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894. SEMPRINI, GIOVANNI. "L'erotismo nel Rinascimento," **Rassegna di studi sessuali**, 2 (1922), 272-77.
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897. TASSINI, GIUSEPPE. **Il libertinaggio in Venezia.** Venice: Filippi, 1968. 128 pp.
See pp. 27-32 which present a summary of the deliberations of the Venetian Council of Ten on sodomy, with a discussion of two cases. See also his: **Alcune delle piu clamorose condanne capitali eseguite in Venezia sotto la Repubblica** (Venice: Filippi, 1970), pp. 91-94, 162-63; and **Curiosità veneziane** (Venice: Filippi, 1970), pp. 41, 131, 307, 389, 456, 655, 732.
898. VARCHI, BENEDETTO. "Sopra la pittura e scultura (1546)," in his: **Scritti.** Trieste: Lloyd Austriaco, 1858-59, vol. 2, pp. 611-27.
Towards the end of this discussion the humanist turns to two homoerotic sonnets of Michelangelo, which prompt cautious statements about same-sex love.
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Analyzes the stereotype of male beauty found in 14th-century poetry, including references to some unpublished homoerotic compositions.
900. ZANETTE, EMILIO. **Suor Arcangela, monaca del Seicento veneziano.** Venice: Istituto per la Collaborazione Culturale, 1960.
See pp. 21-22 and 133-34 for discussion of lesbianism in Venetian nunneries.
901. ZAPPERI, ROBERTO. **L'uomo incinto: la donna, l'uomo, il potere.** Cosenza: Lerici, 1979.
In this interesting study of male pseudo-pregnancy, see pp. 126-37, discussing some *facetiae* on sodomy in the Renaissance.

L. EASTERN EUROPE

The sexual life of the pagan Eastern Slavs has scarcely been investigated. The Greek Orthodox heritage of Kievan and then Muscovite Russia gave the sexuality of the "white" (parish) clergy a different cast from that of the secular clergy in the Latin West. The extent to which the early Soviet regime tolerated homosexuality remains a topic of controversy among leftists and emigre scholars. For the most part the history of homosexual behavior in other eastern European countries is even more obscure than that of Russia. The southern Balkans, where in modern Greece and Albania remnants of once-flourishing homoerotic subcultures survive, are something of an exception, though

more work is needed.

902. BATKIS, GREGORIÏ A. **Die Sexualrevolution in Russland.** Berlin: E. Kater, 1925. 23 pp. (Beiträge zum Sexualproblem, 4)

A Soviet functionary's explanation--for foreign consumption--of the regime's purportedly liberal sexual policies in the 1920s.

903. DE JONG, BEN. "'An Intolerable Kind of Moral Degeneration': Homosexuality in the Soviet Union," **Review of Socialist Law** (The Hague), 4 (1982), 341-57.

Surveys opinion and law enforcement, chiefly in regard to male homosexuality, since ca. 1960. "[T]he Soviet authorities' policy of giving incomplete and distorted information on the subject has the effect of reinforcing existing prejudices among the population."

904. DÉMIS (pseud.). "Chronique athénienne," **Arcadie**, no. 108 (December 1962), 651-54; no. 109 (January 1963); no. 111 (March 1963), 151-55; no. 113 (May 1963), 306-11; no. 118 (October 1963), 469-73.

A series of reports reflecting the situation in Greece before the Colonels' coup.

905. "G." "The Secret Life of Moscow," **Christopher Street**, (June 1980), 15-30.

American academic's candid account of his trip to the Soviet capital in 1979. Compare the impressions of George Schuvaloff: "Gay Life in Russia," **Christopher Street** (September 1976), 14-23.

906. GEL'MAN, IZRAIL' GRIGOR'EVICH. **Polovaia zhizn' sovremennoi molodiozhi.** Moscow: Gosudarstvennoe Izdatel'stvo, 1923.

In this work entitled "Sexual Life of Contemporary Youth," see pp. 117-21 ("Sexual Anomalies) for a pathological interpretation of two lesbian cases. There is a Spanish translation of this book: **La vida sexual de la juventud contemporanea** (Madrid: M. Aguilar, 1932).

907. HERBERSTEIN, SIGMUND, FREIHERR VON. **Description of Moscow and Muscovy, 1557.** Translated by J. B. C. Grundy. New York: Barnes and Noble, 1969. 105 pp.

In this translation of **Rerum Moscovitarum commentarii**, see pp. 40, 52.

908. HORNER, TOM. **Eros in Greece: A Sexual Inquiry.** New York: Aegean Books, 1978. 128 pp.

Contrasts in modern Greece between accepted views and practice; see esp. pp. 54-74.

909. HOSI WIEN, AUSLANDSGRUPPE. **Rosa Liebe unterm roten Stern: zur Lage der Lesben und Schwulen in Ost-**

europa. Hamburg: Fruhlings Erwachen, 1984. 142 pp. Comprehensive work on social life, laws, culture, media and gay movement stirrings in Eastern Europe. Compiled by members of Homosexuelle Initiative, Vienna, which also publishes reports in its periodical **Lambda Nachrichten** as a function of the Eastern Europe Information Pool of the International Gay Association.

910. IAROSLAVSKIĪ, EMEL'IAN MIKHAĪLOVICH (pseud. of MINEĪ IZRAILEVICH GUBEL'MAN). **Bibliia dlia veruiushchikh i neveruiushchikh. Chast' II. Kniga Bytiia.** [The Bible for Believers and Unbelievers. Part II. The Book of Genesis]. Moscow and Leningrad: Gosudarstvennoe izdatel'stvo, 1925, pp. 34-39.

In this classic of Soviet antireligious literature, originally published as a series of articles in the journal **Bezbozhnik** in 1922-25, the chapter entitled "Sodomitskie greshniki i sodomitskie pravedniki" [The sinners of Sodom and the righteous of Sodom] likens the sexual practices of the Sodomites to Oriental and Greek pederasty and to the vices that flourished in Christian monasteries. The book continues to be reprinted and translated in the Soviet Union as a mainstay of propaganda against religion.

911. KARLINSKY, SIMON. "Russia's Gay Literature and History (11th-20th centuries)," **Gay Sunshine**, nos. 29-30 (Summer-Fall 1976), 1-7.

Useful survey concentrating on the late 19th-early 20th century flowering of Russian culture (including gay culture). Attacks the facile view that things were rosy under Lenin's regime. Enlarged Italian version: **Sodoma**, 3 (1986), 47-70. See also his: "Gay Life before the Soviets: Revisionism Revised," **Advocate**, no. 339 (April 1, 1982), 31-34.

912. NÄCKE, PAUL. "On Homosexuality in Albania," **International Journal of Greek Love**, 1:1 (1965), 39-47.

On brotherhood pacts between men. Translated by Warren Johansson from the German text in **JfsZ**, 9 (1908), 325-37.

913. ROZANOV, VASILĪI VASIL'EVICH. **Four Faces of Rozanov: Christianity, Sex, Jews, and the Russian Revolution.** New York: Philosophical Library, 1978. 310 pp.

Pp. 39-194 of this strange period document--the original Russian text in question (**Liudi lunnogo sveta**) dates from 1913--offer an attack on the "moonlight men," i.e., sexual deviates who are held responsible for the ascetic bias of medieval Christianity. There is a short study of the author by Renato Poggioli: **Rozanov** (New York: Hillary House, 1962; 104 pp.).

914. SHARGORODSKIĪ, MIKHAIL DAVIDOVICH, and PAVEL PAVLOVICH OSIPOV. "Prestupleniia protiv lichnosti"

[Crimes against the person], in: A. A. Zhdanov University (Leningrad), **Kurs sovetskogo ugolovno prava** [A Course in Soviet Criminal Law], vol. 3, Leningrad: Izdatel'stvo Leningradskogo universiteta, 1973, pp. 645-648.

On Article 121 of the Penal Code of the RSFSR (**muzhelozhstvo** = sodomy). The authors criticize the existing Soviet law, saying that for some persons homosexuality is a natural form of sexual gratification and that Soviet juridical literature has never furnished a satisfactory scientific basis for making consensual sodomy a criminal act. The trend in both capitalist and socialist countries is toward repeal of the law.

915. STERN, BERNHARD. **Geschichte der öffentlichen Sittlichkeit in Russland**. Berlin: Barsdorf, 1908. 652 pp.

A general history of morals in Tsarist Russia, with some relevant material in the second volume, including homoerotic poems from the reign of Nicholas I.

916. STERN, MIKHAIL. **Sex in the USSR**. Edited and translated from the French by Mark Howson and Cary Ryan. New York: Times Books, 1980. 304 pp.

Composite picture drawn by an endocrinologist who emigrated in 1977; see esp. pp. 214-27.

917. VONK, HANS. **Homoseksualiteit in staatssocialistische landen**. Amsterdam: Subfaculteit der Algemene Politieke en Sociale Wetenschappen, 1983. 59 pp. (Mededelingen, 36)

Seeks to assemble what is known of gay life and its restrictions in the countries of "actually existing socialism" (Eastern Europe, China, Cuba, and Nicaragua).

918. WEISSENBERG, S. "Das Geschlechtsleben des russischen Studententums der Revolutionszeit," **Zeitschrift für Sexualwissenschaft**, 11 (1924), 209-216.

Evaluates questionnaires administered to Soviet students on their sex life, with some conclusions on the incidence of homosexuality. See also the writer's article "Die Verwahrlosung der Jugend in Sowjetrußland," *ibid.*, 15 (1928), 225-53.

919. WORTIS, JOSEPH. **Soviet Psychiatry**. Baltimore: Williams & Wilkins, 1950. 314 pp.

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M. SCANDINAVIA

In the Nordic countries of Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Sweden--commonly known as Scandinavia--lively homosexual rights movements have stimulated scholarship since the end of World War II. Important advances have also been registered in the legal and social status of lesbians and male homosexuals. For medieval Scandinavia, see III.D.

920. BOHM, KRI. **Oppet brev om lesbisk karlek.** Stockholm: Forum, 1977. 75 pp.
Advice from a Swedish lesbian on coping with society.
921. CARLING, FINN. **De homofile: en skisse av en stengt tilvaerelse.** Oslo: Gyldendal Norsk Forlag, 1965. 89 pp.
Difficulties of homosexual life in Norway in the 1960s discussed by a sympathetic heterosexual.
922. CHRISTENSEN, AKSEL. **Et seksuelt mindretal: en skitsemaessig beskrivelse af det homoseksuelle problem.** Copenhagen: Hans Reitzels Forlag, 1961. 182 pp.
Evaluates the "homosexual problem" on the basis of 104 interviews. For presentation based on a slightly later period, see Martin S. Weinberg and Colin J. Williams, **Male Homosexuals: Their Problems and Adaptations** (New York: Oxford University Press, 1974), esp. Chapter 6.
923. ELLIOTT, NEIL. **Sexuality in Scandinavia.** New York: Weybright and Talley, 1970. 271 pp.
In this popular work, see Chapter 17, "Homosexuality" (pp. 186-99); and Chapter 18, "Lesbians, pederasts and boy prostitution" (pp. 200-07).
924. FRIELE, KAREN-CHRISTINE. **Fra undertrykkelse til opprør.** Oslo: Gyldendal, 1975. 161 pp.
Outspoken book on the situation of male and female homosexuals in Norway by a lesbian activist.
925. HALLBECK, NILS. **Mannen och pojken.** Stockholm: Forfatteres Bokmaskin, 1980. 56 pp.
A somewhat rhapsodic defense of man-boy love.
926. HANSSON, JOHAN (ed.). **Homosexella och omvarlden.** Stockholm: Liber, 1982. 250 pp.
Collection of articles on the situation of homosexuals in society, including official and church attitudes.
927. **Homosex: Om konsroller, samlevnad och sexuellt fortryckt.** Stockholm: Prisma, 1976. 144 pp.
Interviews with male homosexuals and lesbians in Sweden, together with information on homosexual organizations.
928. KOCH, MARTIN. **Guds Vackra Värld.** Stockholm: Bonnier, 1916. 2 vols.