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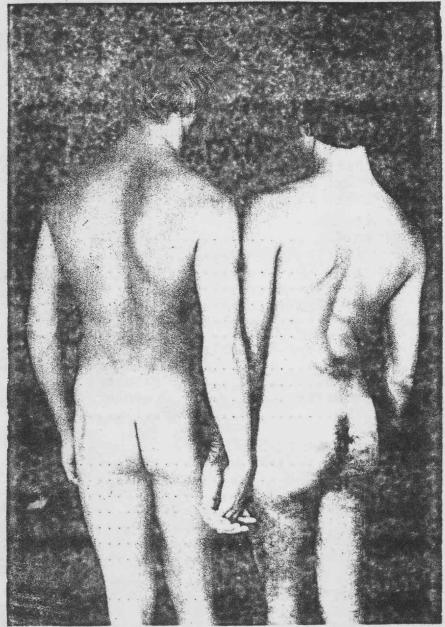
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THE FIFTH FREEDOM

- 1. Freedom from Want
- 2. Freedom from Fear
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- 4. Freedom of Speech
- 5. FREEDOM TO LOVE

(our special thanks to David Stewart for submitting the name of our paper)

The FIFTH FREEDOM a publication of the Mattaching Society of the Niagara Frontier Inc.

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All articals in this publication are the opinion of the author and in no way the opinion or binding on the Mattachine Society of the Niagara frontier, its officers, or the staff of this news paper.

Co-operation is a word rare in the vocabulary of the gay world. It means the combination of persons for the purpose of production, purchase, or distribution for their joint benefit. This is what the FIFTH FREEDOM and the Mattachine Society of the Niagara Frontier is about. With an estimated 36,000 homosexuals in the Niagara Frontier we should have more persons trying to co-operate than we can had handle. This I am sure you can guesss is not the case. You as a generality are so preoccupied with what your friends and Social click will think, that no one is willing to make the first move tword individual freedoms and from the shackles placed about you by both your homosexual piers and the hetrosexual society at large. Are you willing to sit back and take forever the pity, contempt, and two sided justice perscribed for us? We have carried the burden of guilt and herasment far too long and should join the tide of liberation while the iron is hot and society for the first time is at least willing to listen. A strong representation must be heard and its demands considered.

How about it? Are you willing to take the first step and lend your moral, physical, and financial support to a group dedicated to help you and our future generations that their way will be easier than ours. We need you and feel you need us. JOIN.

Greg Dolan Editor

O Lord, give me COURAGE
To change the things I can change.
PATIENCE
To accept the things I cannot Change and WISDOM
To see the difference."

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

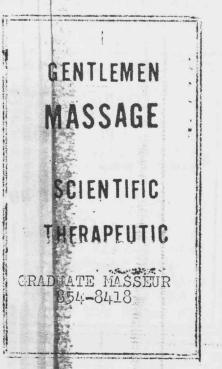
Recent events in Buffalo have giventhe homosexual community a sense of unity and purpose which it so badly needs. If we can keep the spirit of unity alive, great acheivements wil be realized. Now is the time to define wherewe are going. Only through unified action toward common goals can we ever attain freedom.

What M.S.N.F. can do with your help;
1. End all forms of harass ment by police
and other public agencies. 2. Gain public
committeents from community and political
leaders for full equality for homosexuals.
3. Reform state sodomy laws to eliminate
penalties for private sexual behaviour
between consenting adults. 4. Protest and
demand full investigations of all acts of
harrassment or discrimination against
homosexuals. 5. Halt discrimination against

homosexuals by private employment. 6. Reform municipal state. federal. civil & human rights laws to prohibit discrimination against homosexuals. 7. Reform the State Liquor Authority. 8. Aid the homosexval in understand ing himself in relationship to : the society in which he lives.

Help us. help you.

M.S.N.F. President Frank Russo



FRIENDSHIP

Friendship is a lasting thing, an open hand, or a one night fling: Friendship is, what we make it to be, a captured heart, and a mind thats free.

Friendship belongs to the young and the old to warm those up from the loneliness cold; The beauty in friendship one can see, is found in the friendship of you and me.

LOVE
Love in your heart
wasn t put there to stay.
Love isn t love till you
give it away.

The best thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother.

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the degradation of the black man because he fears them. Part of th s tale they know to be fact. Whites are lead to believe that the blacks are lazy, illiterate at birth and nasty. Yet what may be the case for some is the case refuse to acknowledge is that they (blacks) are not responsible for their plight.

We lack an understanding of one another. We are segregated for much of our lives and therefore we do not have the opportunity to know of each other. We are stuffed with tales of the, other people, and having no chance to know otherwise we believe them. What can be more resentful than having some white person helping out in the getto only the return to suburbia. That is not helping; that is insulting Let the White people stay in suburbia and help from there: let him go from house to house and preach brotherhood out there, not in the ghetto.

It is a well neant gesture but misplaced in the times. It is not charity that the blacks aant but a chance to help themselves. It is not the summer jobs that they want but a chance to learn a skill that will keep then employed the year round. It is not only the head start programs but better schools and educational systems. It is well meant, charity, of the whit man that has kept the blacks back for so long they a e bot able to heop them-

selves now.

The charity peograms even hurts the whites. Ask any white student whos out of a summer job and you might hear him say. You gotta be black now a days in order to get a job around here! You can't blame him for he is not far from wrong. But what are you to do-give it to the white because he may have the background and capabilities to do the fob or to the black who may not have the background but with a chance may be able to develop the capabilities for the job? Its a hard coice to make.

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Movie review cont,

Haruld, recipient of birthday wishes, materizes like some summoned spirit from hell.
played effortlessly by Leonard Frey, he is
that 'pock-marked Jev-fairy, the stunning
adjucnt to Michael s misanthropy. His is the
substitution of a pretty face for an overpowering intellectualized cynicism.

Emory, as portrayed by (straight??) Cliff Gorman comes off rather remarkably well as the epitome of camp-camp. As he flits from scene to scene one is reminded of a butterfly in

heat:

And Perer White, as Alan, gives a conviction to his portrayal of Michael's Ques-

tionable straight college chum.

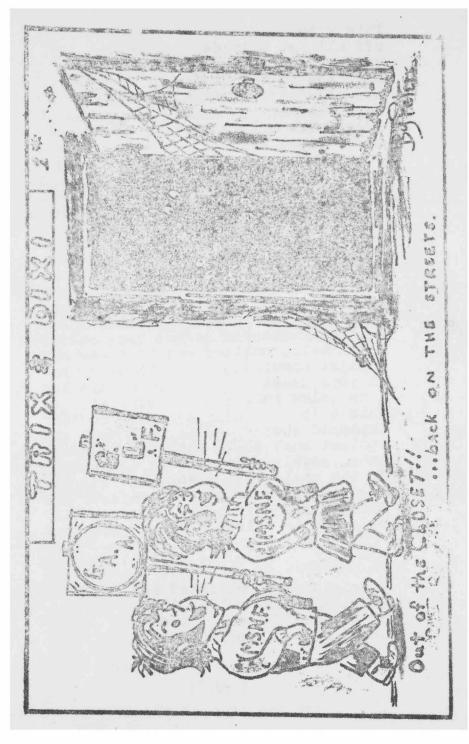
The others Frederick Combs as Donald;
Keith Prentice as Larry; Laurence Luckenbill
playing Hank, and Reuben Greene, Bernard,
Though fine players in demanding roles, are
definitely over-shadowed by the dramatic
priorities given to the afore-mentioned above.
Here I must take note of Robert La Tourneuws
singularly amusing depiction of the cowboyl
hustler, Harlods only live gift, a delivery
which envokes the image of & half-witted
John Voight.

To be sure, obvious care was taken in adapting Crowley s pungent script for the scene, even at transporting the origional

New York stage cast to the movie set.

Film director William Friedkin and playweight Crowley have consolidated their respective crafts in bringing to audiences the habitudes of a life-style gone underground too long.

> by Bruce M Greenberg



This ship off all ist balance weighted port and aft sailless in the wind has come to a strange island. Here the air sweet with musk makes breathing heavy and drunken. Long-haired ladies garlands in their hands Some single-breasted shining armor shingled heads and all with the wind. You come down the white beach walking, hands outstretched full of gifts And kneels, smiling full of knowing on your knees I am below you. This ship anchored now against such solid rock bobs, softly nodding In the cool green waves, Its journey s time consumed And all its days to spend in silent sun.

Madeline Davis

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TO RONNY

(One must never learn the secret of the butterfly)

I, being all of what I am, Female and full of the difference of us Have found your sweet attire Somewhat surprising to even my erratic tastes. I watch you paint your face and clothe yourmuscled limbs In some such silk As sunday ladies wear And pile a nest of ringlets on your postured head. Your smile is oiled and red; Your hads assume limp poses And inside your head a delicacy Guides your angles into curves. The woman of you knows the ways And wiles of night s relinquishing And all the man of you receives. Forgive this half-trained eye That notices the pain Run from your heavy-shadowed gaze. The hurt is yours alone; A treasure to be held against the dark, And all your perfumed lace And rustled stirts Will hide the weeping man of you From your own sight.

Madeline Davis

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MELTORIAL

Our Deepest Sympathy to

on the loss of her son.

HOTLINE

This organization believes that homosexual individuals should have the same rights as every other group of citizens to create a social climate unique to their own interests.

Since claims of entrapment have come to our Society, a delegation of the MSNF has met on two occasions with Captain Kennedy, in charge of vice enforcement with the Buffalo Police Department, and has been invited to continue such dialogue. The following is a brief summary of the second meeting:

As pointed out by Captain Kennedy, entrapment is illegal and his officers are informed not to use entrapment procedures. However, he does believe in a strict enforcement of the law, as it reads. The New York State Penal Law defines entrapment

as follows:

Enticement and Entrapment 35.40 Pt 1 In any prosecution for an offence, it is an affirmative defense that the defendant engaged in the proscribed conduct because he was inducedoor encouraged to do so by a public servant, seeking to obtain evidence against him for purpose of criminal prosecution, and when the methods used to obtain such evidence were such as to create a substantial risk that the offense Would be committed by a person not otherwisedisposed to commit it. Inducement ot encouragement to commit an offense means active inducement or encouragement. Conduct merely affording a person an opportunity to commit an offense does not constitute entrapment.

Many members of the homosexual community feel that experience with the vice squad has shown that some of the men on that squad have not been following these directives. Many allegations of entrapment

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP MATTACHINE SOCIETY of the niagara frontier Inc.

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DIE ECKE KUCHE by Don Scharq e

The development of the frozen food industry has dealt an undeserved blow (not that kind.) to the art of home cooking. The result has been a complete gastronomic disaster. Grandmother use to say, the way to a man sheart is through his stomach. Well it still is. The usual bit now days is to serve those tasteless frozen vegetables, deserts, and complete dinners that have been colored and preserved with chemicals for conviency, which may be very appetizing in appearance like so many people you meet but it is all show and nothing else (get the message guys).

Cooking is no more difficult than you, yourself, make it. There are a few general rules you should keep in mind. When trying a recipe for the first time follow the instructions. Remember this is a guide line.

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THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY OF THE HIAGARA FRONTIER RELEASE STATEMENT

7-30-70 The recently formed health committee of the Nattachine Society of the Niagar Frontier at Buffalo, New York met with regional members of the New York State Public Health Service in an effort to alert the Western New York homosexual community to the growing menace of syphilis and gonorrhea.

Mr. Tom Niderman and Mr. Dean Woodridge desribed themselves as field investigators for the Department of Communicable Diseases, a part of the New York State Public Health

Service.

They stressed the point that they were not police investigators but andicted their activities in a way as to insure the complete safe guarding of information conderning VD carriers and their contacts.

We generally avoid arousing suspicions and fear. Because we don't violate the confidence of our clients, we have on occasion gotten into difficulties with the police who have sought information on individuals involved

in criminal cases of a sexual nature.

Mr. Niderman indicated that the Health Service treats everyone -- regardless of their

sexual nature.

We have gone to gay bars, he said, to lecture on VD; and as part of our investigatve procedures, and were favorably received, though often suspect as police undercover agents.

Some statistics cited:

1.) gonorrhea, as a non-fatal form of VD, is epidemic throughour the U.S., and is the greatest communicable disease next to measels.
2.) there are a thousand deaths a month in the U.S. attributed to advanced infections of syphilis. cont. pg.

BYLINE: MATTACHINE ON INQUIRY by Bruce M. Greenber;

Three of five invited members of the Mattachine Society of the Hiagara Frontier were queried on the topic of homosexuality and the activities of their organization by WRR-TV news commentator, Henry Marcotte. The public affairs program Inquiry was taped last April 15, and was presented locally on May 24, 1970.

Three members, Marie, Tony and Landon spoke on the thirty-minute telecast, which focused on the subjects of homosexual identity; marriages between like sexes; and a socalled phot to subvert the straight world,

The program had its inception in the second of two city police vice squad raids at the Tiki, a social club for gays and the temporary quarters of the MSNF. Police asserted that the club had ... cont. pg.

MOVIE REVIEW by Bruce Greenberg THE BOYS IN THE BAND

By the time you catch this review, THE BOYS IN THE BAND that definitive, cinematic exposition on what it s like being may in America, will have departed the local theatre scene.

Even so, most of you probably caught Mart Crowley's flick, or the play; or read the paperback version of the off-Broadway production or heard the soundtrack recording. I personally know of several friends having seen the work more than thrise.

How is this explained? Well, even with certain expressed faults, BOYS IN THE BAND stands as quite possibly the most revealing portrayal of contemporary hom@sexuality ever to swish on center stage.

Yet for all the incisiveness of its biting dialogue and keen perceptivity of

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This reflects an increase in reported cases of VD among homosexuals—particularly male homosexuals., Ar. Woodridge went on to say.

The MSHT Health Committee and the Public Health Service will cooperate in bringing the VD story to Buffalo s homosexual community. A lecture series is planned as part of the health committee education program for this autumn.

Movie Cont ...

character evolvement, the fact remains that unfortunately both Hollywood and playwright have embraced the rumour that there are only ill, unhappy homosexuals around: Show me a

happy homo and I ll show you a gay corpse.

Of course we know otherwise. And certain
of our more out-spoken brethren, many espousing the new radicalism, point to this exact

verity.

These people are saying—and with a fair amount of justification—that gays are being treated to a sort of cinematic smear. The greatest proportion of male homosexuals lead quiet unassuming lives; for the most part they are not to be distinguished from their straight counterparts, since they are often capable of effectively concealing their sexual predilections.

But after one quarter hour of enduring Emory, one of the obvious types, the average non-gay might well be climbing the proverbial wall if his Judeo-Christian moral propriety hasn t

shown him the exit door first.

See: I told you. They re all a bunch of sichies:

The performances are, for the most part, daz-zling; first rate. Micheal (Kenneth Nelson) as the host of an assemblage of young homosexuals celebrating the birthday of a cohort, gives forth with popping snap, wit and invective. His unnecessary cruelty is later explained by deep-seated guilt feelings over his own sexuality.

BLACK POWER -3

We are all brothers in the eye of God and it is not destiny to commit genocide because we feel that our race may be superior to another.

Today we are much more together than the generations before us. This has been a result of the mass media, music, social functions and the like. We are able to communicate for a full understanding because now we are not separated as before. And because of this we know each other-not the lies. Even so there are still those who would have black and white apart. On one side there is the Klu Klux Klan who are anto Black, Jew and Catholic. On the other we have Panthers and The Black Muslims (which preach a black state). As detrimental as these groups they do hold an attitude that is ever growing between black whites.

Some blacks are not content with peaceful means of persuasion (marching, petitioning etc). Even though these means seem ideal they do not in reality always work (eg. laws delay), and so blacks are bot content to wait, not after waiting for so long. Blacks were free with the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation but that was only in theory. They were free to do what? Without an education, most without a home, what use is freedom?

The revolution is on: the whites holding in to the customs, traditions and laws that they believe natural and blacks trying to attai: a status and trying to find their idenity, seperate from the melting pot which is America. No longer are blacks satisfied with the propaganda that has become almost second nature to them. They want their rights and their dignity.

It is no longer a white America but a state of revolution. To be a free America, it must be free for all and not just the selected few. America was built on violence and violence is now apparently the only mode for change.

Edward of black America for they now are rising: for change and understanding. Listen to them or die white America:

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have been made to members of the MSNF and to lawyers fefending those who have been arrested. Such allegations are difficult to prove because those arrested are afraid of the publicity and exposure that would result from court action.

Arrests in which entrapment has been alleged have occurdd at the following locations: Pearl St. by West Huron, Irving, Park and nearby North Streets, in Allentown,

and Elmwood near Summer Street.

Suggested methods of avoiding arrests of the type mentioned in this article are:

1. When talking to someone who is unknown to you, make no reference to sexual acts or desires. 2. It is viser to meet new people through friends whose judgment you can trust. Even if you follow these precautions, we feel that some 9f you may be confronted with the possibility of entrapment. This is because we continue to hear informal reports that some members of the vice squad and member s of other law enforcement agencies throughout the Miagara Frontier have been violating the law against entrapment.

If you feel you have been the victim of such action on the part of a lum officer, pluase contact the HSNF so we may use the information to prevent further possible occurences of entrapment. Exact location badge numbers, accurate description of confrontation and treatment, and other perfinent

detable are particularly helpful.

Alone WE find Solitule
Together we find love."
Shanti....
Madeline + Shane

WOODRIDGE TO SPEAK

the Health Committee has arranged for Mr. Dean Woodridge of the U.S. Public Health Service to speak to the Society on October 11, about the increasing rate of venerical disease in Western New York

Mr. Woodridge is the Public Health Advisor assigned to the Western New York County, and is especially concerned with the increase in the number of cases of syphilis.

He will show films and will be answering any questions that the audience wishes to ask. The membership and their friends are urged to attend to learn about the services offered by our City HealthhDepartment and the problem of venereal disease in our homosexual cmm-munity.

Landon Karl

(TRAVEL cont.) young man who was touring America with just five dollars in his pocket. When I let him out he had ate, (I mean eight) and a good meal under his belt (and you can take that any way you want). Approaching St. Louis from either Indianapolis or Chicago you will run into a myriad of roads that more resemble the strategy plan for a Roman Orgy than an engress to a thriving city. You should have little trouble if you can keep your eyes off the shoulder of the road and on the route signs and the giant silver arch that points in the city direction. Driving in the city is a real pleasure in that all of the east-west streets are wide thru streets with yellow blinker lights their entire distance. Avoid traveling north and south when possible because their lights are all blinking red. Because of the ease of traffic getting around is simple and very quick. One evening should be spent aboard the SS Admiral a Mississippi Cruise ship and that title ain t lieing. Three decks of wall to wall everything you can think of so I am sure you will not be cont. pg.

(TRAVEL cont.) two doors down to 2626 Olive, The Goden Gate Coffee House. It ll cost you one dollar to enter but I guarantee you won t be sorry. You get your first two drinks free, (coffee, or soft drink) and the place is jammed to the rafters with more still coming. Very comfortable booths accomodate private or group conversation, and the bar isn t bad either. A beautiful dance floor to the rear with all the latest hits on the jukebor will soon entice you to the swing of

things.

The new discotevne in the basement of the Park Plaza Hotel on the King s Highway will really give you a thrill. You enter just off the lobby by stairway leading down. A bar room in front decorated in black and phsycodelic lights will be very beneficial to those alone. If in a group, you may want to sit in the row of black tables that encircle the dance room and gives a good view of all. Down three steps you sink into a plush brilliant orange high-pile carpet scattered with many pillows of every color of the rainbow where you may stretch out and enjoy your drinks or the view of the stage where the dancing is in progress under alternate color lights from all angles creating many an illusion and many exciting glances. The music is continuous and goes on well into the nite. The waiters are all very attentive and willing to attend your every need. They will assist you in finding other places to co.

All can not be covered in detail, so you may wish to explore the following on your own: The For Theatre, Bob Marins, 12th and Delmar,

or Uncle Johns at 16 North 9th.

MEETINGS OF THE MSNF ARE HELD ON SUNDAYS. CALL 648-5315.

TRAVEL cont,) lonely. Upon docking and should you for some unknown reason be alone, the Belcher Motel Steam Bath is a very short walk and guaranteed to take the stiffness out of any of your joints. It is located con the corners of Lucas Street not to be confused with Locust which is two blocks over, and 4th next door to the Continental Bus Station. The attendents are more than cordial and happy to assist in your every need. Towels, bath slippers, locker, etc. Mention the name of the Fifth Freedom or the HSNF and you should have no trouble getting is as they too will receive a copy of this writing. An entremely clean and fairly well lighted locker room anables you to take off your pants and put them away in comfort knowing they are in the right plce and allowing observation of future objectives. The bath is one floor down and while not the most stylish, I have seen, I am sure you will neither be bored or disappointed by the five dollars spent. Not steam and dry heat are available to those who wish and dormatory style bunks withhdividing partitions to the sides only supply an adequate rest area.

Drinking starts early in the eve as alcohol is stopped at 1:30 AM daily. You may wish to be entertained aboard the show boat Golden Rod, a national historic shrine. The theatre section presents nightly either a minstral show, a Civil War type musical, or most exciting a Melodrama where the audience is encouraged to yea and boo and shout comments. (Censored of course.) The upper deck houses a bar with a Babulous Dixie Land band and sing along. Its straight, but with all, you have to rest sometime. The Onyx R. 3560 Olive Street in the university district is, I believe, the most fascinating bar. Black lighting adorns the bar room, creating a very alluring atmosphere among the crowd that seems to always be there. The rear houses a small dance floor that is seldom idle. The clientele would appeal to all types. At closing time everyone walks (ont)

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