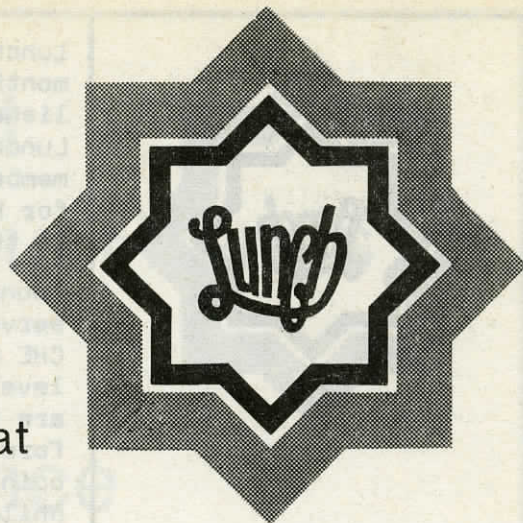


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What are we on about? enquires a heterosexual friend, quoting Desmond Morris at me, that homosexuality is a sign of decadence and extreme over-population. Not famous for my cool I remind him of unjust restrictions imposed on us, age of consent, public confusion over paederasty and homo-sexuality, agents provocateurs and police harassment. 'What's LUNCH supposed to be doing then?

'Well it's not CHE's official organ...and we're well aware of being largely a house magazine at the moment. But as sales increase, we will become nationally important, reflecting all shades of opinion. In fact next month we intend distributing LUNCH professionally. For this the face value will have to be substantially increased to the 25p-35p mark. The price change will not affect subscribers and group members however.

LUNCH is not merely intended to be a constant beef (or suet) hash. It would help to have some feedback, even backlash, rather than total apathy, so we can try to become a truly representative forum for YOUR ideas. Peter Robins hit on the original male chauvinist title - meat and two veg. - and since the start we have tried to balance the menu. I disapprove of reader-button-holing as much as you but we honestly don't wish to remain parochial, London-orientated and inward-looking for longer than we have to. So help on a national level by supplying us with material. LUNCH aims to provide members with information on activities, notices of group meetings etc.,

If LUNCH has any particular themes this month, they could be said to be public re-education - that homosexuality is neither infectious nor a disease - and the necessity for political action. These and other points are admirably covered in this issue by Rose Robertson, Roger Baker and Ian Harvey, not forgetting 'The Final Word' - the end of Laurie Collinson's and Bob Sturgess' dialogue that can't fail to interest those of you who have followed their debate from the beginning. Their colloquy proved there was blood in all you stones, which even occasionally boils for CHE and LUNCH's right to remain independent of all factions! Thank you.

And while I'm on my knees, would chairmen or conveners like to supply us with, say 200, words on the joys, sorrows and difficulties of such a position. We think it would make good reading. And if you find yourself at some occasion that merits reporting, do so! Talent lurks among you in the shape of cartoons, photographs, newspaper cuttings, articles - which could all help relieve Lunchtime indigestion. Why not contribute - even a lousy pun or slogan for LUNCH's cover. LUNCH - THE GAY MAGAZINE YOU CAN TRUST or LUNCH - WITH NO AXE TO GRIND. Any better suggestions?

LETTER OF THE MONTH AND LETTER POLICY

LUNCH cannot publish letters which do not supply a name and address. But names will only be printed where clear permission to do so is stated. This is common newspaper practice, incidentally.

From this issue we are awarding a £1 W.H.Smith's token for the best letter, in our opinion, which for April goes to L.T.Ong.

CAUSE FOR CONCERN

Flaum Family -an Appeal

In the interests of humanity - can you donate something to help in the defence of this family and their five children in an orphanage in Italy because their parents are alleged - without proof - to have been in possession of drugs. As editor, having seen a letter they managed to smuggle out of prison, I am fairly convinced their story is true - that all the incriminating statements were later amended, so that not one person accused them of having or distributing drugs.

The Public Prosecutor was also the chief interrogator (in contravention of the Italian penal code). But what most disturbs me is that even were the parents guilty (they have now spent 8 months in prison) the children should not be suffering so needlessly. The youngest is now 2, the oldest 14. Mrs Flaum has gone on hunger strike ~~and~~ is in virtual solitary confinement and speaks little Italian. The children now face the prospect of being split up into separate orphanages.

The Flaums need money for a lawyer, quick re-trial, for the children to be got away safely to stay with friends in England. One of the defendants concerns us particularly, but that is beside the point.

If you can help, send donations to Flaum Family Defence Fund, 6/0 Paul Theobald, 14 Swinbrook Road, Ladbroke Grove. W.10.
On April 11 GLF hold a Disco at Fulham Town Hall - Profits to go to Flaum Family Defence Fund.

Bloody Saturday

Roger Baker

Last Saturday I received a letter from a CHE member who lives in the country and has no local group to attend. One Saturday he decided to come up to London to see a particular film. At 6.30 p.m. he found himself, film finished, facing the evening. He writes:

"Here, then, I thought, was an opportunity to get some value from my CHE subscription. Surely, I reasoned, there must be some social activity being organised by one of the, what is it, nine? - CHE branches in London, on a Saturday evening.

"But how to find out? I didn't really expect to find a listing in the telephone book for CHE or Friend, but I thought the Samaritans would be sure to know of the number for Friend. But did they hell! The fellow who answered the phone to me had heard of neither CHE or Friend. He asked me to call back in half an hour while he made some enquiries. I did this, but he was still completely clueless about any organisations of this type ...

"As a last resort I phoned your number, not really expecting that you would be home on a Saturday evening. And, of course, you weren't ...

"Now don't you find this rather alarming that the Samaritans fell

down so badly on this? Surely the CHE contacts' numbers should have been right at their fingertips.

"Don't you feel that you, or one of your colleagues on CHE, should look into this?... just imagine the despair of some poor, lonely queer who might have called the Samaritans and met with this response..."

FERTILIZATION

This is the straightforward view of one member. There is, I know, a reasonable explanation for every point he makes. And one might also ask whether the voluntary London social activities should be regarded by provincial members as a justification of their national subscription. Well - you can argue that one out among yourselves. This letter does, it seems to me, raise some very pertinent points and opens up a problem that we in London have got to solve sooner or later. And the sooner the better.

Essentially it is a question of fertilizing those barren weekends. After some 18 months of existence, CHE in London has not yet got around to setting up either a weekend group or a regular weekend activity.

Of course, it may be that in London itself, there is no demand for weekend gatherings of any sort. Most members, especially the more involved ones, do seem to lead full lives and are clearly not turning to CHE to provide any purely social requirements.

In 1970, Group 2, soon after its inception, tried to start a habit of regular Saturday evening meetings. By the third Saturday only one person turned up. At the same time an enthusiastic member of Group 1 secured a gay club for CHE every

Sunday evening. Again the venture foundered due to lack of support.

And in January this year I agreed to convene a central London awareness group and invited the dozen or so people who had expressed interest to a Sunday evening meeting. Only two people responded to the letter and only one person actually turned up - a person like myself chockablock with commitments and not taking too kindly to wasting a Sunday evening.

In the last issue of LUNCH, there was a paragraph asking members who would like a weekend group to get in touch. So far there has been no response.

On the other side of the coin ... Group 2 did pick about the grottiest pub in the West End for its Saturday gatherings. Also there weren't so many members then as now. The gay club we patronised for a time was considered too expensive (it wasn't actually - but gays are notoriously out of touch with the cost of club living in London. I have not yet come across any gay club that is more expensive than its heterosexual equivalent). And I am occasionally asked - particularly by members who work irregular hours - if there is a weekend group they could join.

So, bearing in mind that there is a need for it (and I'm not convinced there is) it should not be beyond the powers, enthusiasm interest of CHE members to set up regular weekend events. A group could be formed, or a little collection of happy souls gotten together to organise some regular event every Saturday - if it's only to announce that they will be in a certain pub or even 'at home', as they say in Liverpool. Notices would go in the official bulletin and in LUNCH, so that CHE members outside London

would know and be able to toddle along.

All this is, perhaps, a local problem. But it does have two separate elements in it - the need of London members, and the accessibility of London CHE to visiting provincial members.

And this leads to a much wider problem which is, briefly, the responsibility of CHE to the gay community at large.

CHE is - slowly - becoming well known. And as our various plans and operations are getting more together and producing results, CHE will become very well known indeed. This is what we want, I should hope.

But CHE, structurally, consists of an Executive Committee whose activities and propositions are supported, encouraged and helped by the mass of members who themselves get together to do their own thing in discussion groups.

This means that CHE has no focal point, no committee or section or group of members that takes a pastoral responsibility. The Samaritans, or the NCCL, for example, will help - if it is within their scope - any individual who comes to them. CHE cannot do this. But a substantial part of our propaganda projects CHE as a pastoral organisation, designed to look after the interests of the homosexual at all levels.

So having invented ourselves we should be taking steps to implement the implied promise. The responsibility here is to make ourselves accessible to all - not just to paid-up members. The man who wrote to me is a member, therefore sees the bulletin, and

has a certain amount of information to go on. But there are thousands of other homosexuals who have not joined CHE, but have an awareness of us and may, one lonely Saturday evening, try to make contact.

The ordinary well-adjusted person who just happens to be alone in London one weekend is clearly outside the Friend's terms of reference. And very few people would think of calling the Samaritans. Again one might wonder whether pointing the lonely homosexual in the direction of a CHE meeting is a proper function for the Samaritans. And if they did agree to perform this service, where would they direct the caller? Supposing the Samaritans were given, as CHE contact numbers, my own and Michael Launder's. Would Michael or myself be willing to stay in every Saturday evening? And if we were, would we know of every CHE-inspired event that was taking place that evening?

You see the problem.

But wait, I hear you cry, surely all these problems will be solved when we have our CHE club; that is exactly what the club is for. Isn't it?

Well, right. But even the most idealistic must realise that at the moment this is very much a pie-in-the-sky project with little hope of realisation for a number of years yet. (Would that I were wrong - I want to dedicate that famous shower-room before I get too decrepit).

It is my belief that the projected club is a bigger ace up CHE's sleeve than anyone has yet realised. But future solutions do not help present problems, and one reflects upon the other. The more we take

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'WHAT THE HELL'S SHE DOING IN CHE?' MIGHT BE A NATURAL REACTION TO ROSE ROBERTSON, WHO RECENTLY FORMED A NEW GROUP IN CATFORD, HAS A DEGREE IN ARTS & SCIENCE AND WORKS AS A SECRETARY-CUM-WELFARE OFFICER TO A SMALL COMPANY, AS WELL AS BEING HAPPILY MARRIED. THE TRUTH IS SHE'S DEEPLY CONCERNED FOR HOMOSEXUALS TO BE RECOGNISED AS HUMAN BEINGS.

ROSE ROBERTSON

Rose first worked with gay people during the war, but it was all forcibly brought home to her when Trevor entered her life. Her son Paul was happily married and off her hands. She had just breathed a sigh of relief, and thought of moving to the country, when she let her self-contained flat to a 19 year-old boy and his 'friend'. Within six weeks he had moved in as one of the family, such was their natural affinity. Rose considered it an adoption, although he had a father.

The first reaction to her new son was a tremendous sense of responsibility and need to know more about homosexuality, so she talked to Antony Grey of the Albany Trust. This was before the '67 Act when the Albany Trust and Homosexual Law Reform Society were amalgamated. He asked her lots of questions. In turn she wanted to know if she was acting rightly in treating Trevor like her own son. She was concerned for him to meet others with similar interests. Antony Grey was astounded at her not considering Trevor's problems any

differently from Paul's, merely bigger. (Rose can't help glowing with pride when she talks of Trevor, who is a composer and a marvellous person) 'Labelling people is so wrong and gives a false emphasis.' Rose thinks there should be a university entrance exam on your ability to relate to others. 'If there were only some criterion to test if you were a good or bad human being, it might have much more value than the academic ability to absorb facts and be able to spew them out at the turn of a button.'

At this point I said I too found it extraordinary that her respect for Trevor should be so great that she had not tried to dissuade him from being queer. Rose regarded me with wide-eyed astonishment.

'But I didn't think he was..' (she couldn't bring herself to use my word) 'And besides how could you if you were a mother?'

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

One of the most important things she feels CHE as an organisation could do is set up something socially accepted, like the Citizens' Advice Bureau, with specially trained, suitable people to give parents advice. 'But whatever they do, for heaven's sake, they must not start off by holding out any hope - as if it were curable!' Rose thinks it vital to reach parents - particularly of teenage children, which is why she is trying to form a Parents Association - though not without difficulty.

'One father of a 15 year old son rang answering an ad. I'd put in the paper and the first thing he asked was 'Did I consider homosexuality to be a sickness?' I thought - this is another one - he thinks I've got a bloody pill! Of course, I sounded off a bit. He said how relieved he was, as he didn't think so either, but what he found was a great lack of any sort of organisation that adequately tackled the problem of teenagers reaching

puberty and who had a good enough relationship with their parents to confide in them at that stage. Other parents' letters all laboured the theme, 'Can you help with his, or her illness, problem, disability...' I invited them all to meet each other. Perhaps I did wrong in telling them they were the beginnings of a pilot scheme. All but this one father shied away from the opportunity, although they all had homosexual children in common. It's such a problem combatting fear of what neighbours will say, their wondering 'Will there be somebody from my own street, or to whom I'm related?' They have a terror of getting involved in a scheme and somehow being compromised - when in fact they could be so supportive to each other!' But Rose is prepared for the inevitable clutching at straws on the part of parents - that she's perhaps offering a magic formula to make their children 'normal'.



HOW CHE SHOULD FUNCTION

Rose is more concerned with CHE's long term achievements than the short term efforts of leafletting and stickers, although she's all for young people going out and doing things themselves. 'There's not enough co-operation between groups and between chairmen in CHE. There ought

to be a logical, constructive policy setting out certain steps to be reached and things to be done. Yes, I know there are working parties, and I apologise if I'm speaking out of turn, but there seems a general lack of coherence - many voices are heard, good ideas and worthwhile schemes are put forward but there just doesn't seem to be the necessary overall administration to put them into effect, see them off the ground and follow them through to their conclusion. We should reconsider our goals and have progress reports. Ask - is this working? What have we achieved? Can we get any further with it? If not, don't let's waste time and effort on something non-productive. Scrap it and start in another field. CHE covers all shades of opinion, and age groups. There must be many talented people in it.'

'As I understand it, there's only one paid official - the rest of the work done by people who run CHE is voluntary. So you're labouring under the most gigantic difficulties. Wouldn't it be more constructive to start only three pilot schemes and follow them through, and have everybody's energies concentrated on them, than discussing such diverse topics as we do in the London Committee, that they end inconclusively? Let's have a project where you can ask for volunteers from all groups. If they're interested in political action, let's find out. Have we any members who are agents for political parties, are there any by-elections coming up? If CHE takes in all shades of political opinion there must be many who belong to political groups who could offer to do something constructive.'

EDUCATION IS THE CRUCIAL ISSUE

The field of education is wide open. I know a certain amount has already been done, but not enough information is circulated about it. CHE should

have one group concerned with education, because until you change the social climate - even a change in the law tomorrow isn't going to alter people's social attitudes, however much you decry the present set-up as biased, unfair and totally wrong. If I'm correct, in an 'unstructured' society everybody would have the choice to live their life as they wanted - a marvellous idea if workable - but to do that you would have to opt out of world society and make a simultaneous agreement with every country in the world, otherwise it wouldn't work. You have to envisage the possibility that in an unstructured society people who are now miners, are not going to want to be miners, milkmen or sewage workers; of course it's wrong that they should have to, but before you tear down something, you must have something concrete and workable to replace it or you create a vacuum, which usually filled with unproductive weeds.

GLF AND NFHC

'There's too sharp a distinction made between GLF, seen to be Revolutionary, and CHE, Reformist. There are some left wing people who'd like a revolutionary movement within CHE, but also people in GLF attracted by flamboyance, who feel they themselves are given a measure of protection. GLF are brave in having stood up to be recognised, making it easier for people to come out and perhaps join the more intelligent mature CHE approach. It's utterly wrong to overlook what GLF did at first in the way of giving courage to more timid people perhaps. There must be many in GLF not at all in sympathy with the rather extrovert opinions and demos perpetrated by only a few and their quick turnover is inevitable as time and again they'll attract the population's youth, particularly younger gay people, who are impatient - and to whom CHE has not been fully explained.'

'I regard GLF and CHE's differences in the same light as other divisions in society. It's a negation of both organisations entirely, to harp on the differences, for in the end all roads lead to Rome. Instead of the destructive attitudes of many people, wouldn't it be more profitable to find points on which you do agree? The National Federation of Homophile Organisations is a good idea, but again, one is tempted to ask, what is its programme and purpose? Is it going to be a constructive administrative body to which every homophile organisation can turn for help, legal advice etc, or will it degenerate into a series of committee meetings with representatives of all organisations putting forward their views - using it as a platform to stress differences, not similarities.'

CHE - BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

I believe in CHE because it covers a wide age group and spectrum of society. Therefore, theoretically, you have



the best of both worlds - experience, older members' realisation of responsibility to a society in which they live; younger members' eagerness to do things (who will one day be older CHE members too). It seems to me that not enough trouble is taken to explain or channel the latter's energies and enthusiasms. For example, most are students and therefore usually very far to the left, with a muddled idea that with a complete political and social revolution, their lot is going to be very much better. Now I'd be very interested to know what has happened to the homosexuals in Russia and Eastern Europe, or in fact any totalitarian state. Are they fully integrated into society? Can they air their views? Are they allowed to live together naturally, as they should be? Perhaps a student group with time and energy should explore these possibilities...'

'Because of my own personal involvement I'm very concerned that talented or lonely young people, simply asking to be recognised as human beings, a total part of society, working within its laws and contributing its money in taxes - that society should understand it owes gay people like Trevor something, owes them recognition and the right to relate in any way they want. But here you meet with the most appalling ignorance - which is why I harp so much on education; it's so necessary.'

MAKING BEST USE OF SOCIETY'S LAWS

'She is against the youth group's idea of leafletting schools. 'I think they are wrong, because they are not using society's laws in a constructive way - but destructively, laying themselves open to charges from the police for one thing. It's a pity if they did not know about the resolution passed over this in Manchester (which they should have sent a rep. to) and been aware that you can sway the opinion

of education authorities in a different way, using the laws of society to get your own way, but not so as to perpetuate this image that gay people are either extrovert revolutionaries, or vicars and scoutmasters with a predilection for messing round with little boys. Ignorance again. People still confuse paederasty with homosexuality. There's such a wide spectrum of sexual deviation. People in other fields are working on transvestism, paederasty - but these are people with a breakdown in their mental outlook, whereas those I'm talking of, who are responsible, intelligent, reasonable, in the main, not needing psychiatric help, but just to be recognised as human beings, allowed to be themselves. It's not asking very much when they contribute so much to society!'

'If you have a child needing a delicate operation, for instance, will it make that much difference to you whether the man who saves the child's life is homosexual or not? It doesn't alter the fact that his skill is in his hands just the same. The fact that he relates differently, is differently orientated, is entirely irrelevant. He should be judged by the contribution he's making. It seems quite time that people's emotional lives should remain very much their own affair. All you should ask is that they be responsible members of society and the vast majority of gay people are exactly that!'

Rose readily admits she feels easier with men than women. She thinks it may be because she has a direct masculine mind - although she's as devious as other women - presumably why she resents in them what she uses to her own advantage as she recognises the process. She thinks strong friendships developing between women make it seem there's a greater preponderance of, anyway latent, homosexuality among them than men, although emotional orientations are hard to define.

Accident or coincidence may make bisexuals relate more strongly to one or other sex.

SEXUALITY NOT SEX

Her ideal would be a university course, linked to a sociological degree, from where intelligent and informed people could be filtered through to schools to educate children. 'Sexuality tells you how you are going to relate emotionally. Sex is how you interpret your sexuality. Your emotions may even change later on, or lean more strongly one way than another. But with our social inhibitions and this educational system, we have no control over the slant our children will receive from schools' (At this point I had mentioned homosexual parents' effect on their children) 'Why I'm flogging sexual education for all I'm worth is that things will only improve if enough parents and homosexual children are brought together.

What is more formidable than an army of middle class flower-hatted mums in defence of their offspring? They have a very powerful voice to which society will have to listen.

CHE'S YOUNGEST MEMBER - MADE IN ENGLAND

DANIEL GEORGE WESSELKAMPER

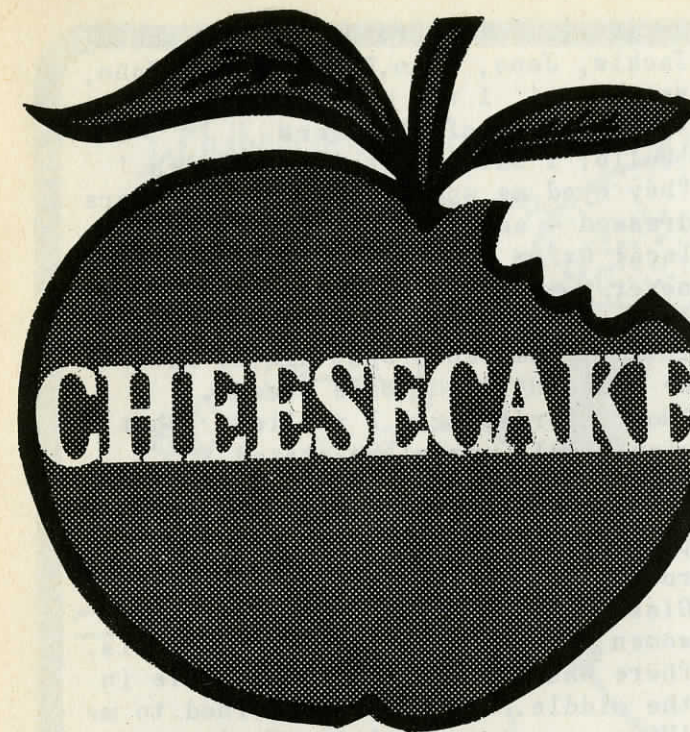
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practical steps to prove we are really trying to do something realistic on the pastoral, communication level, the more we are likely to make those much-needed friends and allies. And it seems that, inevitably, this must primarily be London's responsibility.



150 PEOPLE WENT TO THE GIRLS PARTY LAST MONTH. 'UNISEX' CRAPPER WAS THERE...

'A party for CHE.' the voice on the telephone said.

'But he's been dead for years.' I replied, visions of the Bolivian jungle mingling with the more humdrum picture of Putney, from where the voice came.

'No, not a person, an organisation.'

'A what...' I asked.

'An organisation.' the voice patiently continued.

'What kind of organisation?' I persisted, my voice now tinged with suspicion.

'.....Equality....Saturday' was all I caught.

Whereas if you ring New York from Chelsea you can hear a feather drop at the other end, on the Putney/Chelsea line, an inquisitive pneumatic drill always seems to join in.

'What shall I wear?'

'Come as you are.' As I was still in pyjamas my suspicions rapidly increased. I began to make excuses.

'I don't think I can...I mean...' I lamely began.

'Of course, you can. 8.30 onwards. Must go now.' There was no gainsaying that tone of voice.

The few days before the party I was strong in my determination not to go. Too far, I wouldn't know anyone, or I'd know too many, it would be too crowded, there wouldn't be enough people...Excuse after excuse. But by Saturday, my curiosity outweighed them all. I duly donned my tightest trousers and smartest sweater.

I arrived too quickly and, wanting to be fashionably late, took a damp stroll around the dimly identical streets of Putney. One house was in total darkness, though I could clearly hear the sound of television from inside. A sudden pang of regret...The Dick Emery Show. If I went right back, I should still miss it. I vowed my hostesses should know what a sacrifice I'd made for the 'organisation'.

As I approached the house people converged on all sides - mainly girls with an occasional guy - all trouser clad, not a skirt to be seen. The very paving stones of the staid street gaped with incredulity. To get into the house was an achievement. After some 'Excuse me's and 'Yes, I think it's the right place...' I found myself in the hallway. Eventually I discovered one of my hostess friends. 'Hi.' I said, by way of friendly greeting, not necessarily expecting a rapturous welcome. But I was a little taken aback when she looked me up and down and, with an expression of considerable irritation said: 'But where's the bottle?'

'What bottle.' I stammered.

'It's supposed to be a bottle party.'

'But I don't want much to drink,' And there seem to be a lot of bottles about.' I added, casting desperate eyes round the hall and into a nearby room, where there were tables completely covered with a varying assortment of bottles.

'They belong to other people' she snapped. 'I'll fetch you one and you can contribute something to CHE.' A moment later she returned with a large green bottle with an indecipherable label. 'This is yours, now keep it for the evening.' she said. 'I haven't much change' I feebly replied.

'That'll do.' she said snatching a £1 note from my hand. It was the most expensive cough mixture I'd ever bought. After one glass I discreetly slipped the bottle among the others, bequeathing it to the guests.

'Really, tell me more!'

Half an hour later I too was an expert on organs. What I didn't know about traction, action, electric and electronic organs wasn't worth a soft pedal. Maybe I'll be prime minister, one day, I thought.

'Let's dance' I said. I was hoping we might dance a polka which I'd learnt at dancing class at the age of 5. No luck this time. The usual 6 yards apart - twist, wriggle, writhe, 'ouch' my disc. After a few frenzied minutes I felt the need for something other than cough mixture. So leaving my partner still shimmying, I fought my way to the bottle room. I found one which wasn't quite empty and though not exactly Mouton-Rothschild 1945, it was drinkable. I turned and came face to bosom with two substantially elegant ladies in animated conversation with a man of a certain age and uncertain hairline, who was listening with professional interest to a lurid account of recent exploits involving the police.

'I was only parking.' one said, 'and I have five witnesses...' 'They gave me a breath test...' the other interrupted. 'A night in the cells...A charge of assault...We're being victimised.'

Suddenly a crowd of people emerged from a nearby room. 'This is....(my hostess dutifully started the introd-

actions)...Ruth, Brenda, Glenda, Madge, Jackie, Jane, Jean, David, Mark, John, Matthew...' I was overwhelmed by the sheer number of strangers.

'Hullo! I said, 'My name's Charles.' They eyed me suspiciously. They were dressed - as if they'd raided the local Oxfam store - in clothes that never got to Bangla Desh. In desperation I engaged the least formidable in conversation. 'What did he do?' He made WHAT? He made organs. 'How interesting!' I replied. 'What size?' 'All sizes' he stated.

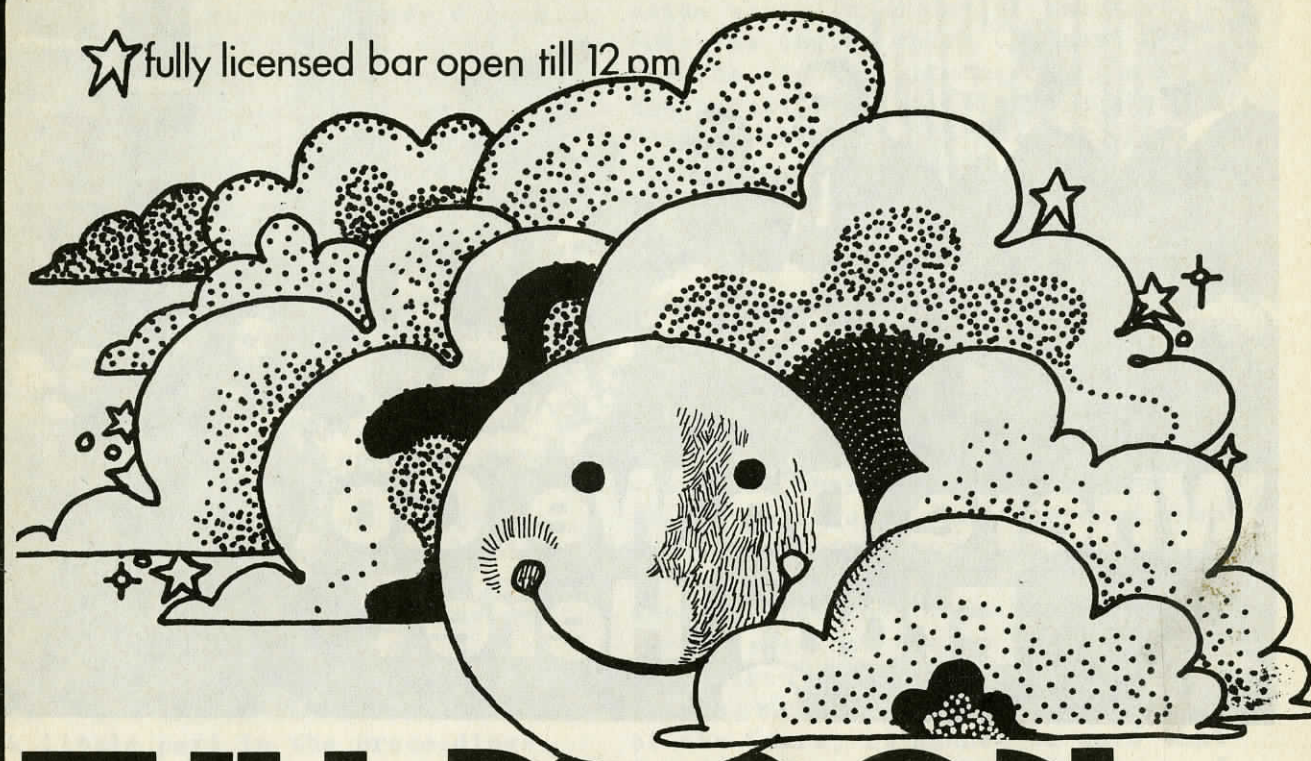
Suddenly, with the weight of people I was tumbled into another room - like Alice Through the Looking Glass. In the new room about four women were sitting against the walls. There was a large bowl on a table in the middle. One of them turned to me 'Have some taramasalata. You've never had anything like it. Jenny and I made it.' 'You mean I made it,' a deep voice replied. 'It was my recipe!' 'I made it.'

Rather than be responsible for the breakdown of a lifelong friendship, I hastened to eat some. To say I'd never sampled anything like it was quite true. All the spices, let alone the perfumes, of Araby had gone into it. But did I need it? One mouthful and I knew the party was over for me - the cough mixture and taramasalata were irreconcilable. I felt faint, sick, began to sway. How many people were there in the room - three, four, six, eight. I could find neither hostess. Staggering to the front door, I lurched out and fell into my car. Like a wounded animal I wanted to die in my own lair.

I got the car started, pointed it towards the river, somehow crossing Putney Bridge. All the time the words were running through my head: 'Parking...cell...breath test...victimisation.' I clung to the wheel. All the lights seemed green. Where was I? It looked familiar...It was my house.

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Where Do We Go From Here?

IN CASE NOT EVERYBODY KNOWS, EX-MP IAN HARVEY, AUTHOR OF 'TO FALL LIKE LUCIFER', IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF CHE. HERE IS HIS ACCOUNT OF A LIVELY MEETING RECENTLY ATTENDED, WHICH PROVOKED SOME DEEPER THOUGHTS ON THE ROLE CHE SHOULD FULFIL.

"For Cambridge people rarely smile
Being urban, squat and packed with guile."

Admittedly, Rupert Brooke was not describing members of the University, but had he been in King's College on March 2nd, he would have been in for a nasty shock. The Cambridge Women's Lib. movement, Gay Action Group, and Cambridge branches of CHE and GLF were holding a meeting, ostensibly to discuss pornography - at least I think it was.

The panel, apart from myself, consisted of Lord Longford, 'Prince of Anti-Porn', Edgar Wright, alias Antony Grey, and Professor West, author of 'Homosexuality' - the book, not the condition. The chair was taken by Tony Smythe of the National Council

for Civil Liberties. The proceedings can only be described as a chaotic shambles and a lesson on how not to run a meeting. Progressive thinkers would, I suppose, call it "free participation".

Just as the Chairman was about to start the meeting, ten minutes late, the door was flung open and a gay little procession of young men entered all dressed like Danny La Rue. But that was the only resemblance. I am told they had come all the way from London for the occasion, so it was quite an adventure. They seated them-

Above photo, top row left to right- Ian Harvey, Lord Longford, Tony Smythe, Anthony Grey. Others unknown in front.

selves happily on the edge of the platform, so at least we were spared having to look at their faces during the meeting.

There was no set plan - it was all to be a happy family gathering (there were at least 250 people there) with free-for-all discussion. So we set to work on, amongst other subjects, Northern Ireland, the oppression of workers in the factories, the evils of the capitalist system, horrors of 'the establishment', and the failures of education. On this last subject a high proportion of the audience were well qualified to speak.

There was a great deal of shouting and continuous interruption. Lord Longford was treated throughout with the greatest discourtesy and was personally attacked. But he got a nice kiss on his balding pate from a Women's Lib member who otherwise took little part in the proceedings. I was attacked and denounced as a traitor and hypocrite, which was all good clean fun as it enabled me to make a few plain statements of fact. At one point a man with long dark hair came and clutched me round the knees, which necessitated my having a bath before going to bed. After an hour of all this jollity the Chairman decided to lecture the assembled company on behaviour and the avoidance of slogans. This, surprisingly, was not well received.

As a grand finale three of the young men from London took off all their clothes and danced together. Lord Longford left, Women's Lib were outraged, and I decided on the whole that the three witches in 'Macbeth' had more to commend them: which was disappointing.

There were, however, one or two serious contributions and I felt sorry for those who really wanted to take part in an intelligent discussion: which in fact had happened at a CHE

meeting I went to in Cambridge earlier in the year. The most important issue which arose out of the turbulence was one to which CHE must now pay the closest attention. That is the question of political involvement. Most of those at the meeting who expressed views on the subject were in favour of the overthrow of the establishment, and, so far as one could make out, the creation of an anarchic society fit for homosexuals to live in. (Whether it would be fit for anyone else to live in did not appear to concern them). Apart from the inanity of the proposition they should realise that those who destroy establishments soon find that new ones take over; this is precisely what happened when the Germans threw out the Weimar Republic and let in the Nazis, or when the Romanovs were overthrown the Communists took over. Whereas no intelligent person could justify the feudal, despotic and reactionary rule of the Czars, it cannot be said that freedom of expression is a feature of the Soviet Union. The naked dancers of King's would have found themselves in Siberia next morning. And it is very unwise to take off all your clothes in Siberia.

Of course there is a clear case for political action by CHE: in fact that is one of the basic reasons for its existence. But to be effective, what form is this to take?

EMOTIONAL JUNGLE TALK

In LUNCH No.5. Laurence Collinson parades the old arguments against society - some of which are perfectly valid. In his diatribe against Western Society he does not mention that Eastern Society - which is largely Communist controlled, has based its thinkg on Marx-Engels. Whether he likes it or not, and it is clear that he does not, politics are, and always will be, the art of the practical. The difference of opinion is over the form of practice.

There is not one word of practical sense in Collinson's proposals for the future. It is an essay on behaviourism, some of it sensible, some debatable, but most of it is emotional jungle-talk.

I find myself in general accordance with Bob Sturgess' demolition of Collinson's old-world Marxian dialectic. (LUNCH No.6) It is really far more important to reach an intelligent agreement, if only to differ, between CHE and GLF. United we stand but divided we will most certainly fall. For the two bodies to enter into an open internecine war is one way to convince organised society, (and for all GLF's threats it will stay organised one way or the other for a long time) and those responsible for government and social activity, that they are dealing with a collection of unbalanced, irresponsible people, some of whom could be described as "nut-cases" That CHE is largely composed of older people and GLF of youth is of little relevance - there is a place for both. (Ed. - Sorry, I cannot let this fallacy pass. A few groups may give the impression that they consist of older people, but applied to CHE nationally, the reverse is nearer the truth, as statistics would show.)

SUGGESTION FOR PRACTICAL ACTION

What must concern us all is the practical action now required to improve a situation which, whatever anyone may say, has been vastly improved by the Sexual Offences Act. The most immediate step, which should not be all that difficult if taken in the right way, is to persuade a number of members of both Houses of Parliament and of all parties to form a 'lobby' to convince the Government that more has still to be done to improve conditions for homosexuals in society. The age of consent, exclusion of Scotland and Ulster from the terms of the Act, the position of the Armed

Forces and Merchant Navy, and clearer directions to the Police, are all matters which can, and should, be argued logically without delay. Only a short Amending Bill is needed which may have to be the responsibility of a back-bencher, or could be moved in the House of Lords. Leo Abse and Lord Arran are both available and have shown themselves sympathetic in the past.

CONTACT YOUR M.P.

If close association is established with Westminster, members of CHE and GLF could get a number of Peers and M.P.'s to meet them privately or over dinner and enter into a constructive discussion. Nothing could be more foolish than a march to the House of Commons to lobby M.P.'s. There is also a good case for local CHE groups asking to see their M.P. to put the case. After all they have votes to record in return for any assistance or lack of it.

The suggestion that CHE should involve itself in the forthcoming Kingston By-Election makes sense provided it is organised properly. This can be done by direct communication with all the candidates, by holding a meeting to which they could all come, either separately or together, to exchange views with CHE and answer questions. This is a process the United Nations Associations have followed frequently and involves the candidates in no election expense. A 'demo' in the streets, or an uproar at the meetings, would do no one any good - least of all the homosexuals in the constituency.

Apart from political action, education is the key to future progress. This means education of both parents and teachers, education of management and of society in general, through the instruments of communication, which calls for a defined 'rationale' and

clear plan of action co-ordinated from the top.

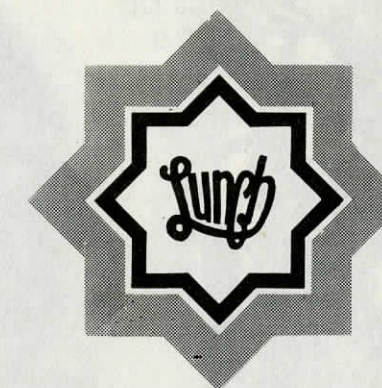
CHE is growing fast. The fact that so many people were prepared to attend the Cambridge meeting makes it clear that it can, and will, continue to grow. At present it is too diffuse in its organisation and there is a general lack of communication throughout. That is a perfectly normal growth-symptom. But it cannot be allowed to continue if members are not to drift away and form splinter groups through a lack of sense of purpose. London in particular needs to consider its position in relation to Manchester and vice-versa. CHE is a national movement and should be organised accordingly. It is not a case of too many chiefs and not enough red Indians but of too many red Indians and not enough effective chiefs. There must be less squabbling in the wigwam.

The events at Cambridge, although admittedly not CHE's full responsibility, are an indication of what can go wrong if there is no plan or proper framework. The 'unstructured organisation' so dearly loved of Laurence Collinson was nothing but a fiasco, and as for any quality of 'think-in' it did not exist. It was, on all the evidence, a ridiculous spectacle. And there is nothing more dangerous in any society than to be ridiculous.

CHEESECAKE
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Dear car, like some faithful hound, it had brought me home unaided.

Seconds later - Adieu, cough mixture. Adieu, taramasalata. It was hours past midnight. Was it a party such as this that made Cinderella so forgetful. Alas, no Prince Charming, not even a glass slipper. Perhaps next time.....

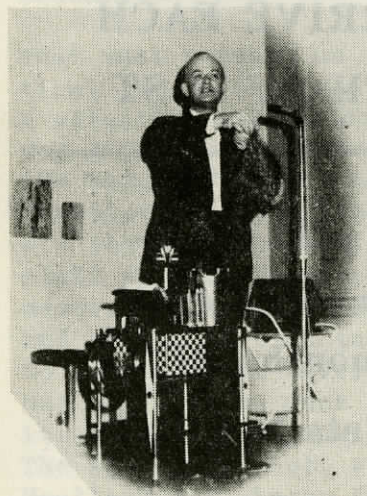


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EXPENSE- from
top left- Miss Liz
Evans, Songstress; Mr.
Gavin Clare, Crooner; The
Hon. Madam Fred Purley, Queen
Mr. James Solari, Baritone;
Mr. Roger Baker (centre)
Monologist Extraordinary;
Mr. Joe Weibkin, Bass; Mr.
Tony Crabbe, Majician;
and Mr. James Horne
as The Galloping
Major.



Chairman Keith
Whitaker in one
of his many
costumes



Gay 90's Music Hall

ROY SIMPSON was there
and sent us the following
impressions...

Despite power cuts, producers changing
horse in mid-stream, CHE's GAY '90s
Evening went ahead at enormous expense
in Ye Olde Fulham Town Hall on 25th
February.

If one wanted to be bitchy (who doesn't
sometimes) one could say it was a
flop - or that it went like a bomb -
somewhere between the two would be
about right. To start with, the
large 'thirties' period hall was un-
heated, and bare looking - with no
stage lighting. So there was your
cozy, Olde Tyme atmosphere gone for a
burton straight away. Secondly, of

all those London CHE members (each
personally circularised by hand-
embroidered letter) less than one-
fifth bothered to turn up, so the
audience was pretty sparse. The
audience - yes. Well - if you try
imagining how Queen Victoria must have
looked when she stated flatly 'We are
not amused!' you've just about got it.
Most of us sat there defiant. Let
them performers just try. Bless 'em
they did, and with one or two painful
exceptions, actually forced us to
clap, sing and enjoy it in spite of
ourselves.

After some false starts the thing
got away to a very limp rendering of
'The night they invented champagne',
when some equally flat bubbly was
handed round. Things lifted slightly
(don't get me wrong) with Jimmy
Horne's 'Galloping Major'. Halfway
through we became aware that the
indomitable Norman Burroughs and his

disciples, had got the sausages 'n mash cleverly at the ready. A queue quickly formed in a ladylike manner and the whole thing went off like orange clockwork; each sausage hot and delicately browned with creamy white mashed spuds - never looked better in a coloured T.V. ad. Restored to some semblance of warmth and life by the beer and bangers and (we trust) great feelings of gratitude to Norman, Alan Morland, Mike Yelland & Co., for their efforts in the kitchen, the audience returned to the battle strengthened in their determination to sit as far back as possible and respond to absolutely nothing.

Gavin Clarke's act was good by any standards, his campy funny and delicate, and his one sentimental song gentle and sweet without the saccharine. The genuine 90's touch of a conjuror on the bill would have fallen flat in less capable hands than Anthony Crabbe's. Urbane and apparently unaware of the uproar and general bad manners at the back of the hall, he performed some very clever tricks and got really enthusiastic applause.

Joe Wiebkin (Group 11's gift to CHE) was able to hit exactly the right note with Noel Coward monologues - which surprisingly don't date - and a couple of old songs, sung straight, which I suppose is easy if you are Joe Wiebkin and can look both dishy and distinguished simultaneously.

Mr Baker attempted to repeat his breathtaking performance at Group 7's Christmas Dinner (of Sacred Memory). Unfortunately, the bangers or beer - or both - had done their deadly work and the actor's nightmare, amnesia, set in. We all sweated it out with him until, like many another splendid old troupier (Eddie Cantor, Sophie Tucker, or the divinely beautiful Barbra Streisand, to name practically everyone) he quickly recovered

and soon had us all eating out of his hand, or somewhere, again.

Now it may come as a revelation to those CHE members who have better things to think about, but I know personally that quite a bit of time and work goes into the preparation of these events which, for want of a better adjective, we call 'social'. Our gratitude goes to William Blackledge, Gavin Clarke, Cy Morris and Mike Yelland. At committee meetings held in Mike Yelland's flat, coffee tea and goodies are brought in by our Jim. Then at the touch of the Good Fairy's wand (I'm not clear whose fairy or wand) on Gay 90's Night our Jim turns into James Solario getting a really enthusiastic hand for his operatic arias and ballads. Particularly fine was his singing of 'Bless this house' which nearly brought it down. The Chairman, Keith Whittaker tried hard - so did Carl Walsh and Liz Evans.

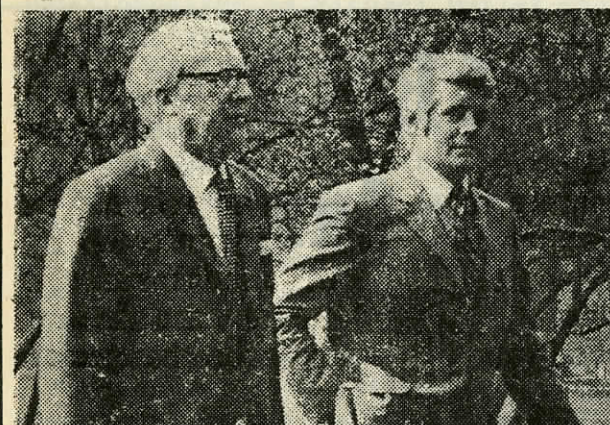
It is an interesting thought, that for CHE's first show we were able to uncover (only metaphorically, unfortunately) such jewels as Messrs. Clarke, Crabbe, Solario and Wiebkin. How many more must the casket contain? And what about CHE's girls? Here's to the next time - when perhaps we can get Joan Littlewood to produce, who knows....

below- Miss Liz Evans



NEWSDESK

The PM's detective...



...known as 'Danny'

NOT only are our policemen wonderful, but some are taking on sleek, even Hollywood-like, lines.

Take, as a personable example, one of Mr Heath's personal detectives, Detective-Sergeant Don McMillan.

Note the trim lines of the officer: well-cut suit and the stylish set of his collar: he could be a real-life image of Steve McGarrett, the muscular and dapper hero of *Hawaii Five-O*.

But I understand that among his chums in the Force his nickname is 'Danny' - possibly a reference to the fact he is sometimes taken for Mr Danny La Rue.

Detective Don with PM

from a recent
Daily Mail

New Group Forming to Research Jewish Problem

MANY QUESTION THE NEED FOR A SEPARATE GROUP- IF THAT, WHY NOT SPECIAL GROUPS FOR METHODISTS OR JEHOVAS WITNESSES ETC? SIMON BENSON SENT US THIS REPORT

The Jewish Research Group of GLF recently held their first public symposium at the University of London Union on 'The Jewish Homosexual in Society'. It began with my explanation on the deep conflict between Judaism and homosexuality. The great Jewish sage Hillel said, 'Judge not your friend, unless you are in his position, and do not say anything which you cannot understand at once, in the 'Hope' that eventually it will be understood'. Not till I joined GLF did I realise that it contains large numbers of Jewish Gays, whose religion exhorts them 'to be fruitful and multiply'. (Hence no doubt, the Biblical verse anathematising us as 'an abomination')

Following my introduction, many Jewish gay brothers and a sister spoke strongly against the way we are condemned by our own people. Attacks were constantly made against our Rabbis and Jewish leaders who, although invited, were not prepared to attend this meeting. A guest speaker, Dr Brian Barrett M.B. C.H.B. D.P.M. (Psychiat-

rist and Senior Registrar at the world famous Henderson Hospital, Sutton, Surrey) told us that they are completely against Aversion Therapy and Shock Treatment and specialise instead in Group Therapy. According to him, with the majority of gays, homosexuality is not a biological or hormonal condition, as many doctors believe. Guest speaker, Michael Butler, deputy Director of the 'Samaritans', remarked on the disturbing number of homosexuals contacting them on the brink of suicide. Paul Shaw, student director of Hillel House, the major Jewish Student London centre, illustrated the way in which the definition of 'Sexual Morality' has changed down the centuries. He personally had spoken to the Chief Rabbi, Dr. Jakobovitz, about us and found him very concerned and sympathetic (but nothing more). Francis Treuherz, (formerly Senior Social Worker with the Association for Jewish Youth) was attacked by the predominantly gay 60-strong audience when he tried to explain why the Jewish Community condemn and bracket us with drug addicts.

Our final guest speaker was Peter Urbach (student of Philosophy at the LSE, and a Jewish founder member from GLF) who accused the straight speaker of offering us 'sympathy' - a word he strongly resented because of its unfortunate connotations. He also expressed the symposium's general feeling that we are not prepared to wait indefinitely for social acceptance. Although Jewish himself, he felt no purpose would be served by having a Jewish Group as such. One of our Israeli members spoke about the very depressing scene in Israel, and mentioned numerous places where gays congregate there. Our American Jewish member, Alan Henskovitz, referred to the huge number of Jewish gays in the States, especially in New York City GLF, where as many as one-third were Jewish; that they had even established their own Synagogue, 'The

House of David and Jonathon'. At the end of three and a half hours, an American Jewish transvestite, called Rachel, pointed out that the entire meeting had been dominated by two sex roles, and that in their London Transvestite Club, over 50% are Jewish. Following this symposium we are more pessimistic than ever about the wisdom of continuing with a Jewish Research Group, so accordingly have ceased to function. Instead I'm now forming a 'Jewish Liaison Group'. Please write to me personally, stating your views and whether you would be willing to help build this new group.

SIMON BENSON

37 Loveridge Road, London. N.W.6.

FRIEND in the dark

On two successive Mondays in February, despite power cuts, about fifty CHE members with an interest in becoming active in FRIEND, assembled in a candle-lit room in CENTRE, one of the homes of the Samaritans. Michael Launder introduced Michael Butler, a director of the Samaritans, on the first evening, when a lengthy questionnaire was given to each arrival. The questionnaire related to the aims of FRIEND as each person saw them, asking him what he felt he could put into it and what he could derive from it himself. It required thought and took some time to complete. The answers, we were told, would provide a 'think-tank' for discussion at the second meeting.

Michael Butler gave a very interesting and enlightening account of what befriending meant. After he left, we were to discuss the organisation of CHE FRIEND, although it seemed a difficult task to undertake in only two meetings, and a great deal of it, although interesting, did not really get down to brass tacks.

Then, during the final part of the second meeting, we were thunderstruck to discover that the questionnaires were to be used, not simply as a 'think-tank' but as a basis for the selection of suitable befrienders - and that some had already even disqualified themselves by their answers. There was to be no discussion of the ideas and trends emerging from the questionnaires as Michael Butler was ill. Michael Launder then informed us how, in fact, CHE FRIEND would be run. Quite a number felt they had been hoodwinked over the questionnaires, and even asked to have them returned; while the sudden change from the clumsily democratic to the brutally autocratic angered others. Michael Launder was reminded that the second meeting was to have been an address by Michael Butler on the ideas contained in the questionnaire followed by discussion on the running of CHE, and that the only thing he could reasonably do was abide by that agenda at a later date, which eventually he undertook to do.

It seemed highly ill-advised that the feelings and expectations of those volunteering for FRIEND - an organisation which after all makes its appeal to the idealistic and compassionate in us, should be treated with so little regard. After the power cut was over those present still felt left in the dark.

HENRY ROBERTSON

News of Two Magazines for Women

S A P P H O - EXCLUSIVELY FOR WOMEN. WHO ELSE?

The first copy of Sappho will be available at the beginning of April. Published and written by homosexual women for homosexual women, it will contain items on all aspects of women's endeavours, humour and diversity. But the chief object is to enlighten society about lesbians and inform the latter of various groups, societies, clubs and activities, existing in the UK and abroad.

BACKGROUND TO THE MAGAZINE.

We started by holding monthly meetings in the upstairs room of the Museum Tavern, Great Russell Street, WC1, every first Monday of the month, at 7.30 p.m. which grew from a desire not to waste the good will and energy of the loyal and capable ex-editorial board of Arena Three (those who had been responsible for the 'New Look' and more professional finish of the magazine latterly). There is now a healthy attendance at these, sometimes riotous, meetings - the next of which takes place on April 17.

Magazine and meetings form an indissoluble marriage, unique in the publishing world. Discussion, criticism and suggestions stimulate articles, and speakers provide marvellous copy. How can we fail - with Dr. Charlotte Wolff illustrating how the human hand reveals character, psychological and personality traits, or Maureen Pryor, the actress, describing how Ken

Russell directed her in The Music Lovers, and BBC TV's Song of Summer (when she played Delius' wife). Quoting Milly's speech in People Are Living There, by Atholl Fugard, you could have heard a pin drop, just as it was in the performance at the Kings Head, Islington.

Please come and find out what we're at, either by coming to the meetings or subscribing to Sappho, c/o BCM/Petrel, London WC1. Six months £1.50, Twelve months £3.00, including P & P.

JACKIE FORSTER. Editor of Sappho. Member of CHE and Kenric.

NEWS OF ARENA THREE - MAGAZINE FOR GAY GIRLS

The new 'Arena Three' magazine will be published shortly as Volume 9, No. 1. The production teams will be the groups of gay women up and down the country who formed together thanks to the magazine and the work of the former publisher, Miss Esme Langley.

The new magazine will include news of the newly formed National Federation of Homophile Organisations plus views and happenings of CHE, SMG and GLF. In addition items from most of the womens' groups including Kenric and Unit 3.

The main aim of the magazine is still to be a communications media and to this end a vast amount of 'behind the scenes' correspondence goes on. In addition, there is the work of counselling and consolation of gay women, carried out by the group leaders and their committees, which of course takes time and money!

If we could persuade readers of Arena Three to become subscribers, our problems would be comparatively minor. (Ed. Whose wouldn't?) However, we've discovered each copy is read by at

least four readers. We can only ask Gay Girls everywhere to think in terms of supporting our work in the future.

Copies available at 30p - post paid - from Arena Three Publications, BCM/Seahorse, London WC1. Subscriptions for either six or twelve months pro rata.

Keeping Up with the Beeb

All the film for the programme on CHE has now been shot. We covered Peter Katin's recital in December, a 'new members' evening introduced by our Roger in the pristine glory of the Wesselkamper commune, and a Coachmakers' Arms group freak-out led by Antony Grey of the Albany Trust, much to the amusement of the locals downstairs. Each of these events was chosen by the producer to bring out specific points about CHE and, in the case of Tony Grey's talk, to link up with the earlier programme in the series about the 1967 Sexual Offences Act.

They had to be specifically arranged in order to protect people from unwanted exposure, but in all other respects were as representative of normal CHE events as was possible under the rather peculiar circumstances. The reluctance of members to publicise their association with CHE was not unexpected. Since this reflects the fear and oppression which we all talk about, it is on the one hand not to be ridiculed, and on the other a point to be emphasised in the programme. In fact about 10% of London members took part in some aspect and we were able to get the support of

sufficient National Council delegates to agree to the filming of part of the recent Liverpool proceedings. Unfortunately the power-cuts intervened and the BBC unit was not able to make it.

The remainder of the programme will include excerpts from interviews with Allan Horsfall (CHE Chairman), Glenys Parry (Manchester Students), Rose Robertson (Lewisham Group) and myself, a more reluctant bunch of superstars you have not seen, as we shook our way into Portland Place.

The film is now being edited in consultation with us, and is provisionally scheduled for screening on Wednesday May 3 (BBC 2, Open University, 7 p.m.). The earlier programme on the 1967 Act will go out on Wednesday April 26. We will of course do our best to publicise the definite date in good time.

TONY RYDE

Appeal to Medical Workers

Clinical and scientific members of CHE have a unique contribution to make, encouraging confidence and self respect among the homosexual community and understanding and tolerance among the rest of the population.

The CHE executive is making a general appeal to the medical profession but the follow-up will have to be made by medical members of CHE.

The initiator of the present project is a leading endocrine clinical biochemist and University teacher who would like to hear from anyone who

would like to help draft a fully documented paper. Whilst it is hoped that most participants would meet for discussion in the London area, it may also be possible for others to comment on draft manuscripts by correspondence.

It must be stressed that this project is for experienced professional medical scientists and nutty amateur psychologists will not be welcomed.

Anyone interested please write to Dr R.W.H. Edwards, c/o LUNCH etc.,

Touch-Up Job?

FIRST MALE PIN-UP

The second issue of Cosmopolitan (the magazine everyone's heard of) has at last come out with its first male pin-up.

The cover line indicating that Paul du Feu 'reveals all' is not strictly true. The curious thing is that Mr du Feu noticeably lacks a navel. Whether this is the trendy Womens Magazine equivalent of brushing out female nipples, or whether Mr du Feu is really Adam, is not explained.

Dial 83...

Health authorities in Watford, Herts. are running a successful campaign to combat V.D.

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This is a valuable health education measure, provided for the cost of a phone call!

FROM THE READERS DIGEST - MARCH '72.

LONDON NEWS

THE LONDON CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

In April the new LCC takes office. Most groups now have their elections in March/April, which means many new faces on the LCC; we are taking this opportunity of making some structural changes, following on the recommendations of 'People Not Paper' and subsequent extensive discussion. Other suggestions from PNP, such as the Club project and formation of local groups, are of course well under way.

The principal change is that the new LCC, consisting still of all group chairmen and working party leaders, will now meet quarterly instead of monthly, and will confine itself to making policy, and co-ordinating action, for London. This is because it is now too big to get involved in the implementation of policy and day-to-day co-ordination of London activities, which from now on will be delegated to a management committee. The MC will consist of 6 group chairmen, plus a working party co-ordinator and its own officers - e.g. chairman, admin. man, treasurer, and fund-raiser. It will be appointed by the LCC (nominations for officers are welcome - see elsewhere) and will be responsible to it.

The LCC is not part of the official CHE structure, so London groups do not have to participate in it, although so far they have thought it desirable to do so. Its aim is to help CHE in London take full advantage of the geographical concentration of members here. Its function is therefore primarily co-ordination but it can take the initiative where concerted action

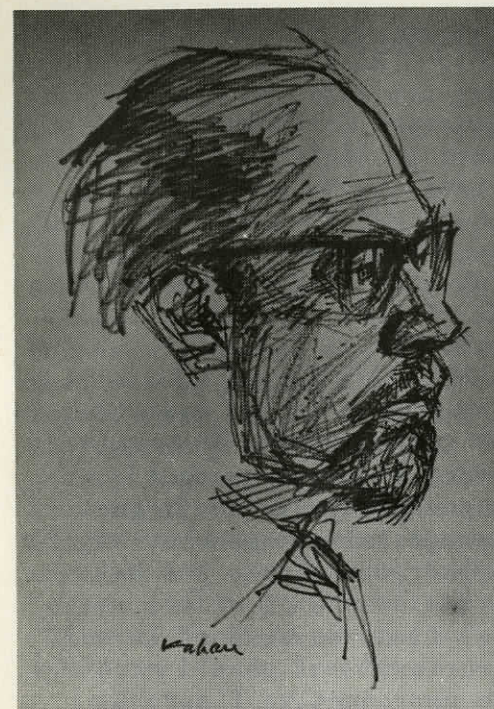
at a London, rather than group or national level, is required. It continues to be responsible to the individual member via the group chairmen, who at all stages have a controlling voice.

Committees are boring, for everybody. They are justifiable only so long as they get things done while maintaining a consensus. The LCC is but one body within CHE intent upon a united movement that thrives on the sometimes dissident voices of individual members.

TONY RYDE

THE LONDON MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Will members please note that nominations are now open for various offices on the new Management Committee. This body is to be appointed by the London Coordinating Committee (LCC) and will be responsible for the implementation of policy in London CHE. The positions to be filled are those of Chairman, Administrative Officer, Treasurer and Fund-raising Organiser, and these officers will be elected annually by the LCC. Any fully paid-up members of London CHE are eligible to be nominated, either by themselves or by other members. Nominations to be taken note of are invited and these should be addressed in writing to the Chairman of Group 12, Geoffrey Baggott, at 30 Andrewes House, Barbican, London, E.C.2., to arrive not later than first post on Wednesday, 19th April. Late nominations may be sent direct to Group Chairmen in time to be forwarded at the first meeting of the LCC on Sunday, 23rd April. The result of the election will be announced as soon as possible.



LAURENCE COLLINSON

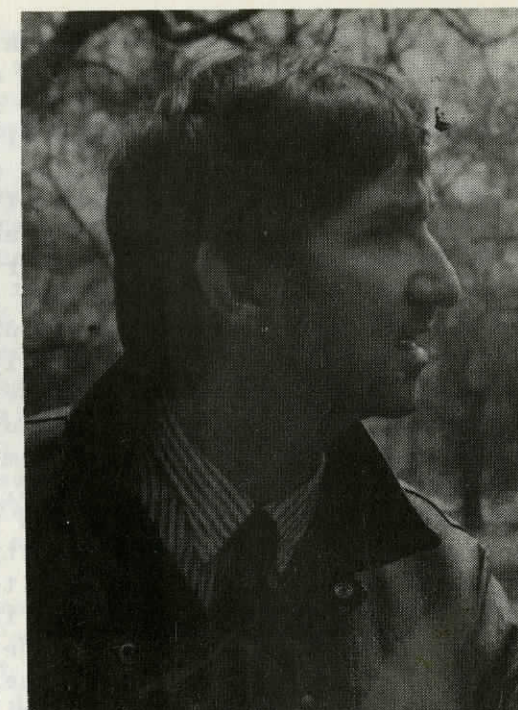
CHE AND GLF CAN ACHIEVE RESULTS IN CERTAIN AREAS BY WORKING TOGETHER. THAT MUCH WE KNOW. "LET'S FORGET POLITICKING AND GET CRACKING!" BOB ADJURES US IN HIS FINAL SENTENCE. A SENTIMENT WE SHARE.

Laurence Collinson

I must confess to considerable diffidence in attempting to defend my article in LUNCH No. 5. against someone whose attitudes are obviously so superficial that he is able to end with the cheap gibe that I can 'take solace' that so many of my brothers have given their lives so that I may have the freedom to 'emigrate to Tangier, or set up a gay commune in Tunbridge Wells or sail round the world in a beer barrel.' Possibly Bob Sturges meant to be jocular, but the second world war and concentration camps are not so far away that I can derive any humour from the remark. Bob's 'real world' is evidently very different from mine.

By ignoring my remarks about war, poverty, bad housing, and the various evils of contemporary life, Bob has in a sense pointed out the essential

The Final Word



BOB STURGES

difference between CHE and GLF: that whereas CHE regards itself as an autonomous organisation dedicated only to the cause of homosexual equality and such side-matters as arise from this struggle, including a vast amount of socialising and 'constitutionalising', GLF, while properly placing homosexual liberation as its main reason for existence, allies itself without hesitation to other liberation movements in this country and elsewhere.

Bob's article itself is evidence of the tremendous conditioning he has received. Just why does he find that the way this country is run is 'infinitely preferable to any alternative non-systems to which I've so far been exposed.'

If the desire to transform our society into something better is foolish, then I willingly plead guilty to such foolishness. If I applaud GLF's - and Women's Lib's - experiments with democratic processes based on 'grass

roots' decisions, and view hierarchical democracy, in which many of the most important decisions are made by a few elected delegates, often with little reference to the rank-and-file, with a certain suspicion - if this attitude of mine fills some LUNCH readers with 'dismay', 'alarm' or 'horror', then again I must plead guilty. (My critic, by the way, apparently does not know that Hitler was actually elected by a large majority vote in a Germany the democratic structure of which was not so dissimilar from England's.) If my plea that CHE, in campaigning for equality, takes into account the fact that the society in which it wants to be equal is itself far from egalitarian, makes me into a pseudo-Marxist, so be it. The repetition of criticism is not necessarily an invalidation of that criticism. Bob may, if he wishes, compare my strictures on society with the 'same old pseudo-Marxist phonograph' (surely he means a cracked record that keeps repeating itself), but the fact that Bob is sufficiently content with his way of life is no refutation of the truth that war, poverty, starvation, misery, and early death are the lot of countless millions on this earth, nor does it prevent some of us, including numerous CHE members, from caring a little bit about these tragedies - even if our caring, set against the enormity of the horror, sometimes seems futile. GLF cares, and that, for me, is largely what GLF is about.

Labels are useful devices with which to attack one's opponent when one cannot come up with rational arguments. Not that I wish to deny being a Marxist, since for over twenty years the term has meant a number of philosophical and sociological concepts that have helped me understand the structure and history of society much more clearly than I would otherwise. I hope, however, that I am not 'pseudo' for the word implies opportunism,

Bob Sturgess

Sad that Laurence Collinson should feel the need to 'defend' the unfounded criticisms of CHE contained in his article (LUNCH 5). On re-reading it, I am more than ever struck by its nihilism; absence of constructive suggestions or of that 'loving', rightly attributed to GLF.

I never denied that Hitler was elected was elected to power by a democratic majority; what I wrote was that his political ascendancy was contingent upon 'the progressive emasculation of the very democratic checks and balances, not to mention points of order, which he (Laurence) finds so suspect in our present structure'. I should have thought the unproductive fiasco at

whereas I hold my beliefs most sincerely.

In conclusion, I agree with Bob - GLF and CHE should 'explore the possibility of working together in this area of public education.' And in other areas too. There is much for both organisations to do, much that they have already done together, and much that they might do together in the future. My article would not have been written if, at almost every meeting of CHE I attended (and having been a Group One member for a couple of years, I can assure Bob that I have been present at an awful lot of meetings) since GLF began, I had not persistently heard remarks derogatory of GLF and many complaints concerning its aims and achievements. If, in trying to explain what GLF is about, I berated CHE somewhat, I was, I know, merely expressing the opinions of quite a few CHE members who have no connection whatever with GLF. Anyway, I suspect that CHE is strong enough to take criticism in its stride - and perhaps even to benefit from it...

LAURENCE COLLINSON.

Cambridge (reported elsewhere in this issue) provides a timely reminder of the near-anarchy that can prevail. The sort of 'grass roots' participation advocated by Laurence is liable to retard the cause of gay liberation by giving the floor to the loudest-mouthed, causing everyone acute embarrassment and boredom.

Laurence's charge of 'jocular' is best met by saying that 'serious' points need not be put heavily, as Shaw so ably demonstrated. As it happens, I attach far more value to the freedom that two world wars were fought to preserve and therefore take a jaundiced view of the barbs in Laurence's original article, aimed at CHE and, by implication, the society upholding those freedoms.

Is it his Marxism which causes him to turn a blind eye on the basic questions posed by my article? Why is an elected democracy such a bogey to him? Why does he feel so threatened by Authority? On what grounds does he imply that necessary reforms cannot be effected within society's present structure? Does he not agree that an 'open unstructured democracy would demand a staggering degree of national maturity and expertise? As Professor Assar Lindbeck points out in The Political Economy of the New Left - An Outsider's View (Harper and Row £1.40) 'there is a general tendency among the New Left to argue as if all, or most, difficulties could be removed 'in one shot' by 'revolution' or 'collective ownership' or both'; the 1968 French revolt against excessive materialism ended up with a nationwide 13% wage increase. The New Left's insistence on rent control, for example, has had in practice precisely the opposite results to those intended: black markets, nepotism, unfair privileges and the destruction of city centres. Reluctantly Professor Lindbeck (by no means Right Wing) questions the protesters' curt rejection of compromise and concludes that if they brought more rigorous analysis, and less emo-

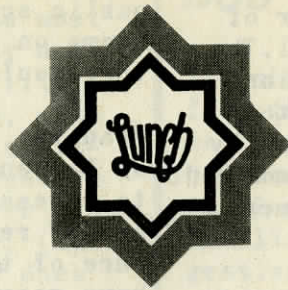
tive fog, to the 'private affluence: public squalor' argument, and other items on the New Left's 'concern list', they would command more serious attention.

Meantime, I find it somewhat faux-naïf of Laurence to expect CHE, in effect, to be cast nearer his own image and to see my response to his jibes as 'evidence of the tremendous conditioning I have received' - the classic Marxist response to uncongenial criticism. If he persists in applying Marxist criteria to CHE, he will become as politically solipsistic as Professor Higgins in 'My Fair Lady' ('why can't a woman be like a man!')

His remarks (which I allegedly ignored) about 'war, poverty, bad housing' being the lot of countless millions, are tragically true, but the implication that only he, his fellow Marxists and the majority of GLF (as opposed to CHE) members actually care about these things is ludicrously wide of the mark. The sketchiest knowledge of recent contemporary history demonstrates that deep concern has been as much the prerogative of the Right as of the Left; neither has a monopoly. As I expressly stated in my article, I am very far from being content with the way this country is run, but that is not to claim, as the Marxists, that we have a universal panacea; theory has been too much tempered by experience to allow such ideological euphoria. Our worlds are different.

If Marxism has given Laurence a better understanding of 'the structure and history of society', good luck to him. In his shoes, I would find it hard to reconcile such beliefs with the crushing of Hungary's independent spirit with Soviet tanks (1956) or grossly authoritarian suppression of certain Soviet writers with 'punitive reinforcement' so loved by the behaviourists. With John Stuart Mill, I believe Man's deepest needs are for freedom and creative expression, and that it is

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LETTER OF THE MONTH

Dear Editor,

I would like to congratulate you or your predecessor on the publication of the controversial article by Laurence Collinson, in LUNCH No. 5.

It is very unlikely that I would have written had I not heard rumblings of discontent over this article. Certain persons on the London Committee, and doubtless a few without, have deemed it expedient to question whether such an article should be allowed access to the readership of LUNCH. This questions the very fundamental philosophy of editorial policy; whether it should conform to outside pressure or whether it should be absolutely independent and reflect all shades of opinion.

If LUNCH is to remain lively, intelligent, progressive and informed, there is no doubt in my mind that it must pursue resolutely the latter course. The ways of petty dictatorship can only result in mediocrity.

LIAM TEK ONG

W.6.

THANK YOU! WE AGREE. -Ed.

Dear Editor,

I would like publicly to thank all concerned for the very pleasant piano recital given on 11th March, at Patrick Mandyside's flat, to which I was taken by a CHE member.

The pianist, Simon Gutteridge, gave an excellent recital. His performance showed sensitivity and great underlying strength.

Everyone obviously enjoyed the cheese and wine party which followed and the generally friendly atmosphere. Again many thanks,

JACK RELDIF
S.W.3.

INTOLERABLE FORM OF CENSORSHIP

The members of Group One deplore the action taken by the London Committee on 6 February 1972 in asking the editor of LUNCH to publish no further articles by Lawrence Collinson concerning GLF until after the discussion on March 12. Apart from the outcome of any discussion this action, quite simply, constituted a form of censorship and is not to be tolerated.

There are, admittedly, arguments in favour of having an editorial policy for LUNCH, but we feel most strongly that such a policy be exercised by the editor of LUNCH alone and not interfered with by a body of people who may or may not have vested interests in what is published in the magazine.

It may be said that Mr Collinson's article was extremist in tone, misleading in content and arguable in its conclusions. This it was undoubtedly meant to be, and strikes us as a very good reason for printing it. We feel that if readers disagree with viewpoints expressed by other members of CHE they are entitled - indeed, encouraged - to say so in the columns of LUNCH and that this argument alone, whatever the 'policy' adopted, would justify the existence

and continuance of a magazine which at the moment is simply trying to engage the attention of a lot of people with very widely differing views.

DAVID SMITH, FOR GROUP ONE.
London, S.W.17.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID RYDE

Your recently retired editor would not welcome personal praise, but I would like to take the opportunity of paying tribute to those who have got LUNCH where it's at.

In my experience, those who had little faith, or big fears, have been won over; those who thought that starting LUNCH would be easy with CHE's London membership to rely on, have learned that if you now have a captive audience, it's only because you have captivated it.

It cannot be easy for a magazine produced by CHE members to take a broad, critical view. But I think this has been the greatest value of LUNCH so far. I hope that the advent of an independent, but non-commercial gay paper will be seen as a challenge, but not as a need for a change of direction.

Love and peace,

TONY RYDE
W.C.1.

HYPOCRISY WITHIN OUR RANKS

I was appalled by Michael Lynham's letter (LUNCH 6) in which he claims a CHE member told him, "People who go into lavatories and public parks deserve all they get; the police are well within their rights". For what it is worth, I would like to offer him my apologies for this member's extreme discourtesy and tactlessness, however unwitting.

At a CHE National Council Meeting some while ago the subject was given an airing. No very definite conclusions were reached, but judging by the reaction from the floor, CHE

Lunch's Diary

LUNCH cannot guarantee to print group news or events if it is not IN WRITING, and supplied by last contribution date (see Lunch Dates, page 2) This is in the interests of everyone, so please cooperate.

A P R I L

MON 10 CHE-Catford (a); GLF-London-Youth and Education; SMG-Edinburgh-Dr Taylor Brown on present research at VD clinic, Royal Infy. Edinburgh; GLF-Cardiff-Sex Education in Schools & Problems of the Young Homosexual, Local Officer of Health att'g.

TUE 11 CHE-London-Youth Grp; GLF-West London- Dnce at Fulham Twn Hll 8pm; GLF-Ealing; GLF-London-Transexuals, Transvestites Group.

WED 12 CHE-Trans Pennine-Yorkshire mnthly mtg; GLF-London-Womens Grp/Weekly Disco Upstrs White Lion, Putney High St; CHE-Catford (b).

THU 13 CHE-London-Grp 11- Roger Baker on Sexual Minorities, 2 Brewers, Monmth St, WC1; GLF-Camden; GLF-W. London; GLF-S. London; GLF-Notting Hill Gate; CHE-London Group 8; GLF-London-Night Workers Group.

FRI 14 GLF-London- Awareness Group/Communes Group.

SAT 15 CHE-Trans Pennine-Country Wlk, Pendle area, meet 2pm ent BR stn. Nelson
SUN 16 CHE-Wolverhampton; GLF-London-Church Research Grp/Counter Psychiatry Grp/International Liaison Grp.

MON 17 CHE-London Group 10 GLF-Cardiff; GLF-London-Yth & Education Grp; SMG-Edinburgh-Prof. GM Carstairs, Vice Pres. SMG, Pres. World Assn. Mental Hlth. on Homosexuals and Psychiatry.

TUE 18 CHE-S. Herts; CHE-London-Youth grp; CHE-London Grp 6-Annual Gen. Mtg; CHE-London Grp. 3; GLF-Ealing; GLF-London-Transvestites & Transexuals Group.

WED 19 CHE-Liverpool-Party at the Gazebo; GLF-London-Womens Grp/Weekly Disco Upstrs White Lion Putney High St; CHE-Catford (b).

THU 20 CHE-London-Grp 12- 7.30pm, 2 Brewers Monmouth St, London WC1; CHE-London Grp 8-'Integroup' social evg, at Spartan Club (for which they have excl. use all evg) 8pm to 11pm, 30p inc. light refreshments, buy own drinks; CHE-Trans Pennine-Lancs mtg; GLF-Camden; GLF-W. London; GLF-S. London; GLF-Notting Hill Gate; GLF-London-Night Workers Grp.

FRI 21 CHE-London-Youth Grp; GLF-London-Communes Grp/Awareness Grp.

SAT 22 CHE-Trans Pennine-visitg CHE Sheffield to see Oh What A Lovely War at Crucible Theatre and party afterwards.

SUN 23 GLF-London-International Liaison Grp/Counter Psychiatry Grp/Church Research Group.

MON 24 GLF-Cardiff; SMG-Edinburgh-Policy, Campaign

Mtg; GLF-London-Youth and Education Group.

TUES 25 GLF-Ealing; CHE-London Youth Group; GLF-London-Transexuals, Transvestites Group.

WED 26 GLF-London-Weekly Disco Upstrs White Lion High St Putney/Womens Grp

THU 27 GLF-Camden; GLF-West London; GLF-S. London; GLF-Notting Hill Gate; CHE-Lond. Grp. 8; GLF-London-Night Wkrs

FRI 28 CHE-Croydon-1st Birthday Party (members only GLF-London-Awareness Group/Communes Group.

SAT 29 Gays Day 8ff-at time of printing nothing happening.

SUN 30 GLF-London-Church Research Grp/International Liaison Group/Counter Psychiatry Group.

M A Y

MON 1 CHE-London Grp 10; GLF-Cardiff; SMG-Edinburgh-Gay May Day Party, tkts £1 from Chairman Ian Dunn; GLF-London-Youth & Education Grp

TUE 2 CHE-Croydon-Rose Robertson spkg; GLF-Ealing; CHE-London Group 3; CHE-Wolverhampton; GLF-Ealing; GLF-London-Transexuals, Transvestites Group.

WED 3 CHE-Liverpool; GLF-London-Weekly Disco Upstrs White Lion Putney High St/Womens Group; CHE-Trans Pennine-8pm 'Merchants Hotel' Darwen St Blackburn.

THU 4 GLF-Camden; GLF-West London; GLF-S. London; GLF-Notting Hill Gate; GLF-London-Night Workers.

FRI 5 CHE-London Grp 1; CHE-London-Youth Group; GLF-London-Communes Grp/Awareness Group.

SAT 6 Another Gay Day Off another Saturday for someone

to organise something.

SUN 7 GLF-London-Counter Psychiatry Grp/International Liaison Grp/Church Research Group.

MON 8 SMG-Edinburgh-Film Night, Bryan Magee's 'Homo-sexuals'; GLF-Cardiff.

TUE 9 CHE-South Herts-Social Evg; CHE-London-Youth Grp; GLF-Ealing; GLF-London-Transexuals, Transvestites Group.

WED 10 GLF-London-Weekly Disco Upstrs White Lion Putney High St.

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G R O U P S I N F O R M A T I O N

CHE Unless details are given below, all enquiries for CHE groups should be made to CHE HQ at 28 Kennedy Street, Manchester 2.
GLF London Area- 5 Caledonian Road, London N1, 01-837 7174.

CHE CATFORD (a) 8pm Coffee Rm. St. Laurences Ch. Hll. Catford. (b) at Rose Robertson, 6 Honley Rd, Catford.

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CHE LIVERPOOL Inf. frm. Secty. Gordon Gibb, 120 Edinburgh Rd Liverpool 7.

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YOUTH GROUP; Membership, Tom Barry, 102 Walton Rd. East Molesey, Surrey; Prog. Secty, Jim Haley 97 Comeragh Rd. London W14.

GROUP 6 Inf. frm. Secty. Charles Murdoch 01-289 3695

FINAL WORD- Bob Sturges continued from page 31

only on those foundations that any truly enlightened society can be built.

I'm glad Laurence acknowledges at least that GLF and CHE should explore the possibility of working together in the areas that are common to us both. With Britain's probable entry into Europe, exciting new perspectives open up for speeding the process of gay liberation through closer liaison between member countries. London might well become the European centre for international symposia, reciprocal holiday and hospitality schemes and, above all, for research. Closer contact with countries like Holland would result in their more enlightened attitudes to sexual legislation percolating through to us, thereby facilitating a speedier change in our own (still) muddled and discriminatory laws. A central fund might be set up, to which member countries would contribute on a per capita basis, with a view to financing public education campaigns in countries

GROUP 8 Meets at 2 Brewers, Monmouth St. WC1.
SMG SCOTTISH MINORITIES GRP -Edinburgh-meets basement of 23 George Square, Edinburgh. Inf. frm. SMG 214 Clyde Street Glasgow G1 4JK 041-771 760
Members of CHE are honorary members of SMG whilst visiting Scotland and welcome to their events. SMG groups also in Glasgow, Aberdeen & Dundee

most in need of them (e.g. Scotland) to the ultimate benefit of all. Nor is there any intrinsic reason why governments should not be persuaded to sponsor such work, so clearly in the national interest, by for instance donating 'matching' sums equal to those raised by public subscription.

Let's forget politicking and get cracking.

LETTER cont. from page 33 members appeared to be divided in their attitudes.

'Politically' speaking, I can well understand why this tricky problem is treated with caution and reserve, but at a moral & personal level I think it is high time we were a little more honest.

Most of us have solicited in public places at some time, and even if we have abandoned such practices fully know the emotional pressures involved. I regard it as the most horrible kind of hypocrisy when, within our own ranks at a social gathering we express disapproval of such activities.

I feel that even if, at this stage, we are unable to offer our sympathy and understanding to those who have suffered the penalties of being caught.
DABID SMITH SW17

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CHE in London

In the London area over 600 members meet in 13

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