

## Voice of the People

### SAYS PRACTICE SHOULD BE TREATED AS DISEASE, NOT CRIME

[Madison, June 12.]—Is it not a disgrace in a city that houses one of the proudest universities in the country that the police should be indulging in a witch-hunt? The case against Meier and Boyd for having filthy post cards and dirty stories in their possession has had no counterpart except in the excesses of the Inquisition and the purges of Nazidom. Surely the gentlemen of the force, or at least their superiors, have heard of the scientific analysis of this kind of a problem, made in the recent Kinsey report—or have they?

Must homosexuals go on being treated in this day and age as if they were common criminals? How can intelligent citizens of the state and city stand by silently and see reasonableness and justice made a mockery in the hands of prosecutors and muck-rakers?

It is incredible that hunting down and trapping homosexuals, making game of them, and then displaying them like freaks or wild animals in the public arena should be so patently a business of our supposedly enlightened city government.

This witch-hunt and this witch burning is an act of the most vicious bigotry. There are ways to handle cases of this sort, but they are not through the open court and most certainly not in the press. Homosexuality is a disease in the way alcoholism is a disease. Their cures are through therapy, not punishment! Disease is not a crime; to treat it as such is!

Some months ago I treated a homosexual who was beaten and robbed. I presume the police are aware that their action is encouraging to blackmailers and extortionists.—A Doctor.

### NEWSPAPERS ARE CRITICIZED

[Madison, June 14]—Unfortunately, "A Doctor" didn't include the name of the two Madison papers, The Capital Times and State Journal, in his sensible condemnation in Monday's paper. To my mind, the newspapers deserve the most criticism. While the police were carrying out their duties according to law (presumably), the newspapers made capital of the situation, even if it was "restrained," by printing the names of these unfortunate men. As a medical student told me yesterday, the newspapers seldom, if ever, print the names of people committed to mental hospitals. Those