A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE, 1940 AND 1977

After the Nazis conquered and occupied the Netherlands May 1940, and began their anti-Jewish measures, requiring all Jews to wear yellow Star of David emblems, with rare unanimity Dutch people of every ethnic origin, from the Royal Family in exile--Queen Wilhelmina, Princess Juliana, Prince Bernhard--down to the youngest school children, began wearing those same yellow Stars of David. The message to Reichskommissar Seyss-Inquart was not to be misinterpreted: We are not two races, one acceptable, one proscribed--we are ONE HUMANITY! Damn them and you damn us too!

In the same concentration camps where Hitler's guards kept the gas ovens going, the 6,000,000-odd Jews wore their Stars of David, while the 110,000+ gays were forced to wear pink triangles, the majority being killed side by side with the Jews, for just being what they were. This fact came to public attention, about a year ago, and since then many people both in and out of the Gay Liberation movement have been wearing pink triangles in public, for much the same reason that the Dutch wore their yellow Stars of David. (Some of you have seen me with mine.)

Now comes Anita Bryant, self-proclaimed missionary of God, preaching a Holy War against gays, fighting women's rights with the same ferocity, in the name of the same kind of fundamentalism which in 1918 gave us Prohibition. Nor is it exaggerated--I believe--to compare her to Seyss-Inquart, as she has not said a word against those of her followers who sport bumper-stickers reading KILL A QUEER FOR CHRIST. As a Christian, a father trying to raise kids free of sexism or other bigotry, and an ordained minister, I see no ethical difference between that slogan and the Nazis' encouragement of the Master Race to kill the Jews for the Führer. I am outraged and horrified, and I cannot keep silence further. As much as I dislike the "Which side are you on?" outlook, I see no alternative anent Ms. Bryant. So now I am putting it up to you.

Science-fiction fans for decades have been patting themselves on the backs for being liberal, tolerant, humanitarians. Now it is time for them to prove it. I suggest that you join Marion Z. Bradley, Robert Bloch, Randall Garrett, Ray Nelson---among others---who have already (at considerable sacrifice) consented to boycott the Florida worldcon. I suggest we all make a gesture of the same kind as the Dutch in 1940, in their same spirit and with the same unanimity: Straight, bi, gay, or even undecided, it would help if you all joined us in wearing a pink triangle, to tell Ms. Bryant and her fellow bigots exactly what the Dutch told Herr Seyss-Inquart: Gays and straights are not two kinds of people, one acceptable, one proscribed--WE ARE ONE HUMANITY! Damn them and you damn us too!

WALTER BREEN, Box 352, Berkeley, CA 94701
Dear Mr. Foster:

Was the acquaintance by any chance Joseph Wallfield aka Warren Johansson?

If your book (what is its proposed title?) actually covers the ground you suggested, viz; "all the historical & cross-cultural facts on HAS that you can find," then it is likely to be about the size of the unabridged dictionary. My own book, vast though it was, only tickled the surface, and I knew it. Yours must have some specific direction or thrust and in order to help your research at all I must know a little more about its aim. For instance, are you trying (1) to explore the differences - sociological, psychological, etc. - between boylovers [hereinafter BLs] and other gay? or (2) to account for the development of certain taboos? or (3) any of the thirty-odd projects I outlined in GREEK LOVE, any one of which might make a Ph.D. dissertation or a full-length book?

The LJGL issues - only two were published, though I retain material which would have made two more - are out of print and rare. I must try to locate my own files of copies, after which I can send you xeroxes of both; I have no duplicate copies available. The xeroxes will take a little time, especially as I am out of town more often than I am in Berkeley anymore.

The dustjacket on the 2nd American printing (only) of GL projected books which were never published. I have the ms. of most of these except for Brunez's contribution, which has been since published as Das verfemte Geschlecht under Brunoz's real name, Senator Edward Brongersma [of The Netherlands. Dr./Senator (I believe he prefers either Dr. or Mr.) Brongersma is fluent in English; his address is Heimanslaan 2, NL 1546 Heemstede, Netherlands.]. The English translation will come out, probably in a year or two, under auspices of the COC or whatever it now calls itself - the group that had the convention a few months ago in Brdda: regrettably, I was not part of this, not being in a position to travel to Europe on the drop of an airlletter. The ms. of the other projected OLPress books are stashed away and not accessible aside from the Checklist, which is about 770 pp. long and may not be copied owing to common-law copyright troubles. (Marion & I had to turn down two earlier requests this year, as it turned out that the inquirers merely wanted to mine the ms. rather than publish it.) Information contained therein on specific topics can surely be made available, but wholesale examination of unpublished ms. is probably out of the question.

For your own research I hope you can read German, as many of the most important works of reference are in this language, and either Wallfield or I may be citing you titles in that language available in university libraries. It is unlikely that anything much can be found in Miami unless one's researches are confined to the local beaches, which back in 1953 had very pretty scenery (I didn't get outside the Fontainebleau in 1963 and was even there only through sharing quarters with fellow coin collectors, and haven't even seen the place since).

I eagerly await your next letter. I hope I have not put you off; the xeroxes of the LJGL will be taken as evidence that I do wish to encourage your research. Too few these days are interested in publishing research rather than peptalks, personal explorations, or fictionalized case histories.

Peace and joy,

Walter Green
Dear Stephen Foster:

The description you provided does not match Wallfield. I do not know who it was. I do not recognize the name of Rosan nor of any militant in or out of the Jacksonville area; my tastes run in quite other directions. It is unlikely to have been Rosan: I never met Merker, and the description does not fit the locals known to me. Oh, well.

I am pleasantly surprised to find that U.Miami & Miami Public Libraries have so many books relevant to That Subject. Too many libraries' holdings in this area have been sharply reduced by theft; but Lib. of Congress, YALE, Columbia, U.Pa., Berkeley, Huntington/San Marino, Harvard, Boston Public and N.YPL. 42' St. still have enormous amounts.

The Calamite poets are mostly to be found in British libraries. Harvard has some of L.Bradford's works. Lib. of Congress has a very few others including some of Ralph Nicholas Chubb's earlier efforts, but the rest are virtually unobtainable over here, unless in rare private collections. Aleister Crowley's materials, for instance, are partly to be found in the (Kinsey) Sex Research Institute in YU.Ind. Bloomington; others were copied out for me from the BM Private Case copies years ago, accounting (such are the vagaries of handwriting) for the omm error "Luting" for "Luty" for one of AC's noms de guerre-Luti means "buggery" in one Arabic dialect, I am told. Iolaus is mostly a collection of short poems and prose passages on glorified male friendship, many of the originals being already familiar to you; it is scarce though not rare, and many more such items can be found in the Anderson & Sutherland EROR (London, Anthony Blond, ca. 1962/3) and in a later compilation "The Sexual Heretics" (NY, Coward-McCann, ca. 1971, lately remaindered at Marboro or Bookmasters and still available in NYC last time I looked, which was 2 weeks ago or less). I don't know A.M.S publisher (can you obtain a spare copy of his/her/its catalogue or a xerox of the list?); Elysian Fields publishers (Ed Drucker), who advertises in the "Trader Dick" section of the ADVOCATE, may have others.

Of the books you mention, I had known of all though no copy of neither Tim or Purchas's Pilgrimes had come to my attention in 1962-3; you are nevertheless making an excellent start, going to primary sources of the kind, which every historian should. I am acutely aware of the lacunae in GL, and hope someday to issue not only a paperback reprint but a new hardcover revised edition.

However, as for your notion that history must be purely an anecdotal collection of facts, this is something on which a certain amount of disagreement may be necessary. Not mere tabulations of dated events, history per se tends to group events in cause-&-effect sequences (the "direction" or "thrust" to which I referred); of necessity it is a selective process, though this does not mean that your selection principle is the same as mine, nor that either of us is guilty of the tendentious parti pris which you abhor. Selection = recognition of relevant material as parts of causal sequences, discriminated from the nonrelevant; necessary if the result is not to be chaos. An anecdotal approach such as you advocate is the raw material of history, not history itself, hardly even
Chronicled. What I had in mind was tracing social patterns as they changed down the generations in a given cultural milieu, and as they were affected by other developments including (though not confined to) socio-political and religious ones. If you take the radical view (following the medieval nominalists) that there are no such patterns, or rather that the appearance of pattern is merely the subjective illusion of the historian, then it would seem that the burden of proof is on you, for one of the clearest principles in history has long been recognized to be that similar causes tend to produce similarities of effect. I do not put down Rattray Taylor, though of course his virtues and his failings are precisely those of any pioneer (even as, I believe, were mind in GREEK LOVE); the important thing, as Walter Kaufmann said of a variety of philosophers in his CRITIQUE OF RELIGION & PHILOSOPHY, is not what errors did he make, but what did he see. The "patriot" pattern described by Taylor is closely allied to the F scale (in Adorno & Frenkel-Brunswik et al., THE AUTHORITARIAN PERSONALITY), as I pointed out, and both appear to be connected with a socially transmitted hangup now more commonly known as machismo; my hypothesis is that it is connected in turn with systematic childhood brainwashing still needs to be investigated, but MMN machismo's connexion with the queer-baiting mentality is obvious and too widespread. (In this context it is interesting to note Gilder's SEXUAL SUICIDE as an egregious and highly rationalized attempt to rehabilitate machismo as a necessary condition for maximizing sexual dimorphism and averting a decline in potency and fertility—hardly a major object in these overpopulated times. Gilder's blunder, of course, is in failing to see how parochial his view actually is; his 19th century Republicanism is taken for granted as the only rational outlook, whereas in fact it—like all other orientations—has adefinable context and socio-economomic/class/religious origin. He does not know enough comparative sociology/anthropology to realize that other cultures have solved the sexual dimorphism/polariy problem with entirely different assignments of sexual roles, and machismo being one of the more freakish minority views.)

Enough digression for the moment; my main point was that each kind of incident you propose to chronicle does not exist as an isolate free of communal context, but rather embedded in a causal series and in a network of contributory social factors, and we would like to know more about these. That Jahangir had a passion for "small boys" means much less in the Islamic context of Muslim India than it would in the White House; recall that the paradise promised to true believers by the Koran includes sakis as well as houmis, and the Islamic cultures have always been favorable to male sexuality in a variety of forms, unlike the Judeo-Christian.

(odd, alas, even sperm banks)

I do not believe that cloning will ever constitute serious competition with sexual reproduction. The difficulties of bringing even a normally nourished fetus to term outside a uterus are at present virtually insurmountable; this has been done within some lower species, but to date with no mammalian mammals. Cloning from female tissue is theoretically possible but would produce only XX's as haploids are not viable. Cloning from male tissue might produce XX's --normal female babies--but something would have to be done to prevent meiosis first, e.g. production of tetraboid cells, whose meiosis would yield normal 46-chromosome zygotes. From a normal XY male, though, this would produce at best a ratio of 2 XY to 1 XX (plus 1 nonviable YY) and the danger of surfacing of undesired recessive traits is very great, many times greater than with incest—and this last is the only good argument ever urged against incest. Skin-graft mixing can only be done in the presence of drastic radiation or drugs aimed at inhibiting normal antigen/antibody defense reactions; I cannot imagine any social emergency severe enough to suggest this as a potential method of producing babies.
I personally do not give a continental damn whether my group claims to have a monopoly on reproduction; this for me is not a live issue. I am not sure that a baby is better off with a single parent or a monosexual pair of parents than he would be in (1) an extended family, (2) a commune, (3) a creche, or (4) a nuclear family; in fact, the single parent would have all the disadvantages of a nuclear family, being in fact a subspecies of the same. My own view leans toward the extended family, as suggested by Paul Goodman in various of his writings including one famous sequence in EMPIRE CITY; but there as in the nuclear or any other form one can find abuses or not, wisdom or folly love or hatred, sanity or madness. I think there is room in the universe for the whole Kinsey scale. Live & let live, love & let love.

No argument whatever with your rejection of chauvinism, bigotry, special pleading, "reflected glory"--so far, so good. But we must continue to disagree on your assertion that "history is a confused & disorderly mass of disconnected facts, and the *anthropomorphic order* imposed by historians is an illusion." Possibly the difficulty is in that last clause; not all historians are equally guilty of tendentiousness, and you tar all with the same brush from Engels & Co. to Toynbee.

As for "the future of homosexuality," aside from cloning, have you seen a paperback called YOUR SEXUAL FUTURE! Fascinating speculations plus one moderately favorable mention, in that context, of GREER LOVE. Incidentally, your fellow Floridian Thomas Burnett Swann, the writer of paperbacks on retelling ancient myths, has done one on the David & Jonathan story in which he explicitly credits GREER LOVE; this to me is as cream to a cat, as I've long had the highest respect for Swann. (It would probably come as a surprise to him that the husband of science-fiction fellow-writer Marion Z. Bradley is also JZeglinon.) In the meantime, the future of *hx is likely to be the future of laws and customs and of the gay liberation movement--none isolable from the rest.

Ah, well. This could continue for many more pages. Good luck in your fishing expedition, and if there is anything I can do to help (short of ripping off rare books, of c.) please let me know.

Cordially,

[Signature]
Dear Stephen Foster:

Thank you for your letter with the xerox of relevant passages from Valerius Maximus. This mm last is going to take a little more time than I had anticipated, but iii I will get to it when I have a little more time than I do at this moment, and send you translation of the underlined passages. At the moment they appear to deal mostly with abuses of the patria potestas in the Republic, whereby a father could execute his own child for any kind of unsatisfactory behavior. Yechhhhh.

Thank you for the reference to Swann's other works. I have written him and anticipate a mmmbm reply at an early date; I have seen letters by him in fanzines which tell me that he is a friendly anc co-operative sort. The magazine you allude to is THE MAG. OF FANTASY & SCIENCE-FICTION, alias F&S; it is still being published, or at least was recently.

Yes, the Ph.D. degree does confer the right to use the title "Doctor" in German-speaking countries; hence examples like Herr Prof. Dr. this or that. Where MD is the degree, it usually follows the name thus "Jakannannn"Rudolf Virchow, Dr. med." or the like.

As for Timothy d'Arch Smith, for some reason he appears to have turned against me in recent years—not that I ever did anything to him. Possibly the mere publication of GL, anticipating his own studies in LOVE IN EARNEST; possibly the fact that I was in no position to do a definitive study of the gay community and that he regarded my account of the Calamites as superficial; possibly my comments contrasting GL with androphilia offended him. Someday I will find out from him personally. Dukahz? Lord only knows. Probably he regarded ASBESTOS DIARY as porn pretending to be something else.

I have heard that ASB.DIARY is partly autobiog., but totally fictionized. There miss a sequel, VICE VERSA, in print in Germany; I have read proofs of it in English, but lord only knows when or if it will ever see print over here.

Of course BL's are victims of homophobia. That was mmone of the major points made in the first three chapters of GL. But it is also (not exclusively) a parallel to Wilde's crossing class lines, viz. ageism. GL is the first anti-ageist book known to me, antedating creation of the term. Your parallel between GL and miscegenation is partly valid only—the part that does not fit is the redneck fear of mixed-race children. I have read other things by John Holt and will pick up the one you recommended; I respect him with certain reservations. I do not think, for instance, that the development of rational judgment is automatic in youngsters through the maturing process; I believe it requires expert guidance, which is part of the rationale behind the more idealistic devotees of GL, and unfortunately in a more abused form is also part of the rationale behind Establishment-orspiented youth counseling.

I know Met nothing whatever mmmbm about the Broadstreet Journal; a friend of mine is sending for it. The Gay Ped.Lib. "group" is one B.S.Wilde
(pseudonym?) who has admitted in letters and in other advertisements to being into S-M with kids, which turns me completely off even when it takes the form of his slavery to his boyfriends. When I learn more about the Church of GL in NYC I will let you know; the source of the ad requires that I be extremely discreet in contacting anything of the kind.

I will check with Johansson about the identity of the second Portuguese prince, the dates on Antúnio Rocco (fl. 1630), and the source of fame (if any) of LaRoche-Poucin Roch(e?) fort St.Louis. Thank you for identifying "Henne the Spiritualist" with Daniel Douglas Home (pron. Hoom), the Scottish medium and levitant. It is well known that the majority of male mediums are gay; I have personally known several, and one of the most famous instances of all was Rudi Schneider who lost his mediumistic abilities only after making a (disastrous) front-marriage with a female.

"Alex Orian" was, God rest him, Mario Palmieri, for long a leading light in the homophile movement in both Italy and the USA; he was at various times concert pianist, physicist, engineer, sexologist, and various other things. He was "Angelo da C" in GL Chapter VII, case 1. The ms. of his "Studies in BL" exists but is so wretchedly written that it would have to be totally rewritten to become publishable.

Yes, "Mrs. MZB, Texas" is Marion Z. Bradley, alias Miriam Gardner and Morgan Ivess—names still highly revered in the lesbian movement. She is married to me; we have two lovely and gifted youngsters, my son 9 (b. Halloween 1964, Sun/Moon/Triple Venus in Gemini, 7° in Leo rising, 2° in Libra, 7° in Gemini), plus her son by an earlier marriage, now nearly 24.

Edward Leoni probably feels that as the head of a vanity press he is enough in the public eye to require him to keep his tailfeathers in the closet. 

Yes, Edward Sagarin is, or rather was, Donald Webster Cold; he has republished all that, following a couple of years of "therapy" under the publicity-hunter Albert Ellis, which aged him nearly thirty years. Public libraries in NY and elsewhere now carry the crossreference card DWC=ES.

There was never an "Oliver Layton": this was a pure invention of Robert Bashlow, the pseudonymous owner of the ill-fated press, probably to suggest British affiliation. JZE is more complex: John from my first real love affair (final case in Chapter VIII), for Zimmer—a tribute to my wife, Eglington as a private joke having to do with the fussy librarian type in Joyce's ULYSSES, and having a little less to do with the incredible quixotic earl who created the notorious Eglington Tournament of 1839. For even than I thought GL a quixotic project, & I too am a medievalist freak.

Who is Gus Boik? I never heard of him under that name. How did he know of me?

For your Renoir I give you Aristide Maillol, whose early sculpture "Young Cyclist" is equally indicative that at least once he felt the strange urge, even as did Joyce in his overt and intense poem ON THE BEACH AT FONTANA. I have not seen a reproduction of the Renoir painting; please cite which museum & date, and preferably which unabridged collection.

Apologize if it makes you feel better, but remember that you haven't said anything that needs an apology.

Best, Walter Beam

NB. I WILL BE IN MIAMI AUG. 14-18, AT THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION AT THE BIG HOTEL IN BAL HARBOUR (AMERICAN?& CHECK LOCAL NEWSPAPERS). I WILL BE STAYING AT THE HOTEL. EVERYONE WILL KNOW ME. A DISCREET MEETING ON THE COURSE FLOOR MAY BE WORTHWHILE. VERB. SAPI.
Dear Stephen Foster:

Thanks for the data on the Renoir paintings. I will have to check with the Art Dept library at UC.

I knew of Guido Reni only through real beec cele paintings. I was not aware of the others. This is the kind of material I originally was collecting in either photo reproductions or descriptions (with provenance) for "Art and Lit. of GL" originally projected; now it may be mentioned in any future revision of GL.

Thaxn for the mention of Nykl and the Campion Umbra: neither was known to me.

Dr. Jhaku has already begun the relevant research on comparative age-of-consent laws. His conclusion is already unassailable: they are theologilly based; I must add that they are all without exception related to a male chauvinist double standard. :: Can you document the age 14 in Hawaii? I have seen it mentioned before but inquiries directed to Hawaii have not turned up any reference to the existing statute. Thanks specially for the data on Florida: I have a personal reason now for returning and investigating further, probably this winter depending on work schedules. God but I wish I had a camera...someday I will have to break down and buy a Polaroid S X-70, as I've found that it reproduces flesh tones quite beautifully.

Good that you've gotten a typewriter. I use one as I think about 4x as fast as I can write longhand even using abbrs. Incidentally, your phobias, if they began as suddenly as you led me to believe, probably would yield to hypnosis-based work --this has helped far more people than the usual shrinks (for whom I have NO respect whatever). The idea would be to regress you in time to where/when the phobias started, then have you abreact the episodes with new understanding, then suggest to you that henceforth you will be free of them, then wake you up. This approach has even worked on troubles whose origin is in previous incarnations. Understand that I am not putting you down but trying to suggest how you can be happier particularly in a place like Fla. (I can't use the method myself as I am apparently incapable of being hypnotized; but then my troubles aren't phobias.)

Always the best,

[Walter]
Dear Stephen Foster—

Sorry for the delay in replying. I have been in the past two months twice to the East Coast on business, with too much time pressure for correspondence, and in fact am on another such journey at the moment, snatching precious time from the office.

The Thomas Burnett Swann book to which you refer is HOW ARE THE MIGHTY FALLEN, published in pb by Ace, with the credit line to GL in the back. I shall write him at the earliest opportunity; he is the first-ever SF writer to mention the book in print, its 1964-66 distribution strictly being underground.

The Symonds book on Crowley is of some value but should be read in connection with Crowley's own various confessional writings and Jean Overtorn Fuller's MAGICAL DILEMMA OF VICTOR NEUBURG; the relevant material has to do with the "Paris Workings," ritual magic in which buggery played a considerable part in forcing the necessary alternations of consciousness. Neuburg, discoverer of Dylan Thomas, himself a poet of considerable ability, was AC's boyfriend for many years, until AC ritually cursed him and after some stupid quarrel or other, producing a severe nervous breakdown in Neuburg.

I have TRIED to read H.P. Shiel, but the person is all but unreadable. Next to him Lovecraft is as transparent and free of mannerism as Dean Swift. I know Sam Moskowitz and wish I didn't; enough of such an unpleasant subject. Edinson—a bibliographic prize, maybe, but to me he is of no great interest compared with, say, Tolkien.

In which magazine was MANOR OF ROSES? Where?

Thank you for the list of lacunae in GL. Most of these were already familiar thanks to JW and were expunged in the German edition, which is infinitely superior to either the USA printings or the British revised edition.

Please cite the exact reference—which ed. of which Ger. biog. dictionary—to "Karoly Maria Kerthenv" as a non-alias and non-doctor. This one is new to me.

I could have spent much more time on Drayton but find his work totally routine and unmemorable; the "David & Goliath" poem I had just missed, and thanks for the reference.

If there are similarities between Dorian boylane and its counterparts in the Keraki of New Guinea (which I think I did mention in GL), it would take much more research to figure out exactly which social problem yielded this answer among the New Guinea tribesmen; possibly the Human Relations Area Files in New Haven will provide an answer. Some can be said of the Siwa tribe in Africa. I had no time to go into this material back in 1963, being then in Berkeley and without access to the Files. Possibly it will make a good footnote or two in the next edition.

Valerius Maximus. Please send the xerox copies plus a citation of titlepage for bibliographic purposes. I will be glad to translate; it may take time for me to get to it, but this usually is not something that needs to be done last week.

Parker Rossmann. I knew him some years ago. His sources are largely Yale Library; some of the books he cites must be rarissimi as nobody else has heard of them either, and others have been doubted. The article in TRANSACIONS was a coverup to help his court case, when he was accused of sodomy with a 16-year-old. He is out on probation.

There could be a white whole long chapter devoted to the GL theme in film, most dealing with post-1965 efforts. Recent avatars: Frank Vitale's Montreal Main; Medium Cool; The Reivers; A Boy Ten Feet Tall; etc.

My memory set of the Arabian Nights (16 vol.) was stolen two years ago. I had read the stories you allude to but only after working on the ms. of GL. I was turned off Flecker because of the excessive brutality of Hassan; I never attempted to read anything else by him, concluding that whether or not he shared the l-l predictions of his beloved Turks and Arabs, he was too much the sadist for my stomach.

I don't have a copy of the "Noel I. Garde" work any longer—it was stolen in 1963. "Garde" is Edgar Leoni, author of a vanity-pressed work on Nostradamus (fairly good even though by an anti-astrologer), and head of another vanity press. Rossmann has clued me in on MANY Islamic and Far Eastern sources, but these must be judiciously rechecked. Feel free to ask about anything else. In haste.
Dear Stephen Foster,

My heartfelt apologies. I have been in New York and various other cities for more than half the year, which exaggerated amount of travel has fatally interfered with correspondence even with some of those nearest and dearest to me, as well as with professional requirements.

The offer you made last October, of an extensive list of paintings, sculptures, drawings, etc., of boyish models, is of considerable interest because of the old project (referred to in GL as "Vol. II: Art and Literature of GL") which is still going on. My own list doubtless overlaps greatly with yours, even as it overlapped Brandt Aymar's eccentric selection, with which I suppose you are familiar. Yes, I am familiar with those paintings in the L of Congress, and would sometime like to get a photographic record of them, but no postcards or the like are available.

What is the date of the ADVOCATE article on Hawaii's age of consent law? Inquiries directed at various authorities in Hawaii have brought either no reply or totally evasive answers.

However, the ADVOCATE is now for practical purposes a dead issue. In GAY SUNSHINE (which latestly published an issue, cover illustration showing the Statue of Liberty with male genitals, interior largely relevant to GL) was a news item about how the ADVOCATE has lately been purchased by a conservative who is remaking the paper to conform to a 1940's image. Sic transit. Anti-BL is Gay Lib's sop to homophobia, and it is being recognized as such by many who are aware to the abuses of ageism in any form, in and out of the gay press. Kameny, of all people, should not have been horrified, knowing me, knowing my book, and knowing some of his own earlier history; but evidently he is either acting on orders or he is playing the hypocrite for political reasons. Something like the dialogue between Abolitionists and Feminists before the Civil War: "The feminist movement has to be delayed until we get slavery abolished. If you try to link the two movements together we both fail. Separately we might succeed but anti-slavery must come first." And feminism was delayed until near the end of the century, not to flourish until now. A.A. Cross told me yeares ago that major introads against homophobia must preceded anything at all about GL, otherwise both would fail. Well, now Gay Lib is getting somewhere on both coasts (Atascadero is not near the coast, and a few bombs might be the best way of disposing of the place), so that maybe GL's time is nearer now than it was in 1964.

If you do not mind, I would like to quote part of your letter on this topic in the gay press, specifically the part beginning "Therefore, when gays support high ages of consent, they are tacitly admitting that sodomy is a vice." And by Gog and by Magog, by Hippocrates the Physician and Marcus Welby the doctor, THERE is a central issue around which your book would do well to organize its presentation!

JW tells me you've recently picked up copies of the LJGL. I greatly regret that you had to pay the exorbitant price (as did Winston Leyland of GAY SUNSHINE); my copies were misplaced during a move from one office to another and have only in the last few days been wagganerriced located in the unpacking.

If BL has been flourishing in societies where marriage was much delayed, it is a wonder that more of it is not reported in IRELAND, though of c. the priests have done their best to stamp out anything of the kind, bad cess to them.

(My book is banned there as well as in other countries.)