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CHILD ABUSE IN AMERICA

Slaughter of the Innocents

An article in Hustler Magazine for October 1977 by Dr. James W. Prescott, PhD, written as a public service. Dr. Prescott is a developmental neuropsychologist with the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) and is active in psychological and humanistic science associations.

No doubt you have already read many horror stories and exposes of child abuse but this one is different in that it gets down to basic causes and tells how to remove them. The article is a follow-up on the article on child prostitution and child porno in the September issue of Hustler.

After relating cases of child abuse and showing large colored pictures of very small children in mutilated to dead condition, Dr. Prescott discusses his study of 49 primitive societies to find out how important physical affection is in the parent-child relationship and between youth and adults. He found strong support linking physical violence in a person's adult life to lack of physical affection from parents when a child. The cultures giving a great deal of physical affection such as touching, holding and carrying rated very low in physical violence and cultures rating low in physical affection of children rated very high in adult physical violence. 36 out of 49 cultures fit this pattern, 13 cultures did not. Five of the six cultures with high physical affection and high adult violence had repressive attitudes towards pre-marital sex. Benefits from infant physical affection can thus be negated by lack of physical affection due to suppression of pre-marital sex. In 7 cultures with low infant physical affection and low physical violence every one had a permissive attitude towards pre-marital sex. The interpretation is that deprivation of infant physical affection can be compensated for later thru expressive sexuality in adolescence.

As a follow-up Dr. Prescott collaborated with Dr. Douglas Wallace of California Medical School in San Francisco on a survey to find out if these basic relationships found in cross-cultural studies exist in US today. By using results of a questionnaire given to a variety of people, support was found for the basic relation between approval of violence and rejection of physical pleasure. They

found those believing in violence preferred alcohol and drugs to expression of sexual pleasure. Prescott believes alcohol and drugs are being used for compensation for deprivation of sexual affection during childhood and compensation for repressed sexuality.

It is well known that people experiencing the pain and discomfort of body tensions will seek relief. When natural methods, such as tactile pleasures are denied, a substitute must be found. Alcohol, drugs and physical violence are outlets that afford relief.

Deprivation of physical affection during infancy and childhood even causes the aversion to being touched and it becomes extremely difficult to accept touching. Thus inhibitions develop as a result of deprivation of physical sensual pleasure during childhood. But it must not be sadistic pleasure because only affectional pleasure inhibits violence.

Here we have explained the building up, for years of the formative life of a child, of the causes of violence and all that is being done, at the cost of millions of dollars, is to give treatment to those already afflicted with violence, that is emergency relief. Nothing is being done to stop the perpetuation of this build-up towards violence during childhood and thus perpetuating child abuse from generation to generation. For it has been found that child abusers pass on the abuse they received as children to their children.

The painful truth must be recognized, wrote Prescott, that traditional Judio-Christian moral values of pain and pleasure in human relations have contributed substantially to child abuse and the prevalence of violence in western civilization. The religious system upon which our culture is based holds that pain, suffering and deprivation are morally necessary to save souls or make a good person. Even a bible proverb reflects the necessity to beat children to save their souls. There is also a prescription for deprivation of physical pleasure in the bible. The Christian virtues of celibacy and virginity point out the extreme suppression of physical affection advocated by Christianity. Again in 1976, The Vatican reaffirmed the immorality of premarital intercourse, condemned homosexuality and even masturbation that has been accepted by the medical profession for at least 20 years.

The prevention of child abuse in western civilization requires nothing less than a moral reformation rejecting traditional moral values of pain and pleasure. We have to reject the idea that pain and violence are necessary and moral and that physical pleasure is immoral. This is difficult because these ideas are a basic tenet and almost impossible to eradicate. We must recognize the necessity of sexual pleasure if we are to become truly moral beings as well as to avoid sexual exploitation and abuse of others. We need to educate ourselves to accept physical pleasure and affection. Sex information must flow freely. We must not produce films and magazines promoting physical violence, particularly sexual violence and exploitation.

Prescott advocates strong support for birth control and abortions to produce wanted children only. Statistics show that unwanted births are a major factor in contributing to the murder of children and to child abuse in general, and provide breeding grounds for crime and social disorder. The recent Supreme

Court decision against federal medicaid funds for abortion will greatly increase the number of unwanted children and abandoned new-born babies, child mortality, crime, violence, child abuse, drug and alcohol addiction in the future.

Prescott concludes that we must return to the fundamental principles of our Constitution and the basic objectives of American government — life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for all. This includes children from the moment of birth. They cannot enjoy liberty and happiness when adults inflict pain, exploit them and deprive them of physical affection. We create violence against ourselves and our children and we are the ones who must change the moral structure of our civilization.

At the end of the article there is a Human Affection Survey and an Attitude Survey for readers to fill out and return to: *Dr. James W. Prescott. By the time you read this article the October Hustler will be off the newstands but you could write for a copy to:

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40 W. Gay St.
Columbus, O 43215

\$2.25 a copy.

The surveys probe deeply in the individual's attitudes and life in an effort to obtain findings for further study and reporting on the causes for violence in US society today.

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Cultural Midwife

Dr. Prescott has exposed himself to be fired from his employment with HEW by having this public service article printed in the Hustler. If this should happen Larry Flynt, editor and publisher of Hustler, has announced he would employ Dr. Prescott at his present salary, but that it would be in the best interests of all of us if he remained with HEW. Keep up with the news so that if Prescott is fired you can protest to your congressional representatives.

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Simon's Book of World Sexual Records by G. L. Simons. Pyramid Books, NY 1975. \$1.75 (not illus.) advertised as the Biggest, The Smallest, the Longest, the Shortest, the Oldest, the Youngest, etc. An authentic Factual Record. On page 92, item No. 221 under Orgasms (men) - the most frequent (fact) - frequency of orgasm --- one 11 month old baby boy managed 14 orgasms in 38 minutes. Among pre-adolescent boys 30 achieved it from 6 - 10 times in succession and 12 achieved it more than 10 times in succession; one 11 year old boy had 11 orgasms in one hour; a 14 year old boy had 11 orgasms in 4 hours. (Information taken from Kinsey data) and some people say children are not sexual beings!

Cure Appears Near For Prostate Disease, an article in the San Diego Evening Tribune for Feb. 16, 1977. Prostate disease involves an enlarged prostate gland which is the bodyguard to the sperm, coating it with a wax-like material so that it can survive in the high acidity of the vagina. Also the prostate and the muscles around it provide the expelling power to ejaculate. In advancing years an enlarged prostate can become a problem requiring therapy, up until now only surgery. Now a drug, Megace, has been found that may eliminate the cause of prostatism but experiments have not been extensive enough to be conclusive.

I do not have any use for drugs as at best they only treat symptoms and put off the final reckoning and at the worst create other problems. What interested me in this article is the statement about a theory that long retention of urine common to pilots, truck drivers and men in similar sedentary jobs may be a cause that has roots in youth when sex stimulation is high and relief low with sexual continence placing the ultimate burden on the prostate. Could the Puritan ethic be causing physical injury as well as a general disharmony of mind and body? (Information through CSC Nusgatherer's Service)

In the meantime male readers over 40 massage your prostate regularly with a prostate massager or ask your doctor to do it.

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Who Should Teach Sex Facts? - Report on a Women Poll in the San Diego California Evening Tribune of Jan. 5, 1977. According to the most recent Women Poll National Survey when over 1000 women in all parts of the US were asked whether children should first learn about sex from their parents or from sex education classes at school 87% said from parents, 9% from school and 4% didn't know. Both older and younger women agreed on this question. The response was the same from women who had children at home, those with no children and those planning to have children and those not having children at all. Reasons given for having children first learn about sex from parents varied from negative to positive. One woman wanted home sex ed so that she could control what they learned as she felt sex ed at school did more harm than good judging from the rise in unwanted pregnancies. Another wants home sex ed because she believes sex is a beautiful experience to be shared by 2 people who love one another and not from a medical textbook and because schools teach the mechanics of the sexual act without dealing with the emotional or moral aspects. Another woman felt teaching sex ed should be a joint venture by parents and schools, that schools should teach the biological facts and parents teach the relationship between sex and love.

Call for Removal of Criminal Sanctions Against Incest - In the medical paper *Pulse*, Dr. Douglas Acres, a prominent Essex magistrate in England, has called for removal of criminal sanctions against incest. He pointed out that children under 16 or subnormal, or those who do not consent are all protected by other laws. The incest law therefore only relates to consenting females over 16.

(from *At Work*, summer 1977, a quarterly publication of Albany Trust, London, England)

Albany Trust -

Is dedicated to the liberation of homosexuals by political and social action with a program that is so broad that it encompasses all the sexual minorities. Thus it works for the recognition of the rights of all sexual variants.

This summer 1977 issue of *At Work* contains an article about Anthony Grey who resigned as director and trustee of Albany Trust May 1, 1977, after 15 years of service. He is a lawyer and a journalist and has been one of the chief architects of sexual Law Reform in Britain. He helped carry thru the successful implementation of some of the major Wolfenden Report Recommendations into the Sexual Offenses Act of 1967. It will be remembered that this act legalized homosexual acts between consenting adults after a 10-year political struggle since the Wolfenden Report was made public in 1957. Mr. Grey was a pioneer in sexual law reform that has greatly helped to change public opinion towards the rights of sexual minorities to lead their own personal lives. Thousands of women and men owe a great personal debt of gratitude to Mr. Grey.

The Homosexual Law Reform Society was founded in 1957 to work in support of the Wolfenden Report's recommendations and Mr. Grey became its secretary in 1962. In 1958, Albany Trust was founded as a social service agency to help the many people who came to the Homosexual Law Reform Society for personal advice.

CSC has an exchange out with *At Work*.

Debate on Child Porno and Childhood Sexuality - In Norway there has been a debate on this subject in some of their publications. On several occasions the psychologist Thore Langfeldt, a specialist in child sex, has been asked his opinion and has caused different reactions. The reactionary magazine *NA* printed his statement, "The increasing amount of child porno is a step towards sexual liberation. I consider the printing and distribution of pictures of nude children neither wrong nor harmful. Sexual relationships between children and adults are not in themselves harmful." *NA* gave Dr. Langfeldt a cactus, sign of their disapproval.

Dr. Langfeldt spoke at the Seminar on Childhood Sexuality at the International Conference on Love and Attraction, Swansea, Wales, Sept. 9, 1977, on the subject "Processes in Sexual Development in Infancy and Childhood."

(CSC Nusgatherers' Service)

Ten pages for CSC Nusleter is not enough to print all the news we find on children's liberation and the original articles we receive from our members. If you want more than ten pages renew promptly and find more members and subscribers. Such referrals turn out to be our best members and subscribers.

UN Designates 1979 as International Children's Year

A staff under the direction of John Grun of The Netherlands has begun planning for the year. The inspiration came from a Belgian priest, Canon Joseph Moermen, who spent seven years before being able to persuade the UN to adopt his proposal. The plan is to focus on both disadvantaged and gifted children and on children in both poor and affluent countries. Poverty, malnutrition, education, battered children and child pornography are likely to be included in the program. There will be no world conference as there was for Women's International Year. (Children not important enough? - V.) Instead, there will be regional and special interest meetings.

Watch the media for further plans. Send CSC Nusgatherer's Service clippings and reports on radio and TV programs. Use this opportunity to make known CSC's program for the liberation of children everywhere.

This news item was taken from FPS, a magazine of young people's liberation, No. 58, their latest issue. It is only one of the numerous interesting articles showing that youth in America and some foreign countries are actively working to liberate themselves from ageism, sexism and racism. Most outstanding is the article The School, The Police and The Medical/Pharmaceutical Industry --- Will the Real Child Abusers Please Stand Up. All articles are written by youth of junior or senior high school age. To keep up with the youth liberation struggle send for a sub to:

FPS
2007 Washtenaw Ave.
Ann Arbor, Mich. 48104

65 pages professionally printed quarterly - \$8.00 yr. for adults — \$5 for under 18 — single copy \$1.50.

The complete text of The Sex Education Program for Children in Sweden prepared by Carl Gustaf Boetius for the Symposium on Childhood Sexuality at the International Conference on Love and Attraction held at Swansea, Wales, Sept. 9, 1977, will be printed in the February 1978 issue of CSC Nusleter. This new program began in Swedish public schools in the fall of 1977 for children 7 years old and onwards. Dr. Boetius is on the Swedish State Commission on Sex Education and a member of the Swedish Association for Sex Education (RFSU) at Stockholm

CSC also has a copy of the full text of Dr. Floyd M. Martin's paper, Infant and Childhood Sexuality: Capacity and Experience that he presented at this same symposium on Childhood Sexuality. It is too long to reprint in CSC Nusleter but is available from CSC for \$1.00.

"FILTHY"

Father Michael Ingram, an English monk, spoke on paidaphilia at the International Conference on Love and Attraction, Swansea, Wales, last September, in an attempt to gain some understanding of the nature of sexual relations between children and adults. He is at the center of a controversy over the treatment of child sex offenders in England and speaks as a child counselor. He has attacked the Catholic Church for being hypocritical and so enraged the Church with his views that children can be sexually precocious. Yet he made a statement that he does not approve of sexual relationships between children and adults.

Father Ingram wrote an article "Filthy" in *Libertarian Education*, England, reprinted in *Magpie*, a publication of the English Pedophile Information Centre in their July 1977 issue. He told of the awful consequences to an 11 year old boy from the investigation of the case by the parents, the police and the doctor. The boy was so intimidated and humiliated that 9 years later the young man is cold, repressed, afraid of sex, isolated, friendless and dependent on anti-depressants to make his life tolerable, and of course the man involved went to prison.

Father Ingram's opinion is that in order to change social attitudes towards childhood sexuality we first need to recognize that children do have sexual feelings and that they are expressed in play just like all their other feelings. Then we need to recognize that children are interested in adults' bodies and from the ages of 9 to 10 in adults' sex lives. They are quite capable of engaging in sex games with willing adults and even provoking or initiating them.

In a study Father Ingram made of 57 boys who were "indecently assaulted" 8 resisted and the assault was discontinued for that reason. The rest were willing. 38 of the boys returned to the same man; 3 were promiscuous and made money by it; 11 of the men claimed that most of the children, if not actually initiating the action, were at least seductive. In most cases the sexual act was part of a more extensive demonstration of affection. The children appeared to need a lot of love. In 20 of the 50 families the boys came from, the boys had been frightened by their fathers who were violent or drinkers. In 17 cases the father was absent due to death, divorce or unmarried mother. In 9 families the father was dominated by the wife, was of weak character and took no notice of the growing boys.

When, O when, are the American Father Ingrams going to speak out publicly on the beneficial aspects of child-adult relationships that may or may not include a sexual relationship? As this is the time when all things are being made known, I am optimistic that the benefits of the child-adult total relationship will soon be exposed to public view in our country.

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Cultural Midwife

An opening has been made for others to follow-up by S. F. of Illinois who had the courage to write to *Penthouse Forum Adviser* in the October 1977 issue on page 108 a letter entitled "Likes Young Boys." S. F. knows that articles discussing paedophilia have implied that paedophiles are abnormal and need help so he is asking for a solution or a cure for his desire to have an occasional sex

experience with boys 13-17 even tho at 22 he has an enjoyable sex life with his peers.

The advice: It is debatable if S.F. is technically a paedophile because he is still young himself. Many authorities consider a paedophile is an adult who has, or has desires to have, sex relations with children under 12. The Adviser considers the problem is not desiring young male sex partners, but that the young man gives in to these desires. If practiced, it is considered criminal in US and there are severe penalties if caught. Having sexual relations with boys can be stopped simply (sic!) forcing yourself to stop but it would be better to obtain therapeutic help. Several types of psychotherapy such as behavior therapy and rational-emotive therapy specialize in helping people overcome compulsive behavior. If out of the question to pay fees, try self-therapy by reading such books as Behavior Therapy and Beyond Multi-model Therapy, both by Arnold Lazarus and Humanistic Psychotherapy by Albert Ellis.

Altho the Adviser considers paedophilia anti-social and the advice is of a suppressive nature, it has been printed which means that paedophilia is now openly discussed in a high-grade sex magazine.

(CSC Nusgatherers' Service)

BREAKING THE INCEST TABOO

Two college instructors are each writing a book on incest based on case histories they are accumulating from volunteers. Dr. Warren Farrell of Brooklyn College decided to write his book after finding out that 95% of incestuous relationships are never reported. He figured of this 95% there should be some beneficial relationships. Dr. Farrell was present during one of the many discussions at Life Styles Convention in San Diego July 29-31. Discussion came up on incest and he became the center of the discussion, try as the chairman would to get it on to some other subject.

Paul Esposito, a sociologist teaching at Manhattan College for 9 years on sociology of the family, sex roles and deviant behavior, found that the subject of incest kept coming up. He did not know much about it and sought and obtained a teaching grant to investigate professional journals, relevant text books and all the scientific literature he could find. There was such a paucity of information that he concluded everyone shied away from the topic. He decided to do his own research by seeking people who had had incestuous relationships and are willing to be included in his survey. He was amazed that not only are his respondents willing to share their confidences but will go into great detail and are eager to give their names despite there being no need to do so. Already Esposito has found that incest in the upper middle class and well educated families is more common than expected and that incest occurs for a short period and then each person goes on to a separate life; also that it is strictly a sexual relationship.

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Film Review

The Little Girl Who Lives Down The Lane

(from review in In These Times June 29, 1977)

Based on the novel by Laird Koenig, starring Jodie Foster, the child prostitute in Taxi Driver, as Wren, a 13 year old girl.

For once Hollywood has produced a film in which the concept that children are evil has been turned around so that adults become the offenders and makes a plea for children's liberation. Outwardly the film is a mildly shocking one about the unspeakable secret of a little girl who lives all alone, a child molester and his mother who is reaction personified. But the point of the film comes thru — that our society views children as raw material to be processed thru schooling and other forms of indoctrination into finished adults rather than persons of dignity entitled to human rights and responsibilities. Those who rebel against this process of socialization are considered incorrigible or emotionally disturbed and thrown into juvenile prisons (worse than adult prisons) or psychiatric hospitals without even the formality of a trial.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) has long been aware of the denial of due process of the law to children and the violation of their inalienable rights as persons in regard to amendments to the U.S. Constitution -

- No. I Free speech
- No. IV Right to be secure in own persons (no seizure of persons without due process)
- No. V Due process and double jeopardy
- No. VI Right to a public trial and right to counsel
- No. VIII Right not to have cruel or unjust punishment inflicted upon them and most important of all —
- No. XIV Equal protection of the law, due process and right to privacy.

Both ACLU and the American Bar Association have argued many cases in court in defense of these children's rights and have won cases that have established precedents towards the recognition that children are persons in their own right and as such are entitled to the full protection of the law just as much as adults. In the sight of the law children should be the peers of adults.

As social attitudes have to be changed before laws can be, CSC is working to change social attitudes in regard to children thru education and research so indirectly is working to change laws.

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Sex Education For and About Children, a course for women, men and children is being given by The Center for Sexual Education and Sensual Enhancement at 2616 Front Street, San Diego, Ca. 92109. It is designed to educate children and adults in a clear supportive manner about sexual responsibility. 8 group sessions.

Ageism and Children, an article in the column Struggle, A Continuing Forum, in Big Mama Rag, a feminist monthly newspaper, in their September 1976 issue, with a large photo of a smiling Negro child. I like the opening statement, "Ageism in relation to children is so engrained in our culture that most people accept as natural and even exemplary the status of people under 18 years of age." Dealing with children as an oppressed class, the article continues, has difficulties beyond those of consciousness about ageism. There will always be a class of children but the class is an ever-changing one as the individual child will not remain a child for cos^{*} entire life. So defining childhood is difficult as the very concept of the age limit is changing thanks to the rebellion and efforts of children to free themselves from parental authority. The oppression of ageism is the real definer of childhood: a child is someone who does not receive respect and given responsibility because of cos^{*} status as a child rather than because of displayed lack of ability to take care of coself.^{*} There are references to Philippe Aries, the first to write about the social history of family life in his book Centurus of Childhood, translated from French. In the middle ages children were not considered as a separate class from adults (CSC has a library loan copy available to members). Lacking legitimate physical, economic and social power children learn to perform like pets and to manipulate adults emotionally to get what they want, the article concludes.

It is difficult to find such articles as the above in any media on ageism and children because their very dependency is taken for granted and their abilities to be creative and responsible are stifled from infancy. But somehow even the smallest of kids are getting the message that they are part of the world-wide movement for liberation from all sorts of tyranny, including tyranny of parents over their children.

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