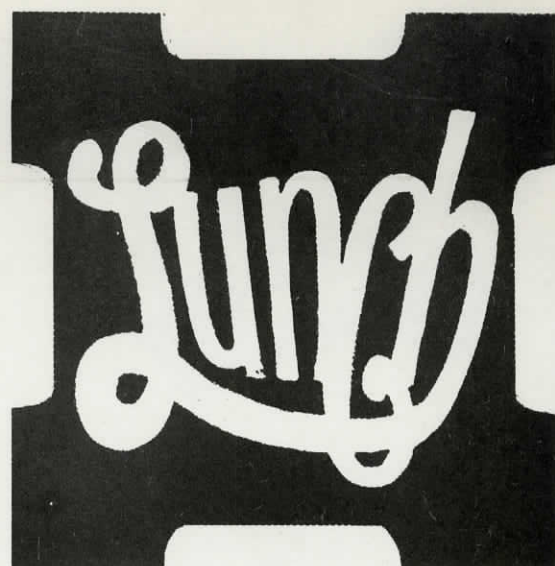


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Forgotten Nazi crimes to be remembered

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Of all the appalling crimes committed by the Nazis during their control of Germany from 1932 onwards, and their control of most of Europe during the second world war, one goes scandalously and officially unmourned- the murder in concentration camps of thousands of homosexual men and women.

Every sector of German society victimised by the Nazi regime is commemorated by official cenotaphs at the concentration camps where the atrocities took place. except homosexuals.

Each year, representatives of all minorities oppressed by the Nazis who have communities in this country remember the sufferings of their lost brethren by laying a wreath at the cenotaph in Whitehall at a ceremony the day following Remembrance Sunday.

The homophile community is the only group which so far has not been represented. This year, however, we will be: The Gay Liberation Front, and the Campaign for Homosexual Equality are to arrange a deputation to lay a wreath at the cenotaph along with other minorities.

Let it be made clear that this is to be a 'distinctly dignified' assembly, one that no person with the real interests of the homophile community at heart would deny this very pious act of remembrance would give less than the fullest support, and many more would feel it their duty to attend the wreath laying.

Those interested in attending the ceremony with CHE's contingency please contact David Hyde at 93 Cadogan Gardens, London SW3., as soon as possible.

From now on we've got a campaign to fight!

As we all know, the 'strong to heavyweight reaction to the permissive society' predicted by Roger Baker in the first issue of Lunch had already got into a fairly swing between the article being written and our going to print, which as much as anything shows how events can run faster than the media can follow them.

However, the fact that a reaction might be under way has given many people the opportunity to see how weak the homophile movement really is, both in number and, in some respects, morale.

Far too often in the past we have deceived ourselves that the then state of affairs was going to last for ever; and far too often deceived ourselves that ignorance, prejudice and sadism in public life would dwindle away, that whiplash Sandys and the devil would be excoriated by the weight of the 'permissive' society.

But they haven't, and once again we have to face their viciousness- this time, though, they have a difficult job on their hands.

Each and every attack on homosexuals which has had any success has found it not in the strength of the attackers, but in our weakness.

Pre- 1967 the weakness was understandable; those who fought for the few liberties we now enjoy deserve the highest praise for having taken enormous risks. Now there is no excuse for weakness- under the law we have little to lose. Public declarations will do far more good to gain us support

than any problems that might be used by the few, and they will be few, antagonists we find.

Telling people about ourselves is half the problem we face. The other half will have to be fought. The fighting has already started- we have had a few preliminary skirmishes in Burnley and the like which have shown us that we need to marshall our strength, and above all to show us that what we really need is a CAMPAIGN.

Lets get the CAMPAIGN for Homosexual Equality under way. Every member of CHE has his or her part to play. What one person can achieve can be seen by taking Mike Winter of the East London Group as an example.

Apart from his initiative, all Mike had to start with was a little courage- something which most of us have in plenty, but which we all too rarely put to good use.

Here is a list for action; if all our readers put these suggestions into action then CHE could soon become a fact that few might care to ignore. If we can be seen to be helping ourselves, surely we can hope to draw more support from our friends.

1 Get all your friends to join CHE
Word of mouth is the very best form of advertising- and you can do the job far far better than any expensive printed material.

2 Like the fact or not, many in the public service are corrupt when it comes to dealing with Gays. So is the judiciary; they know that there is no equivalent of the Cat Lovers League to look after us, and therefore feel safe to kick you in the shit. Never forget that all these persons are answerable to Parliament, and that your MP is, in the end answerable to his constituents- and that's you! No MP worth his salt is going to offend a militant 5% block of voters, especially in a marginal constituency. Your MP is, then, particularly vulnerable to pressure. But if there is none, then he is liable to kick you in the shit at request of any other

amenity group that cares to ask. Therefore- write to your MP and let him know you are a homosexual and that you are discontent with the present situation. If you belong to a Group, get them all to write to their MPs. Nothing worries an MP more than to receive a large number of letters over a period of time.

3 Your local councillors are another target for pressure, though less important than MPs, do have some say in what goes on in your area and many of them become magistrates in due course, so they are worth while spending time on to educate. Note that they seldom have more than 15% of the total vote each, so that it will pay to be discrete with them. Nonetheless, careful planning could lead to dividends.

4 The press, we all know, are cretins, but they do matter; they often reflect the balance of power between the various factions in our Society. The press the homophile community gets nationally is quite appalling, locally often wicked and extremely damaging, all this not just to our cause alone, but to those who read these lies.

You must write to both the national and the local press to let them know of our views and correct them on the multitude of mistakes they continually make. Never write anonymously, it carries no weight. Writing as a group is sometimes easier, and of course would let the public know about us.

5 Support all activities of all homophile groups wherever you can. Never forget that we gain greater strength from numbers. It is worth taking time off to attend special events- what you get is a big boost for morale and an idea of just what we are up against. If you travel out of London to any public event you give the Gays a great deal of encouragement by helping them stand their ground.

FROM NOW ON WE HAVE A CAMPAIGN TO FIGHT!

Some of our best friends...

from 'CHEESECAKE'

"What Homosexuals Think of Women" by Pat Barr in this month's Nova, seems a very fair and informative article, presented coolly and sympathetically. The only opinion I'm not sure I share is that of the Freudian who believes that 'however detached and rational a homosexual may appear to be in his attitude to women, they always represent for him both an unattainable ideal and an "area of unexplored terror"- dark biological menaces who engulf penises and produce life.

Surely it is this aspect that partly accounts for the cruel and derisive burlesque of the female which goes on sometimes when homosexuals get together.

But is that really true? We're not all Lawrentian vampires, ready to suck you dry of the life force, you know, and men do have some sort of contribution to make in the act of procreation. You don't even need to be 'straight' to supply artificial insemination banks! They can freeze you to father future generations.

I agree there is a greater chance of true friendship forming between homosexual men and women because of the absence of the sexual element. So one can get down to essentials, without being sidetracked by sexual tensions or flirtations. It is a great relief to be oneself without vanity or pretence.

But I don't subscribe to the idea of either sex using the other- what one homosexual, who is often invited out for his entertainment value, in the article, calls "adding the spice of ambiguity" to many social occasions- or that homosexuals escorting women are "the last ditch" but one (the last being the company of another woman). It is no longer

necessary to have such 'fronts' and I think its a popular misconception that should finally be laid low that two women together present a pathetic sight- the lowest social order. Who knows, they may actually enjoy each other's company.

New bureau first of its type in UK

This is the first bona fide organisation of its kind in Great Britain. It is run for those who are lonely, shy or afraid of exploitation. It caters for people who, even in clubs, just never seem to meet the right companions.

It cuts out some of the preamble to meet people who, from the word go, share similar interests. Clients range from psychiatrists & nurses to sheet metal workers and garage managers. All information is regarded as strictly confidential.

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tial. Applicants complete a simple questionnaire.

Jane Lindsay who runs it is 26 and Gay herself. She founded GIB in June this year; the idea first occurred to her when she was a disc jockey in darkest Africa, where the scene is indeed black for homosexuals. A few clients are bisexual, but basically GIB is only for the Gay, not the kinky.

Already 150 have registered, and she has twice that number pending registration. 80% of the clients so satisfactorily been paired. There is a pen pal group operating to the USA. They have had 'phone calls from Los Angeles, and queries from Bahrain, and branches are being set up in France and Italy soon.

GIB has been featured in all the female homosexual publications. As well as the Daily Mirror and Time Out, it also advertises regularly in The Times.

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To the Editor, Dear Sir,

Well, after that long wait the first issue of Lunch was hardly worth it. Too many spelling mistakes and bad layout. But surely the whole function of the magazine is to let everyone know what's going on in London.

There were no places or times mentioned for the few meetings mentioned which was silly. Why bother?

Yours faithfully
Wotan the
Wanderer.

"Reaction to the Permissive Society, Roger Baker's lengthy, though nonetheless valuable contribution to the first issue of Lunch, left me feeling somewhat pessimistic about the future.

His tidal wave recession I found more than plausible in as much that it has already started! But his analysis of what constitutes such a recession I find reasonably naive.

He feels afraid that our cause will be drowned along with all the 'tit' magazines and 'suggestive pop songs' when the recession begins. As I say the recession has already started; Oz, and the Little Red Schoolbook verdicts are the beginning. (Perhaps I need glasses, only I haven't seen a 'tit' magazine on trial yet.)

As to suggestive pop songs, "that well liked dirty little ditty 'Leap up and down, wave your knickers in the air' " was played several times whilst Oz, a magazine that attempts to offer an alternative life-style in its political comment, was being castigated at the Old Bailey.

But of course they were serious & enlightened in their approach to their own sexual repression. Perhaps a little 'Leap up and down' frivolity would have saved them.

No, Roger, the establishment will not drown us along with Playboy, News of the World or Ken Dodds latest hit, but with Oz, Ink, The Little Red Schoolbook and other minorities that voice their opinions in a serious manner.

This being the case, the GLF have full justification for their allegiance to other oppressed minorities; for if we stand alone as the waves become more numerous we will indeed become easy prey.

Yours etc.,
Tom Flanagan,
London, N.4.

I want to say how much we enjoyed our first Lunch. Alice served it up with a little horse-radish sauce and tomato, and we both pronounced it delicious.

Yours etc.,
G. Stein.

encounter

Michael Baring

Here is a bite
And here upon my throat another
Quite separate and distinct.

Here is a bite
And here upon my throat another
Quite separate and distinct.

Your face I cannot even remember
All memory swept clean;
Only these tangible marks remain.

So, Love, it is ever your way
To wound
And blind.

DID YOU
GET TO THE MASS
MEETING GROUP THREE
PUT ON AT THE
CONWAY HALL ?

Oh yes I did indeed.

- Was it all right?

Fabulous!

-Tell me, tell me, tell me!

Well, we all sat down on...

- We? Who are We?

Oh, the common members. We all sat in the audience, and they...

-They? Who are They?

Our leaders. They all sat up on the platform in a row. It really did you good to sit there looking up to them. And such lovely voices some of them have, ever so public school and BBC. So comforting to know that the right sort of people are in charge don't you think?

- We-ell...

Oh it is. It gives such a Good impression.

- And what happened?

To be quite honest, I didn't really understand it at first. There seemed to be a lot of bitching going on and settling scores, you know. Well, queens are like that, you have to forgive them.

- After that?

CHE WINTER FAR

CONWAY HALL

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YOUR ideas welcomed
organising group no 9

Well, Peter Robins said they'd prepared a long report called People Not Paper showing how they thought we all ought to be organised. Then we had reports from the working parties.

- And have they done much?

Not really, The Task Force seems to be the best so far- but they are changing its name to FRENCH, which means something.

- What does it mean?

The chap who thought it up could not remember.

-What a shame- how about 'Fucking Really Ends Nervous Depression'?

I don't think it was that. Anyway, then we had the report about Lunch magazine. And there was a bit more bitch. Someone asked why it was called Lunch.

- And did they tell you?

No. Funny that. The chap who thought up the name was sitting there and didn't say a word.

- Maybe he'd forgotten too!

Possibly. Then we heard how the Gay Liason Group, The Outside Speakers Group, The Law Group and the Social Activities Group hadn't done very much either.

- Not very encouraging was it?

No- but its lovely to hear them talk. Then we heard that another group is going to be set up too, to do a survey on pornography for Lord Longford.

- What on earth for?

That's what someone else asked.

- And what was the answer?

No one was allowed to give one.

- What a shame!

Yes, that could have been interesting. And then Michael Brown

started talking about self-awareness groups.

- That's a good idea- was there a big response?

Well, one person said they'd join. And then there was an interval.

- How nice; lots of chatting and so on.

Yes, it was great. Everyone got up and mingled well, and really got talking to each other.

- So that was a good thing- main idea of a meeting like that I'd say.

Oh yes, but it didn't last long.

- Why ever not?

Oh, the Chairman wanted to get on with the meeting.

- So you all had to sit down and shut up again.

'Fraid so.

- And the second half?

Oh well, we were going to discuss the age of consent.

- Going to?

In fact the subject was sort of avoided and everyone got cross about the RED LEAFLET.

- And was that settled?

Indeed. Glenys explained how it happened, and everyone else said how nice it was to be there and see all our faces.

- Were the people from Manchester there too?

Well, there was a lot of talk about laing the Manchester ghost. Which we did. I think everyone realised that CHE is a national thing, and not just local.

- Well that's one good result.

I don't think the Celtic fringe is

utterly convinced yet. And then Tom Wesselkemper made a speech.

- And?

Oh! The best bit of the evening. He's terrific- straightforward & realistic. Susie says he's he's a ham. Made all his points and shut everyone up.

- He's an American isn't he?

Yes. Come to think of it it was refreshing to hear a different sort of voice.

- So it all ended happily!

I think so. Someone proposed a vote of confidence in the National Executive Committee.

- You mean the people they'd voted in a month or two back?

Yes, that's right .

- Was that necessary? I mean had they done anything that gave any-one cause for concern?

I don't think so.

- Well- better than a vote of No Confidence I suppose

And then it all ended.

- And you all got together and had a really good talk.

Not exactly; we had to be out of the Hall very quickly and it was closing time.

- So what did you do?

Me? I went home alone.

REPEAL ALERT

Strong rumours have come to our attention of a proposal to repeal the 1967 Sexual Offences Act by the Richmond, Surrey, Conservative Party, backed by Duncan Sandys. Fears are abroad that this will be brought up at the Conservative Party conference to be held at Brighton this autumn.

Look to ourselves

by Danny Rampton

A lot has been talked recently about lowering the age of consent to 16. But if we are to achieve this- or anything like concerning the Gay world- surely we should take a look at ourselves first.

We should take a look and see if we are not hindering our own course. At the moment, what does the public know of us?

They know- and see- that a lot of disgraceful things go on in their public conveniences. They have only to look at their walls. I wouldn't like an apple thrust under my nose if I didn't like it! And one must admit the goings on in these places do give us a bad name. It is time we were known for more than the sex angle we are known for now.

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CHE Croyden, Group 7 invite all the CHE members & friends to

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more inf, from Grp 7- see Diary

You may say "Where, then, can we meet?" This I agree with, but does it have to be ten or more times a day? And really, is it so urgent- for ask yourselves what you get out of it? And is it worth getting hit on the head or having money stolen or taken from you in the loo? Or even at home?

The average Gay person does not need such places. I am sure there is a great deal more for us than meeting complete strangers for a five minute fling and then never meeting each other again. Is it not better and more fun when one knows the person concerned and at least you can see him again.

But there are those who are homosexual and are not Gay, because they regard us as Nancy Boys. But little do they know that whatever we do, or whatever happens to them we are all tarred with the same brush in the end.

Something to ponder over

by TOM FLANAGAN

The Nationwide Festival of Light was a huge success, that is a success for the ardent followers of Mrs Whitehouse, Messrs Longford, Muggeridge & Co. But why? Perhaps because only 35,000 people instead of the expected 100,000 attended? Though I'm sure that their dissenters stayed at home for good 'Christian' reasons - thinking perhaps that 35,000 'Christians' versus a few score of Festival of Lighters was a fairer match.

Of the anti-porn brigade that did attend there were those amongst them I'm sure who felt devoutly 'Christian', as they sang with right arms raised, and tolerated the brutal harrasment of, and subsequent arrest of several members of the Gay Liberation Front.

It is hard for me to comprehend how the teachings of Christ can ever be reconciled to acts of repression. And this surely will be the outcome if the NFOL proclamations to the Government are ever translated into law. For proclamations of this kind upon acceptance will immediately stifle all opposing views, or morals held by other sections of the community, leading no doubt eventually to a society in which only the official or established views can be written, televised or given public performance; in other words - to a society like that of the Soviet Union, or worse still to that of a fascist society.

Far fetched?

Many people have been concerned with the evils of moral pollution; I'll quote the words of one such man, who not too long ago spotted the need for a 'clean-up':

"If we do not lift the youth out of the morass of their present-day environment, they will drown in it."

"This cleansing of our culture must be extended to nearly all fields. Theatre, art, literature, cinema, press, posters, and window displays must be cleansed of all manifestations of our rotting world and placed in the service of a moral, political and cultural idea. Public life must be freed from the stifling perfume of our modern eroticism, just as it must be freed from all unmanly, prudish hypocrisy."

A Spokesman for the Festival of Light?
No it was:

Adolf Hitler
'Mein Kampf'
Volume 1 Ch.10

Ironically I will leave it to one of the supporters of the NFOL to expose the folly of their own movement:

"They were such a ribald, tenth-rate lot, the Nazi leadership; a kind of Crazy Gang of history. And yet they imposed themselves totally on the ablest, best-educated, technically most advanced nation in Europe, and came near to conquering the world. It is something to ponder over."

Malcolm Muggeridge
reviewing Albert Speer's memoirs.
From 'Esquire'
(The magazine for men, Jan. 1971)

GROUP DIARY

AND INFORMATION

Lunch presents a full page devoted to London area group events. As much information as we have been able to get from Groups is included- many of them do not want to disclose their venues, and it is, of course, their choice alone. However, Lunch hopes for more regular information from ALL CHE groups nationwide.

Group 1

CHAIRMAN David Smith/FORMAL MEETINGS 1st Friday in month-next 5 Nov Humphrey Berkley at The Coachmakers Arms, Marylebone Lane, W1. 7.15pm/INFORMAL MEETINGS/SOCIAL EVENTS/INFORMATION from Chairman 01-837 4161.

Group 2

CHAIRMAN Chris Brocklesby/FORMAL MEETINGS 3rd Friday in month/INFORMAL MEETINGS around 1st Friday in month/SOCIAL EVENTS occasionally/INFORMATION From Secretary George Glennister.

Group 3

CHAIRMAN Brian Sewell/FORMAL MEETINGS 4th Tuesday in month/INFORMAL MEETINGS/SOCIAL EVENTS/INFORMATION from

Group 4

CHAIRMAN Len Kelly/FORMAL MEETINGS 2nd Wednesday in the month-next Speaker from KENRIC Organisation for lesbians on "Lesbian Point of View of Male Homosexuals" 7.30pm at Coachmakers Arms Marylebone Lane, W1/INFORMAL MEETINGS/SOCIAL EVENTS/INFORMATION from the Chairman 01-692 6397.

Group 5 Students

CHAIRMAN David Porter/FORMAL MEETINGS 22 Oct, 5 Nov, 19 Nov, 3 Dec, 17 Dec, 31 Dec/INFORMAL MEETINGS probably amongst dates

given/SOCIAL EVENTS poss. 31 Dec will be big event, perhaps party/INFORMATION from Chairman.

Group 6

CHAIRMAN Ken Glazier/FORMAL MEETINGS 3rd Tuesday in month/INFORMAL MEETINGS/SOCIAL EVENTS/INFORMATION from

Group 7 Croyden

CHAIRMAN Wallace Grevatt/FORMAL MEETINGS 1st Tuesday in month/INFORMAL MEETINGS/SOCIAL EVENTS frequently Also publish own newsletter monthly/INFORMATION from Chairman at Croyden (74)43555.

Group 8

CHAIRMAN Basil Ferron/FORMAL MEETINGS 2nd & 4th Thursdays in month-now meeting at the Spartan Club 62 Touchbrook St Victoria SW1/INFORMAL MEETINGS/SOCIAL EVENTS/INFORMATION from Chairman 01-876 1009.

Group 9

CHAIRMAN Peter Robins/FORMAL MEETINGS 3rd Monday in the month/INFORMAL MEETINGS/SOCIAL EVENTS/INFORMATION from

Group 10

CHAIRMAN John Saxby/FORMAL MEETINGS 4th Monday in month. No other information available as is only in formation at time of going to press/INFORMATION from Roger Baker 01-242 2638.

SK NEWSDESK NEW

'GAY' BROADSHEET FROM LEEDS

Some of you may have seen the broadsheet produced by the Gay Liberation Society of Leeds. It is the result of the National Come-Together of CHE, GLF and others in June this year.

There's lots of news in the sheet- contact addresses for CHE & GLF all over the country plus news items too.

CHE must always be well represented, so it's up to us to make sure this happens. So will all Group Chairmen and as many members as feel able to, please send off news to the Gay Liberation Society, Leeds University, Leeds 2.

THE NEXT MEETING OF CHE NATIONAL COUNCIL IS TO BE HELD IN LONDON ON SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER.

This is CHE's parliament and consists of the Executive Committee and one representative from each CHE group throughout the country.

The last one was held in Birmingham in September and was a great success. It is an opportunity for people to get together and really talk about the things that interest them- from aims and objects, to groups and their functions.

So with 25 existing groups we can expect an influx of up to 50 CHE members into London for that weekend. At the last National Council the London delegation agreed to make sure that each of these visitors will have somewhere to stay for perhaps two nights in London.

So will all London CHE members who are willing to put up one or two members from out of town for that weekend please let their group chairman know as soon as possible.

There are plans for some sort of social event in the evening, after the Council, so let's all get together and make it a great weekend for everyone.

Roger Baker

The following statement was issued specially for publication in Lunch by those concerned.

Lord Longford has suggested that the views of London members of CHE on the subject of pornography might be helpful to him and his committee in their work.

The ad hoc meeting (consisting of 15 members who responded to the invitation made at the Conway Hall meeting last week) felt that the exercise should be on a national basis if this is ratified by the National Executive.

Two Motions were voted on. The first proposed "That the report be prepared" and this was carried by 10 votes to 2, with 3 abstentions. The 2nd proposed "That the report be written with the intention of submitting it to Lord Longford, providing it gains the support of the majority of the London membership." This motion was carried by 7 votes to 5 with 3 abstentions.

THEATRE ADDICTS PLEASE NOTE...

John Scowcroft is interested in forming a group of CHE members to join the RSC's Aldwych Theatre Club at only 20p per year each. Advantages are price reductions, low-price club previews, repertoire details before the general public, priority booking etc. Write to John at 14 Western Road, East Finchley, London N2 9HX.

GIRLS ONLY GET-TOGETHER

It's planned on November 9th to get all the women in CHE London to meet informally and discuss general attitudes, and how they see their role in CHE. Anyone (female) interested is welcome to join the group.

And in case you didn't know, there is actually a woman on the CHE national executive committee, Glenys Parry. Many girls we meet express surprise to learn that CHE is not quite an all-male preserve after all!

HOW DID YOU TELL YOUR MOTHER?

YOUR MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT?

Best letter published each month on either theme. We shall never forget our embarrassment when our Mother caught us glued to the television watching the Miss World competition after she had learnt of our proclivity. "So now they're all fair game to you?" she snarled. How did yours react in similar circumstances?

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LOOK TO OURSELVES
continued from page 9

The public will never accept us while we have a total disregard for their feelings. After all, it is us who are doing the asking and demanding.

One feels that demonstrating and holding grand Balls in Kensington Town Hall will not free us either- in fact will only get us laughed at. One feels that being Gay must be dealt with in a manner the public will accept.

There is so much for us to learn before we ask the public to accept us- and we must try and show that we are not all tarred with this same brush, and cannot be held to ridicule for a few misguided beings. Let's show them that we don't all walk around wearing tons of jewellery and playing ball in Battersea Park.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not 'having a go' at GLF, but let's try and alter what the public already think of us.

If we could all join together in this instead of being so divided it might help the Gay world a lot. So let's look to ourselves; there are so many around who want the same as I do. How much better to meet someone and settle down instead of going from one to the other, as if sex were our most important need.

Are we sexually hung up that this is all we need? I'll find that one true man is all I'd want. We've all been hurt, so let's start reorganising our lives this way- the way I think most people want it anyway.

We are not in a position to ask anything of the public when we cannot even sort ourselves out.

A last thought to our club; let's hope it will be a place where we can meet as friends and leave the usual places to those who use them for the right reasons. Let's show them that we can live side by side.

Housing Drive

by TREVOR SCOTT

One practical and effective way homosexuals can take advantage of provisions made for Mr & Mrs Average Citizen is to form housing groups. These provide great advantages over individual effort in the jungle warfare known as the housing market.

Black mortgages of 90-100% are negotiable over a much greater period than is available to individuals, making the cost of deposit and repayment less. However, the resulting houses are usually leased to members and on resale only a proportion of the profit arising from an increase in value is paid to the owner.

Several forms of housing groups are possible. Those which we would probably find most useful are:

- 1 A group formed to convert, say, a large old house into flats, or several houses into maisonettes. Under Section 119 of the Housing Act (1957) money may be borrowed for both purchase and conversion for up to 50 years.
- 2 A Housing Society Group which, following the rules of the Housing Corporation, London SW1, is able to buy land and build on it with a 100% mortgage over 40 years. Finance from this source is guaranteed.
- 3 Other groups can be housing associations affiliated to the National Federation of Housing Societies at 86 Strand WC2, but here there is no guarantee of finance always being available. Naturally, the groups plans must be approved by the society through which finance is obtained. To form a housing group, advertise in Lunch, or use group meetings of CHE to gather together interested members; then write to either the Housing Corporation, Sloane Square House SW1, or to the National Federation of Housing Societies (as above) for full information.

Smartalunch!

This is the second issue of Lunch magazine produced by, and mainly for CHE members, although with everyone else in mind too!

Next month we hope to move from this stencilled printing to a more up-to-date litho method. This means that the finish of the whole magazine will be more pleasing, with centre stapling- because of folded pages double the present size- and trimmed all round to smarten the appearance.

For the time being, though, we are stuck with the typewriter

look, simply because we cannot afford anything else, but we hope you won't mind too much. If anyone knows of a cheap IBM Golfball machine, please let us know as soon as possible, then we can look even better.

As you probably know Lunch is entirely self-supporting, and printers want paying just as fast as anyone else, and we cannot- darenot- order more than we can sell.

A great deal of thought has gone into our biggest bugbear- distribution. You will notice the Order form below; please use it, it will give us an idea of how many to print next month.

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