

HETEROSEXUALITY & HOMOSEXUALITY

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This article is an extension to last weeks, "Dialect of Liberation". What I propose to do is to show how the relationship of the sexes will be perceived and what possible forms they may take. The central thesis of my argument in last weeks 'Cadre' was that in order for true liberation to be possible, men must cease to be "men" insofar as that role defines them, and women must cease to be "woman" for the same reason; the reason being that they were prevented from being- a "Self" so long as they were caste in a role. When they transcend the role differentiation true liberation is then possible; this would be manifested by "Selves" relating to "Selves" which are sexually, racially, politically, and religiously, undifferentiated.

To begin then:

As is now stands, the proper relationships between the sexes is socially, politically, and religiously defined. Marriage must be a heterosexual relationship, it excludes homosexual relationships because they are considered deviant. They are also non-procreative.

The male and female roles take on a new form in marriage: they become "husband" and "wife." These new roles carry with them very specific definitions which serve to reinforce the original - male - female distinction. Not only does society and its institutions have a "life-plan" for men as "men" and women as "women", but it also has outlined the new roles of "husband" and "wife". The individual, again, finds himself struggling from within a role, the nature of which was determined by others before him. He is expected to relate to this "woman" as "wife" as "man" as "husband". Indeed, they are to love! but loving is the free act of the free "Self". No need to worry though, for society has already outlined just how one acts towards ones "spouse" in a loving way.

All you need to do is respond accordingly. Do not be surprised that you will find yourself forced to respond, because so far there has been no freedom in which to act or love freely and genuinely. When one's "Self" has been immersed in a role there can be no true love - the kind which cements relationships - rather, it must be feigned: one must "act as though one loved" (say all the appropriate "things", do "what loving spouses do", etc.)

The enlightened, liberated "Self" is free from this drudgery. It loves freely. No role of any kind determines how it will act or with whom. All decisions belong to it alone. It can love makes as well as females and in the same way, for it does not choose on the basis of sex because it is sexually undifferentiated.

Heterosexuality then is the exclusive relationship of one sex with its opposite. That is, it is "proper" for men to relate to "women" exclusively. Although "men" may relate to "men", but not sexually. The roles and their definition determine this.

Homosexuality, on the other hand, is sexual relationships with those of one's own sex. This is deviant because it is not "provided for" by society. It is socially unproductive (e.g. children) and does not fit into the social fabric in any way which could contribute to the growth of society and its institutions.

Does this imply that society does not have the interests of the individual in mind, but rather is only concerned with its own growth and development and therefore structures all roles to serve that end? Yes!

The liberated individual will not have "heterosexuality" and "homosexuality" as part of his vocabulary because it is not to particular sexes he relates. He is relating to "Self" or "Selves" which are sexually undifferentiated. That means a "man" can love a "man" as well as a "woman". Also, he will be capable of genuine love because of his freedom and enlightenment. As it is today, love is not possible for the vast majority

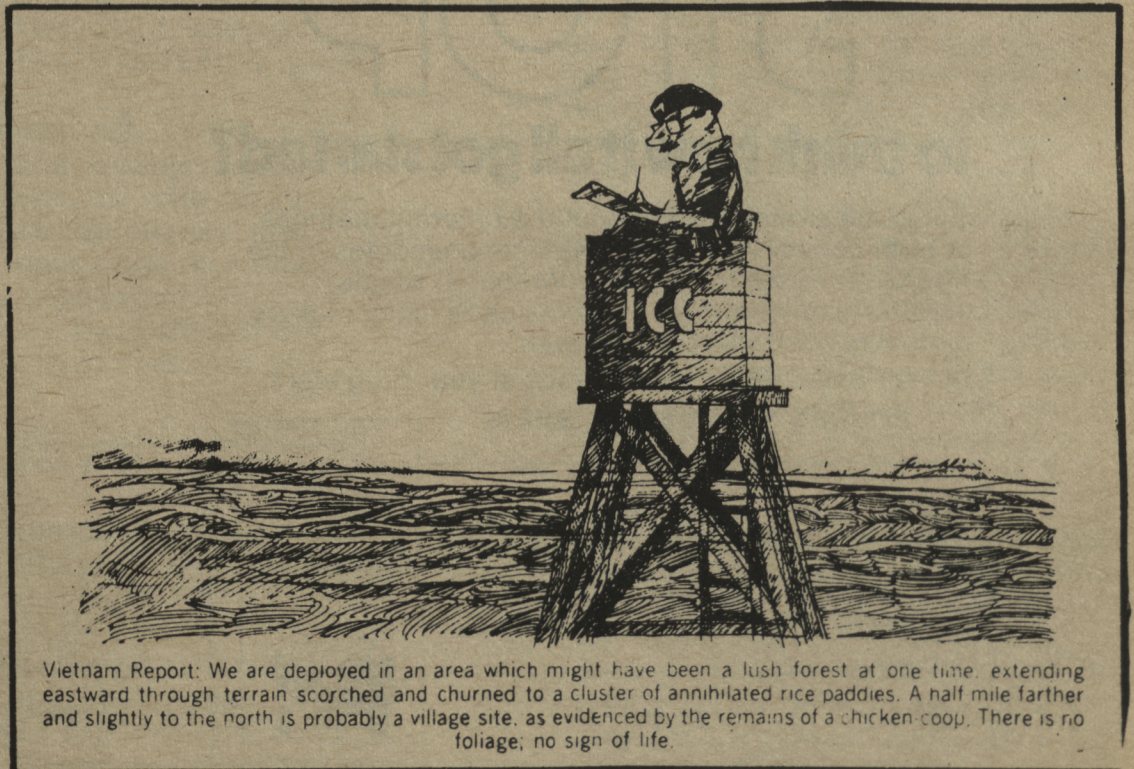
because of their immersion in roles which define love and its acts. Love is not determined by any role! Love is the free act of a free "individual".

It is amusing to watch you today as you first choose a mate then set out to love her (or him) as though love were commanded!

One first loves then one chooses - on the basis of that love. It is easy to understand the contemporary marital dilemma. All marriages today are of the inauthentic kind-determined by society. They are destined to fall apart - they may not divorce but will "adjust" in order to keep some semblance of a marriage or to "save face". Obviously these marriages are not based on love - if they were it would be superfluous to marry in the social sense. True love is the only binding force-law is not adequate. And, where law is necessary there is not love.

Has it never occurred to you that you all date in the same fashion? Of course there are tiny differences, but not of importance! Could it be that because of this sameness in dating practices you are all falling into these socially-prescribed dating roles which are preparatory for the true gruesome roles of "husband" and "wife"? Yes! this is true.

This is further shown where some of you seek to be different in your dating practices. This is the struggle of the individual trying to shake off his role - or, at least, to find some individuality within it. But, for the most part, you conform.



Vietnam Report: We are deployed in an area which might have been a lush forest at one time, extending eastward through terrain scorched and churned to a cluster of annihilated rice paddies. A half mile farther and slightly to the north is probably a village site, as evidenced by the remains of a chicken coop. There is no foliage; no sign of life.