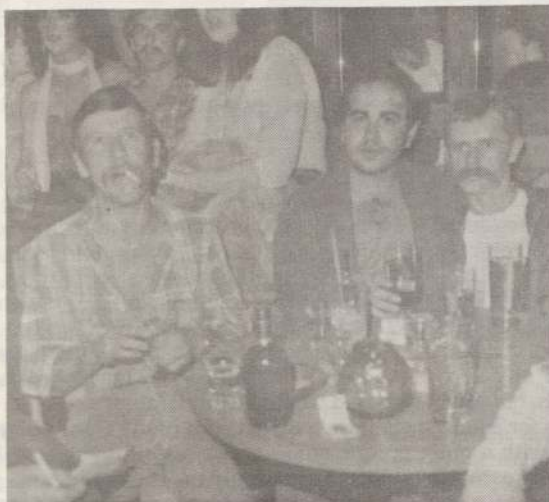
*Danny Butler, Tony Bartoli, and Jan, The Mad Russian in a cozy pose at Casa's Farewell Party and Show.*



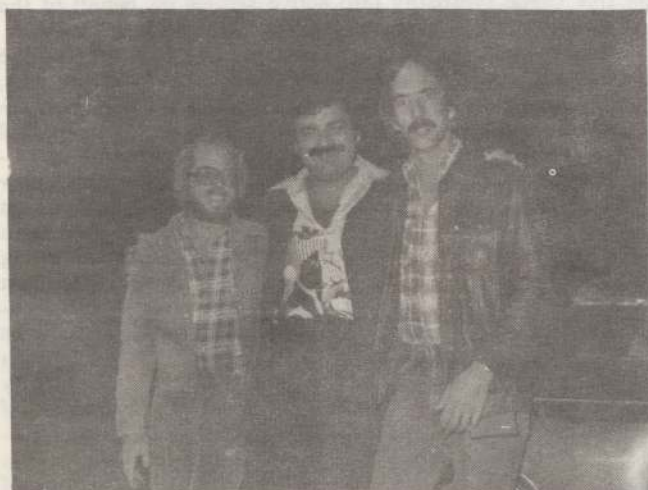
*What would the closing of Casa have been without JoAnne, (above), who entertained a jubilant audience (below).*







Among the audience was Stan (left), who's face was nearly part of the Casa's decor for a very long time!



This happy trio includes The Pride's Jack Caldwell (left) and Skip Green (right) with seldom photographed Phil Santhorn — some very familiar faces at Casa.



Meanwhile on the roof...Dimples Farah (of Fat Fingers fame) and Bunny Butler (notable Forum bartender and one-time winner of Casa's Sow of the Month Award) chisel away at the sign on Casa's facade.

# CASA FAREWELL PARTY & SHOW



Petronella, well-remembered by Casa fans, added to the fun of the evening with her shtick.



Jan, The Mad Russian (above) tired his hand at selling Casa Roof tiles. He thought he'd use the money to pay off his tab!



And George just couldn't leave without a souvenir. He broke four nails before he discovered that a tire iron would get the address off the wall.



## The Eclipse of the Gentleman

*The Blunt affair came as no shock to the author of this Essay. He was recruited into the MI6 branch of British intelligence during World War II, and operated for 18 months as a spy at Lourenço Marques in Mozambique. His boss at MI6 headquarters was Kim Philby—as it turned out—of the KGB. "Intelligence gathering," the author later observed, "is even more fantasy-prone than news gathering. In the latter, you are often expected to make bricks without straw, but in the former, to grow lemons without a tree." He thus retired from spying with some relief at the end of the war, to "fall subsequently," he recalls, "into the more serious business of editing Punch." Since his days at the British humor magazine, he has plied his trade as a self-described "vendor of words" on radio and TV broadcasts, in magazine and newspaper articles and in a number of books, including his own pungently self-critical memoirs, *Chronicles of Wasted Time*.*

In the latest outburst of spy mania, the English may be said to have embarked upon the last stages of the long drawn-out obsequies of the upper classes. Never again, we may be sure, shall we hear any serious suggestion that so-and-so, being a gentleman, may be relied on to tell the truth, be loyal to his country and behave with sexual propriety. The eclipse of the gentleman has happened stage by stage, as did that of the medieval knight at arms, with P.G. Wodehouse playing the part of Cervantes in affectionately revealing the absurdity of knight errantry in the new social circumstances. Nonetheless, the signs were there for those with eyes to see.

Thus, when I was at Cambridge (1920-24), undergraduates like myself from modest homes and borough secondary schools tended to emulate the dress and manner of speech of the Etonians, Harrovians and Wykehamists, etc., etc., among whom they found themselves. Nowadays it is the other way round. The richer and more upper-class the undergraduates, the more prone they are to get themselves up on proletarian fancy dress—which, incidentally, can often be quite costly—and to cultivate a nondescript accent which might belong to anyone anywhere. This is part of the worldwide social revolution for which America has provided the musical accompaniment—rock—and the uniform—jeans.

It is in relation to this social revolution rather than to any serious preoccupation with Marxism that the spy scandal must be seen. Of the four principal characters who have emerged so far, Maclean is the only one who might be assumed to have devoted any serious study to Marx's writings. Burgess's two most prized possessions, which he insisted on showing to everyone, were an inscribed copy of Winston Churchill's war memoirs and a note from Anthony Eden in his own hand thanking Burgess for being so attentive during a visit to Washington. These

would scarcely rate as revolutionary trophies. Philby, the only one of the four I knew at all well, he being my wartime boss at MI6, never gave me an impression of having any serious intellectual interests. I regarded him as just an adventurer, who found in Stalin's very ruthlessness something to admire, as his father, St. John Philby, the Arabist, had found in King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia. Anyway, his appalling stutter would have precluded any sort of Marxist dissertation: Marx spoken is bad enough, but Marx stuttered would be intolerable.

As for Blunt, he is the classic pattern of the Cambridge aesthete, with a quiet precise voice, and a taste for subdued lighting and respectfully adoring young men. In some ways, given the difference between Cambridge, Mass., and Cambridge, England, he is reminiscent of Alger Hiss. He mentioned in his apology that in the '30s he was drawn to Marxism and the U.S.S.R. in the light of Chamberlain's appeasement policy, but went on to admit that it was the influence of Burgess that led him to translate this vague sympathy into active service on behalf of the KGB. I cannot, in any case, see *Das Kapital* as his bedside book.

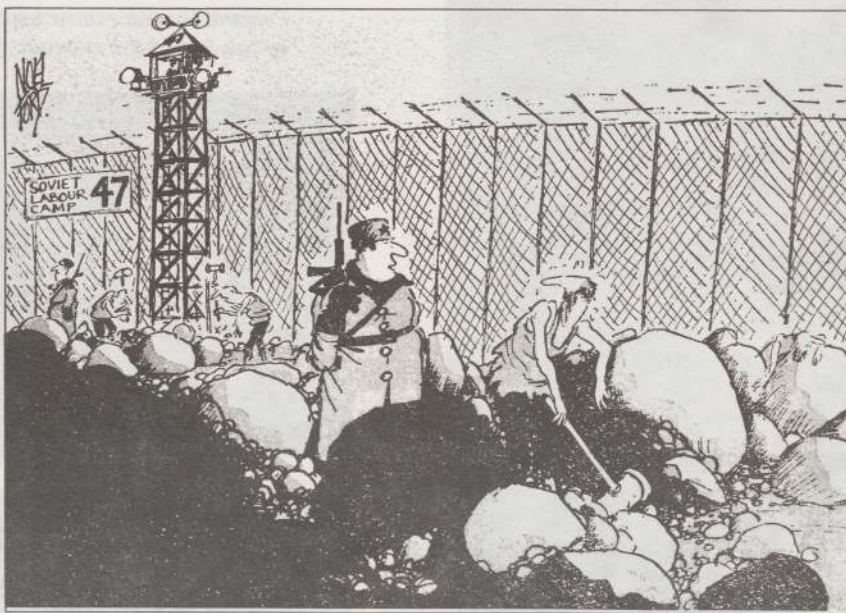
More evident than a common grasp of Marxism was the common practice of homosexuality, at least as far as Burgess, Maclean and Blunt were concerned. Here again Philby was different, being an ardent womanizer, though, it would seem, odd in his ways. His third wife, an American lady acquired in Beirut, in her excellent little book *The Spy I Loved*, describes how

he wooed her, which involved sending her a whole series of loving messages written on tiny pieces of tissue paper, with instructions to burn them when read and carefully scatter the ash, or, if that should be inconvenient, to swallow them—an illustration of how the fatuities of espionage infect even the practice of seduction.

Without any question, however, in the '30s at Cambridge, homosexuality and leftist opinions tended to go together. For instance, many of the Apostles, an elitist society at one time dominated by [Economist John Maynard] Keynes, and closely associated with

his college, King's, notoriously combined culture, Communism and the love that nowadays all too readily dares to speak its name. Also in residence at King's, and also decisively homosexual, was the famous but, as I think, much overrated novelist E.M. Forster, who provided putative traitors with a serviceable formula for justifying their treachery by insisting that if he had to choose between betraying his country and betraying his friend, he hoped he would have the courage to betray his country. Burgess fastened eagerly onto this line of thought, but how fraudulent it is! After all, betraying one's country would automatically involve betraying all one's friends who were also fellow countrymen: the two propositions are not alternatives but collateral.

What is it, then, that makes homosexuals tend to sympathize



"You're lucky, comrade—in Britain they strip traitors of their knighthoods."



## Essay

with revolutionary causes, and to find in espionage a congenial occupation? No doubt, psychiatrists' case-books shed light on this, but just common sense suggests that the same gifts which make homosexuals often accomplished actors equip them for spying, which is a kind of acting, while their inevitable exclusion from the satisfaction of parenthood gives them a grudge against society, and therefore an instinctive sympathy with efforts to overthrow it. I remember reading an account of [Biographer] Lytton Strachey sitting on a rock in the Isle of Skye, weeping over a lost lover he had shared with Maynard Keynes, and thinking to myself how perfectly they got their own back, Keynes by inventing an economic theory which, after a period of spurious prosperity, must infallibly bankrupt the countries which adopt it, and Strachey by overturning the gods of the Victorian age, and with them the virtues such as thrift, hard work, integrity and truthfulness which they symbolized.

Such scenes can best be conveyed by the use of the word decadence, whose reality I first encountered in Weimar Germany, and which so easily turned into Hitler's Third Reich. In England they have coincided with the decline of British power and influence in the world, and the transformation of an empire on which the sun never set, into a ramshackle and absurd commonwealth in which it never rises. Whereas our grandfathers found their heroes in empire builders celebrated by Rudyard Kipling, we have had to make do with expertise in espionage celebrated by Ian Fleming and Le Carré.



E.M. Forster



John Maynard Keynes



Lytton Strachey

onage celebrated by Ian Fleming and Le Carré.

Doubtless, some future Gibbon will amuse himself expatiating upon this theme, but he will still have to find some explanation for the fact that favored, pampered children of the Establishment like Maclean, Burgess, Philby and Blunt should have seen fit to betray their country, their culture and their class in order to help advance the power and influence of the most

ruthless, philistine and materialistic autocracy the world has ever known. Brooding upon this, he will surely note that, in all the speculation and analysis relating to espionage and treason, two essential categories would seem to have been left out: good and evil, conveying, as they do, a sense of a moral order, without which no other order—economic, political, what you will—can possibly exist. Moreover, that the voice making this point most eloquently came not from ancient universities like Oxford and Cambridge, but from, of all places, the *Gulag Archipelago*. I refer, of course, to Alexander Solzhenitsyn.

Furthermore, our future Gibbon may well go on to discover another prophetic voice—Dostoyevsky, who, in his novel *The Possessed*, shows how the absurd liberal, Stepan Verkhovensky, in the person of his son, Peter, is transformed into the revolutionary, who, in Baader-Meinhof style, calls for one or two generations of debauchery, to be followed by a little fresh bloodletting, and then, he exults, "the turmoil will begin." Has it not already begun?

— Malcolm Muggeridge

GayLife / Friday, October 26, 1979

## NGTF discovers need for immediate income

The National Gay Rights Task Force, begun in 1975 by Dr. Howard Brown, has long and diligently served gay Americans during its existence by disseminating information, lobbying for gay rights, and exerting pressure on the national media to treat gay men and lesbians in a humane and equitable light. Now the Task Force faces a difficult financial crisis which threatens the future of the organization. Co-Executive Directors Lucia Valeska and Charles F. Brydon report that, at its present level of expenditures, NGTF will be insolvent by January 1980 unless drastic steps are taken.

The Co-Executive Directors have already instituted two major actions to bring the situation under control. A freeze on such items as office supplies, equipment maintenance, print advertising and so forth held controllable expenses to a minimum. Also the 1980 fiscal year budget (beginning October 1) has been rewritten reducing expenditures by twenty percent. The implementation of these cutbacks has meant the loss of the media Director, the Director of Administration and Finance, as well as a part-time membership assistant. Other proposed programs will not be carried out until financial improvements so merit.

The present situation has a logical historical context, say the Co-Executive Directors. National Gay Task Force revenues have grown each year since its founding, and revenue estimates for 1978 and 1979 were based on "overly optimistic" trends. Expenses were budgeted upon those optimistic revenue forecasts, and as a result, expenses have exceeded revenue for two years running. A surplus had been generated in 1977, when membership income soared in response to the Anita Bryant/Dade County campaign. The surplus has now been "burned up." That one-time experience of unusual growth had a distorting influence on the financial planning made for subsequent years.

The Co-Executive Directors stress the need to get NGTF back on its feet on a solid basis. To restore the areas in which cuts have been made—staff, cost of living increases in salaries, and working capital budget—and to initiate new programs, the National Gay Task Force will require new revenue above that currently forecast for the 1980 budget.

The most important source of revenue for NGTF is membership income. This is regular, renewable and reasonably predictable. Co-Executive Directors Charles F.



Charles F. Brydon

Brydon and Lucia Valeska have issued an urgent appeal to all NGTF members—and non-members—to sign up three individuals as \$20 members within the next six months. According to the Co-Executive Directors, this task is an attainable personal goal which would have an "incredible impact" on NGTF's current financial position. Brydon



Lucia Valeska

and Valeska concluded their plea by saying, "Please do not let NGTF's national voice for our rights go silent."

Membership information may be obtained by writing to the National Gay Task Force, 80 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10011.

## FBI wants Koury for extortion

Leo Joseph Koury, a well-known Richmond, Virginia, business indicted in that city in 1978 by a Federal grand jury on charges including murder, racketeering, and extortion, is being sought by the FBI as one of its "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives."

The multi-count indictments returned against Koury, which included violations of the "Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations" Statute, were products of a continuing FBI investigation into organized criminal activity throughout the Richmond area.

Koury, 45 who was also indicted by a local grand jury on related charges, owned restaurants and bars in Richmond which

catered to homosexuals. For quite some time, he held a virtual monopoly on this thriving business. Several years ago, however, local business opened rival gay clubs and began to erode Koury's wealth and influence. Koury then allegedly commenced a series of retaliatory acts, including murder and attempted murder, designed to intimidate his competitors. He sold some of his real estate holdings and vanished last year, it is believed, when his activities came under official investigation.

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An established Richmond resident with a wife and four children, Koury is reportedly a diabetic requiring insulin shots who may be traveling with a girl friend. Koury has worked as a baseball umpire and may seek work in the restaurant business.

Born on July 14, 1934 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Koury is a 5-foot 11-inch Caucasian weighing 240 pounds. He has black hair, brown eyes, and a dark complexion. He has used "Mike Decker" as an alias and possesses Social Security Number 224-38-4566.

Since Koury reportedly carries a pistol he should be considered armed and extremely dangerous. Anyone with information



Leo Koury (photo taken 1977)

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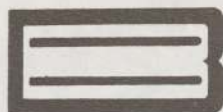
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