concluding that children were traumatized seeing their parents make love. Patients under hypnosis recalled seeing their father attack their mother in bed. In those days it was normal for children to sleep in the same bed with parents. But it was also very common for men to rape their wives, forcing them to have sex at any time.

The error seems to have arisen from the fact that children of such marriages were traumatized by that forced "lovemaking" and children of loving marriages who observed sexuality without harm didn't come to Freud.

A NEW CLOSET OPENS

Aware of this error before her birth, we decided that our child would sleep with us as long as she wished, and the results have been excellent. Though never immunized against anything, except by over 4 years of breast milk, she is one of the happiest and healthiest kids in her class. In Kindergarten at five, she teaches herself to read far ahead of the class, and is rated by the psychologist near the top of the I.Q. ratings. What he may not realize is that she does so well because she is much more confident and relaxed than most others.

From time to time, we meet other mothers and tell them that we have our kids sleep in our bed. Instead of objections, we find that many others, especially single mothers, have been doing the same thing, but have never dared to tell anyone about it. They do it because they feel it's right but are afraid that others would not.

THE FAMILY BED by Tine Thevenin, P.O. Box 16004 , Minneapolis MN 55416 ($5.45) provides a well documented study of this entire question and should be purchased from the author by anyone who has an interest in this question.

It seems to us that Freud's error has reduced the affection that children receive by causing doctors to advise parents not to allow children in their bed. This is probably a major cause for the vast increases in violence, crime and war since that time, and we need all the help we can get to correct this error.

WHAT CAN WE DO ?

Fortunately, according to Prescott, the lack of affection can be reversed. A child who had to sleep alone every night can become a peaceful adult if given lots of affection later on. We are supplying information on this through books and tapes which we'd like to advertise as widely as possible. We feel we're getting a bargain rate on an ad to appear in "Tradin' America" in 12 cities - about a million readers altogether. This test ad reads:

"SEX WITHOUT CANCER - Natural Birth Control Book (sixth edition) describes safe, healthy male and female birth control methods and much more, including EXTENDED ORGASM. Trailblazing work frankly reveals how couples make love safely without pills, diaphragms or devices. Only this book goes beyond the mechanics. Helps couples and teens develop and maintain loving relationships; based on actual experiences.

"For a natural "high", order book with cassette tapes, LOVERS FOR SURVIVAL or TRANSFORMATION IN SECRET. Send $10 to Aquarian Research Foundation, 5620 Morton, Philadelphia PA 19144. Indicate cassette preferred or accept book with both cassettes for $15. ABSOLUTE money-back guarantee."

There is something I don't know
that I am supposed to know.
I don't know *what* it is I don't know,
and yet am supposed to know,
and I feel I look stupid
if I seem both not to know it
and not know *what* it is I don't know.
Therefore I pretend I know it.
This is nerve-racking
since I don't know what I must pretend to know.
Therefore I pretend to know everything.

I feel you know what I am supposed to know
but you can't tell me what it is
because you don't know that I don't know what it is.

You may know what I don't know, but not
that I don't know it,
and I can't tell you. So you will have to tell me everything.

—FROM R. D. LAING, *Knots*

ENDING THE COLD WAR

Our last newsletter (Dec.15) carried a letter to Pres. Reagan suggesting that he take a spiritual stand beyond politics, go to Moscow as Nixon did to China, and declare that the entire cold war and arms race was due to errors of past administrations and should now end. So far I've received no reply, but the White House tells me that it's not unusual to wait months for an answer.

So, I spoke person to person to Anne Higgins who is the President's chief of Correspondence, and she promised to "Put a tracer on my letter" and get me an answer. I told her I intended to send it out to 200 editors of major newspapers, and wished to

include their reply with my letter. That was Feb. 23 and if I don't hear from them before this newsletter is finished, I'll send Ms. Higgins a copy of my letter and ask again for a rapid response for the newspaper editors. Otherwise, I'll have to tell the editors that the White House refuses to respond. Space permitting, I'll enclose a copy of my letter for you to send to your papers or share the concept with other groups and organizations. (See centerfold.)

IMMIGRATION ATTACKS RELIGIOUS SANCTUARY

Churches around the country have been offering sanctuary to refugees from El Salvadore and other wartorn countries - people forced to flee or be murdered. One such family given sanctuary by the Methodist Church of Germantown has been arrested and threatened with deportation to El Salvador by the Immigration Service. Church members have paid their bail and are defending them.

But Germantown was the first U.S. city to take a stand against slavery and has a reputation to uphold. I wonder if it is enough to simply "defend" the refugees whom immigration would return to almost certain death. I would like to see whoever it is in the Immigration Service that gave such an order charged with the crime of conspiracy to attempt murder. Are there lawyers who can advise us how to proceed ?

COMMUNITY, HUMAN POTENTIAL & THE HOMELESS

I wrote in December of a planned visit to the God's Valley Community in Indiana. I made the trip with Dr. Elizabeth Faust and Ben Freeman both of whom have been interested in communal living for many years. As a result, Dr. Faust returned for a longer visit and is considering joining the community and Ben has begun to visit and live in other communities.

At the Valley, we learned that Daniel, who has led the community from the start 18 years ago has decided to slowly turn leadership over to younger members and is now doing a lot of traveling, visiting other communities and church groups.

Ben came up with suggestions for helping the entire communal movement in the U. S. get better press coverage. I liked his idea but on reflection saw that if communal groups got more involved with the urgent needs of society, press coverage would be there in the very best way.

The Community for Creative Nonviolence in Washington, D.C. has done just that by dramatizing the need of the homeless in America. Their leader, Mitch Snyder lived as a homeless man for weeks and his community took in and sheltered as many as possible. They went further, and dramatized the need by using the Gandhian idea of fasting to bring public attention to the need and as a result the Reagan administration came up with money to provide a large shelter in D. C. The group found other ways of bringing media attention to the issue and now "Homeless" is a household word and Mitch Snyder has been offerred $150,000 for the rights to a TV documentary on his life. Surely the communal lifestyle will be part of that.

But more needs to happen, and I would like to see communal groups sending out members to visit the homeless and invite a few of them to sample life in their community. Afterwards, they could return to the city and, together with experienced community members, help other homeless people form their own communities.

But more is needed. Many people are homeless because personal problems prevent them from getting along well with others. and so we would like to challenge the Human Potential movement which has helped people overcome personal problems to get involved and organize seminars especially for such people to work out their problems together.

FOUNDATION FOR FEEDBACK LEARNING in Staten Island , N.Y.C. (139 Corson Ave., Staten Is., N.Y. 10301 (212) 720-5378) is an already existing community which is involved in human potential techniques and which has room for additional members.

Several of them came to visit A.R.F. in December as part of a cross-country tour of other communities. Ben Freeman is now living with them and starting to organize a conference of communities this summer. We hope to be able to spread the word and attend. The group has professionals on staff who might be able to help with human potential groups for the homeless also.