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THE INTERNATIONAL HOMOSEXUAL CONSPIRACY

The following excerpts are from an article "Homosexual International" in the September 29, 1960, issue of Human Events, a weekly Washington, D.C., newsletter that claimed to reach some "40,000 business and political leaders" with "the news behind the news from the Nation's Capital."

The author of the article, R. G. Waldeck (nee Rosie Goldschmidt, 1898—), was further identified in its lead-in as "Countess Waldeck, a Ph.D. from Heidelberg University and an American citizen" who was a "political writer and novelist." In the days of the Weimar Republic in Germany, Countess Waldeck was known as "Frau Ullstein" (of the famous magazine publishing family) and among her many books, the best known were Europe Between the Acts, Athene Palace, and Lustre in the Sky.

Though the editors of Human Events may have overstated R. G. Waldeck's credentials, her article does reveal a sophisticated intelligence—however gainfully ill-employed. Which is to say, we should keep in mind the old chestnut: "never underestimate your enemies."

On March 25, 1952, Mr. Carlisle H. Humelsine, Deputy Undersecretary of State, told the House Appropriations Committee that the State Department had ousted 119 homosexuals during the previous year.

Popular reaction to this sensational piece of news ranged all the way from righteous indignation on religious grounds to a pseudo-liberal attitude of "tolerance."

... the main reason why ... the elimination of the homosexuals from all Government agencies and especially from the State Department is of vital urgency is that by the very nature of their vice they belong to a sinister, mysterious and efficient International.

... This conspiracy has spread all over the globe; has penetrated all classes; operates in armies and in prisons; has infiltrated into the press, the movies and the cabinets and it all but dominates the arts, literature, theater, music and TV.

And here is why homosexual officials are a peril to us in the present struggle between West and East: members of one conspiracy are prone to join another conspiracy. This is one reason why so many homosexuals from being enemies of society in general, become enemies of capitalism in particular. Without being necessarily Marxist they serve the ends of the Communist International in the name of their rebellion against the prejudices, standards, ideals of the "bourgeois" world. Another reason for the homosexual-Communist alliance is the instability and passion for intrigue for intrigue's sake, which is inherent in the homosexual personality. A third reason is the social promiscuity within the homosexual minority and the fusion it effects between upperclass and proletarian corruption.

THE TIE THAT BINDS

There are various theories concerning the origin of homosexuality. Some attribute it to a glandular predisposition; others to a hereditary one. According to modern psychology the homosexual is a victim of arrested emotional development which makes it impossible for him to sublimate a childhood experience of identification with and jealousy of the mother. All agree that, as the feminine element marks, more or less subtly, his gestures, his contours, his voice, a complicated mass of obscure hates, frustrations, inferiority feelings and guilt feelings mark his humiliated soul.

In other words, the homosexual would be an unhappy and unstable human being, even if he were not forced to "live in falsehood and perjury" (Marcel Proust). Still, the opprobrium and the dangers weighing on him add greatly to his instability. More or less consciously he hates a society which makes him feel "different" and which, judging his deepest desires as shameful and punishable, forces him to conceal, deny, camouflage them.

This many-grounded vulnerability in itself, Harden* understood, made the homosexual a bad security risk. And he also understood this aggravating factor—namely that the mysterious laws which rule this condemned portion of humanity are more binding on its members than any national, spiritual, social loyalties.

... the Homosexual International began to gnaw at the sinews of the state in the 1930s. Until then it just nibbled. I have before me notes I took years ago about that nibbling stage. Still very new to politics, I was amazed to discover that the "*Cherchez l'homme*" pointed to a much more powerful factor in international affairs than the "*Cherchez la femme*."

With fascination I watched the little Sodoms functioning within the Embassies and foreign offices. Somehow homosexuals always seemed to come by the dozen, not because they were cheaper that way but rather because a homosexual ambassador or charge d'affaires or Undersecretary of State liked to staff his "team" with his own people. Another reason was that the homosexuals really do look after their own ...

HOMOSEXUALITY AND COMMUNISM

The alliance between the Homosexual International and the Communist International started at the dawn of the Pink Decade. It was then that the homosexual aristocracy—writers, poets, painters and such—discovered Marxism. Why did this bleak doctrine charm people who up to now had posed as decadent aesthetes? No doubt, the same sentiments which motivated the Communist conversion of intellectuals in general—such as opposition to Nazism and Fascism, visions of the end of capitalism and the need of a faith—played a part in the Communist conversion of homosexual intellectuals. But particular emotions gave it an additional fervor.

POLITICAL INTRIGUE

... the Homosexual International works into the hands of the Comintern without any special organizing effort. This does not

*Maximilian Harden, the magazine editor whose 1907 articles implying "improprieties" in the lifestyles of Count Moltke and Prince Eulenburg, advisors to the German Kaiser, led to a prolonged scandal.

mean that every homosexual diplomat or official is a Communist or even a fellow traveler. Still, this dangerous mixture of anti-social hostility and social promiscuity inherent in the vice incline them towards Communist causes. That's why agencies in which homosexuals are numerous excel in the sort of intrigue and doubletalk which, apparently objective, somehow always coincides with the party line.

NATURAL SECRET AGENTS

There is another even more sinister aspect of homosexuality in high places. It is that homosexuals make natural secret agents and natural traitors. This conclusion is to be drawn from a theory developed by Professor Theodor Reik in his "Psychology of Sex Relations." Briefly, this theory is that the fantasy of sex metamorphosis operating in most homosexual affairs which causes him to play the role of the other sex causes him also to enjoy any job which gives him the chance of playing a double role.

The classical example is the famous espionage case of the homosexual Colonel Alfred Redl of the Austro-Hungarian Military Intelligence who, during the decade preceding World War I, delivered Austrian military secrets to the Russians and denounced his own agents to them. He got an immense kick out of playing the role of both the traitor and of the one whose lifework it is to apprehend and punish traitors.

A POLITICAL PROBLEM FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS

It is one thing to demand the elimination of the homosexuals from Government agencies and another thing to really eliminate them. Unless the screening is done by careful and experienced psychologists, it will result in ludicrous errors such as homosexual family fathers getting away with it while honest-to-God bachelors come under suspicion.

There is another reason why careful experienced psychologists are of the essence. It is that homosexuality has many gradations, and that the security risks they represent vary. It would be unfair to throw them all into the same pot, but it needs an expert to tell the harmless from the dangerous ones.

At best the elimination of homosexuals from Government agencies is only one phase of combating the homosexual invasion

of American public life. Another phase, more important in the long run, is the matter of public education. This should be clear to anyone who views with dismay the forbearance bordering on tenderness with which American society not only tolerates the infiltration of homosexuals everywhere but even allows them to display their perversion in public.

AN EDUCATIONAL TASK

... the chief educational task would be to combat the "love-and-let-love" line which, peddled by the pseudo-liberal fringe, claims that sexual perversion does not prevent a man from functioning normally in all other contexts and that it was just like Senator McCarthy to "persecute" the poor dears in the State Department. This line is fatal in that it lulls society into a false sense of security....

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