

FREE LOVE DRAMA, RECALLING MAXIM GORKI CASE, STAGED IN MORALS COURT

Dr. Henry Landwirth, lecturer at Loyola university, poet and dramatist, who was arraigned in the morals court on a charge of living with Lillian Drescher under a free love marriage, gave his own opinions of his faith yesterday in a remarkable interview to a reporter for The Day Book after his case had been continued one week. In justifying his stand he said:

"Present society is founded on force and brutality and, therefore, must be abolished. Every institution of our present day which is based on force will be changed sooner or later. The conventional lies of the present civilization will make place for love and truth; love and truth are everlasting.

"Love in the present time is a crime. Why? Because the present institutions are not based on love, only on force. I committed a crime because I love. My consort has committed a crime because she loves me. Therefore, we have been arrested, thrown into jail and are to be dragged before the judge of the morals court to answer to charges of immorality. Well, now we have to await the decision of justice.

"When Maxim Gorki came to this 'land of the free and home of the brave' he had the same trouble as we. The church and state united against him; society did not like his morality. Why? Maxim Gorki was accompanied by Mme. Andrieva as his wife, and who, it was reported, was his mistress only and not his legal consort.

"But there were some men in the United States who had different opinions of Gorki and his loving companion, Eugene V. Debs wrote: 'With open arms and hearts attuned to love and greeting we welcome Maxim Gorki and his wife to these shores.

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and despised, and his sacrifices of self and Christ-like persecution by the heartless Pharisees. But through all the fiery ideals that have fallen to his lot he has preserved his mental and moral integrity. No wonder their (the Pharisees') refined sensibilities are shocked by the advent of genius, healthy, moral and sane, in full possession of all the virtues, nobility of soul, loftiness of mind and purity of heart. No wonder they barred the doors of their harems and their hostilities and draw the blinds in dread and fear of a fresh and purifying breath of moral atmosphere.

"How wonderfully this great American understands the bourgeoisie system and the prophecies of the advanced doctrine which says: 'The bourgeoisie family will vanish as a matter of course when its complement, prostitution, vanishes.'

"Christ, the Great Savior, says to uplift and ennoble society the individual must first be uplifted and ennobled. My idea is that to uplift and ennoble the individual society must first be uplifted and ennobled.

"I thoroughly believe in the vital and abiding union with one woman as a true basis of the family. But we shall have few such unions until we have a free family.

"Men and women must be free; free from interference of legal and ecclesiastical force and free to correct their mistakes before we can have a family that is noble, built on unions that are good, lives that are essentially one; co-operative in the love and truth that make oneness. Those marriages need no law of church or state to bind them or keep them together. On such the imposition of force is a destruction and a blasphemy. On the other hand, no law in the universe has a right to keep those together who are not vitally and essentially one. It is only in free freedom that love can find its