

The Queer Housewives (and Husbands) of New Jersey

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An Outline: 4-5 Illustrative NJ court cases

- ▶ 1. Two postwar divorce cases
- ▶ 2. One alimony case
- ▶ 3. One custody case (plus one?)

HOW THE REDS MAIL HOMOSEXUALS SPYING FOR THEM!



The Racists are using a new tactic in recruiting youth and teachers, and it is a tactic that is being used to gain access to American schools by using — homosexuals!

It is a proven fact that becoming familiar to Western counter-propaganda agents is the first step in recruiting young men in indoctrination and then blackmail them. They tell the homosexuals that if he won't give the information that they need, they will "out" him, he's exposed in his own publicity.

It was this very highly vulnerable character of this ilk that the Racists want used to get access to thousands of kids thru National Security Agency.

The creation of two NSA code names, Burton F. Mitchell and William

back in World War II, in response, one of the eye men in the State Department was widely known as a homosexual, and yet he was a respectable, law-abiding citizen, had got into politics, and before you knew it he was the person in charge of long-haired "beats" who couldn't wiggle their hips more if they were Marilyn Monroe (which they with they were). And that's what happened to him. The place was crawling with leeches, but they were leeches of a different kind of foley. Most of the agencies in Washington have been afflicted with this curse at one time or another, as the director of the government girls.

Throughout Washington, Prince Georges County in adjacent Maryland

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is **which** **the** **government** **has** **don't**
say **what** **agency**. **This** **is** **the** **official**
sign **of** **the** **man** **who** **works** **for**
a **secret** **agency** **and** **has** **security** **clear-**
ance. **For** **a** **standing** **rule** **as** **all** **the**

*Racial view of the generals of the Maltese
band, which was a very high-level agency.*

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...and off he goes with the
...a prime case where anything
(and does) happen. But who
...he's doing's know, until it
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...at Fort Meade
...until these two again appear

Throughout Washington, Prince Georges County in adjacent Maryland, and parts of Virginia just across the Potomac, there are acres of places that cater almost exclusively to homosexuals. The faience call them "gay primes. Some are night clubs specializing in female impersonators, some are simply bars and grills, and some are apparently innocuous restaurants.



18 Homosexuals Lose U. S. Jobs

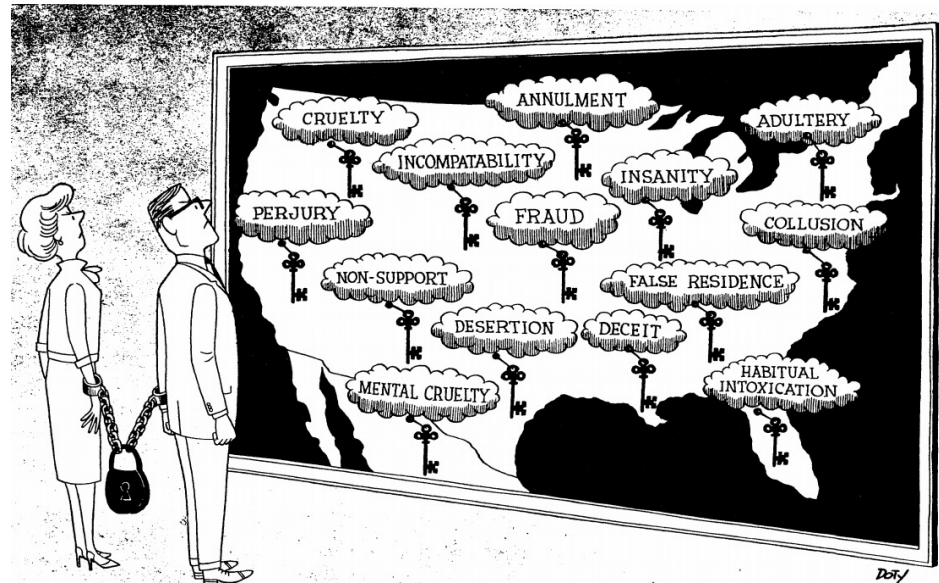
State Department security officers weeded 18 homosexuals from the ranks of the Department and the Foreign Service.

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Postwar Oppression

Fault Divorce

- Monrad G. Paulsen.
"For a Reform of the
Divorce Laws." *The New
York Times*. (New York,
NY), May 13, 1962.



Drawing by Roy Doty.



Resistance to anti-LGBTQ discrimination. Photo by

Margaret Olin from Timothy Stewart-Winter, *Queer Clout: Chicago and the Rise of Gay Politics*

and
The Rev. Larry J. Uhrig
Invite You To Join With Them
In A Celebration of
Praise and Thanksgiving
For Their
Holy Union in Christ
Friday Evening
July 18, 1980
Eight O'Clock

Metropolitan Community Church
945 G St. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

The Honor
of your presence
is
requested
At the Solemn Exchange of Nuptial
Vows

Between
Mr. Gary Lee Bailey
and
Rev. Bryce Alyn Gorman

Saturday, October 27, 1973
Six O'Clock P. M.
At
MCC-WDC
10th & G Streets; Washington

RSVP 543-0250

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- ▶ Richard Baker and James McConnell signing a marriage license. Image from Bertrand Heine/Minnesota Historical Society



Heckman and Belew:
"Two L.A. Girls Attempt
First Legal Gay
Marriage," *Advocate*,
July 8, 1970, 5.



TEST WEDDING. Neva Joy Heckman (left) and Judith Ann Belew smile happily after their marriage, performed by Rev. Troy Perry. The couple hope to take advantage of California law that legalizes common-law marriages under certain conditions without a license.



GAY DECEIVERS. The deputy clerk in Wharton, Tex., didn't know both were male when he issued a marriage license to Tony Molina (left) and Billie Ert (Mr. Vickie Karr). The couple were married in Houston on Oct. 5 by the Rev. Richard Vincent of MCC/Dallas, but the county clerk has now refused to register the license after nationwide publicity on the wedding exposed the deception in getting the license.

- "Legal Gay Marriage in Texas?," *Advocate*, October 25, 1972, 3; Rob Shivers, "Texas Gay Marriage Apparently Within Law," *Advocate*, November 8, 1972, 7.

Peaches Stevens and Edna Knowles in *Jet* *Magazine*

- Image courtesy of The Pop-Up Museum of Queer History at <https://queermuseum.tumblr.com/post/46378568256/queer-african-american-women-and-the-history-of>



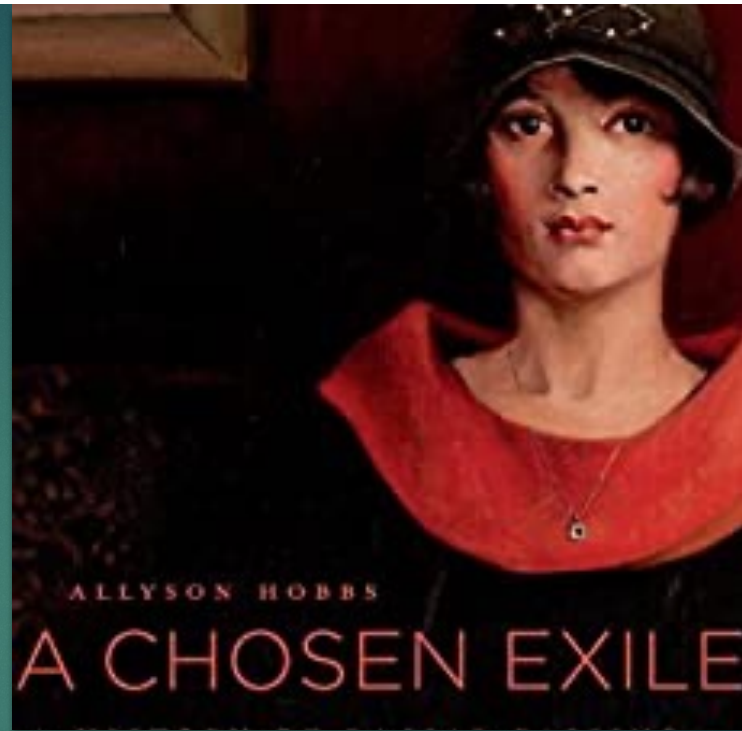
*'Bridegroom' Peaches hugs new bride
after ceremony.*

**Two Females 'Married' In
Chicago—To Each Other**

The Legal Invisibility of Childless Couples

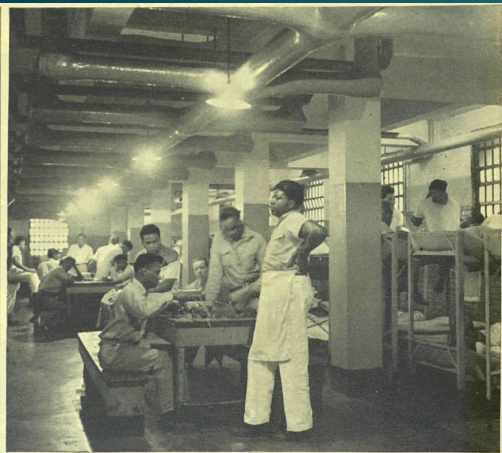
- ▶ Richard Adams and Anthony Sullivan's attempt to win a visa on the basis of the couple's marriage license from Colorado. Courtesy of ONE Archives at the USC Libraries.





“a phenomenon that, by definition, was intended to be clandestine and hidden, to leave no trace.”

M.T. v. J.T.



Recreation for alimony victims is checkers or cards to while away the hours behind bars. First days are usually spent writing letters to wife to get her to withdraw the sentence, but few wives relent until some money has been paid.

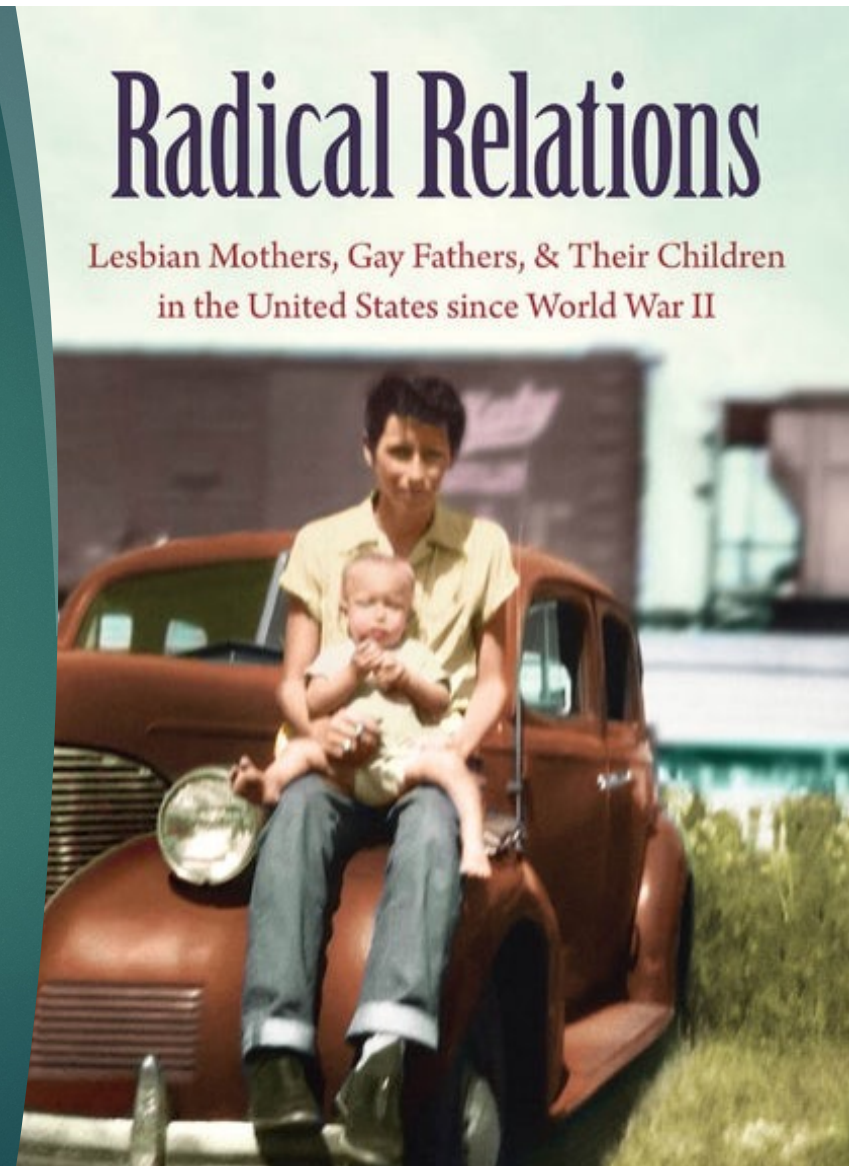
**MOST HUSBANDS GO TO JAIL
BECAUSE THEY ARE STUBBORN**



Ebony Magazine, March 1951; Protesters in NY, 1966 courtesy of AP; Chris Christ, Wikipedia commons.

Lesbian and Gay Parents in the Postwar Period

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The Fight for Custody Rights

MARY JO RISHER AFTER
LOSING CUSTODY OF HER SON
IN TEXAS IN 1975

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