

June 1983

A PERSONAL LETTER

Greetings Brothers (and Sisters)! Summer is finally here at long last!

Please note my new telephone number: (416) [REDACTED] (6:30pm-11:00pm, Mon.-Fri., 9:30am-11:00pm, Sat. & Sun.) No collect calls please.

I moved to a new apartment on May 29th. It is two rooms in the basement of a house. The one room is a combination kitchen and bedroom and the other room is a combination living room, study and office. I share the bathroom (which is right outside the second room) with two other tenants. There are three floors above me with a total of seven people living in the house: students, working and retired people. I pay only \$185 per month in rent as I am also the "superintendent" and have agreed to help out by vacuuming the first-floor hallway, changing light bulbs, mowing the lawns, re-directing the mail, etc.

My fiancée is visiting her deaf-mute brother in a small village near Owen Sound, Ontario (approximately 300 miles away) and will visit me over the weekends. I sure do miss her delicious cooking and caring companionship--let me tell you!

I acquired a kitten ("PATCHES")--my very first pet ever--about a month ago. "She" turned out to be a "he" and is now about three months old and calico in colour. He is very cute and lots of fun to play with and sleeps in my bed with me at night and meows piteously at the door when I leave for work every morning. I just hate to leave him alone for such a long time (10½ hours) each day and I can't wait to get back home to him each evening. He sleeps in the sun on the window-sill or watches and listens to the people and cars going by or else plays with his toys--or, gets into some kind of mischief or other! Pets--especially kittens--are great!

I saw two movies earlier this year: "GANDHI" and "700TSIE" and enjoyed each extremely. Both films were superbly acted, directed and produced. What are your opinions on each of the above?

Have you read the book, "WENDY: The Gender Trap" by Chris Johnson and Cathy Brown with Wendy Nelson (Proteus, 1983, \$21.50)? It is an autobiography of a British husband and wife who both change sexes and marital roles. They also have a young daughter. I haven't had a chance to buy or read the book yet but I did read Susan Huxford's review of it in the June issue of THE BODY POLITIC: A Magazine For Gay Liberation (Toronto, Canada). The same issue also includes an interview with three male-to-female transsexuals: Paula and Diane from Hamilton, and, Wanda Nevada from Toronto. I know all three of these people personally. I thought it was a good article.

If anyone did not yet receive a copy of the booklet: HSIN HSIN MING: Verses On The Faith Mind by Sengstan, third Zen patriarch, please let me know and I will send you one if you wish.

I eagerly welcome photographs (not for publication) of members and subscribers as well as: poetry on transsexualism (tranvestism and androgyny) themes for publication in my forthcoming booklet of the same name, and also, postcards and (used) postage stamps for my respective collections.

Take care now and have a great summer!

Love and Peace,

Rupert Raj

P.S. I hope to do some cycling and swimming this summer.