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YOUR FLESH IS RUDDY —

It is a lantern
Casing the small flame
At the center of you
But your mind is ash
Hence your opacity.
What is clear you muddy in the name of cleanliness.
You wish most not to burn, wish quenchment.
May my tears wash you bright.
Oh that the wind of my words be bellows
Making you to leap and dance within.
May my thoughts be oil to your wick.
From that inner spot where each man stands alone
I speak to
Meet, greet, mate
The solitary you.

Luther Allen.

New Law Urged on Homosexuality

Mr. H. Montgomery Hyde, M. P., advocated legislation to eliminate «an ugly blot on British criminal justice» when he addressed the Fitzwilliam House Law Society at Cambridge last night on «Homosexuality and the Law.»

«Nearly two years have passed since the Government appointed a departmental committee under the Home Office to investigate the problems of homosexuality and prostitution,» he said. «It is high time the committee reported and so enabled legislation to be introduced.» Cases came before the courts every day which demonstrated the unsatisfactory state of the law.

Referring to «grave anomalies» in the present law, he said: «A man may commit adultery, break up another's home, indulge in sexual perversions with female prostitutes, make an unmarried girl pregnant and beget numerous illegitimate offspring, yet he is guilty of no offence.» But if two grown-up men carried on homosexual practices in private, which resulted in no harm to the community, they could be severely punished.

«An urgent reform would be to make homosexual acts between consenting adults over the age of 21 no longer criminal. This would reduce the amount of blackmail, which is undoubtedly considerable. Offences against minors and also against public decency would continue to be punishable as at present.»

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