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Résumé (fr.) : L'ENTRE-DEUX-GUERRES EST UN MOMENT ESSENTIEL POUR L'HISTOIRE DE L'HOMOSEXUALITE. LA FIN DE LA PREMIERE GUERRE MONDIALE COINCIDE AVEC UN EPANOUISSEMENT SANS PRECEDENT DE LA VIE HOMOSEXUELLE: EN ANGLETERRE LE CULTE DE L'HOMOSEXUALITE SE DEVELOPPE DANS LES PUBLIC-SCHOOLS ET LES UNIVERSITES, EN ALLEMAGNE, DES MOUVEMENTS HOMOSEXUELS SE CONSTITUENT ALORS QUE BERLIN DEVIENT LE CENTRE DE LA SCENE HOMOSEXUELLE. EN FRANCE, CERTAINS ECRIVAINS MENENT UN COMBAT PERSONNEL EN FAVEUR DE L'HOMOSEXUALITE ALORS QUE LA SCENE LESBIENNE EST PARTICULIEREMENT ACTIVE. DANS LES TROIS PAYS, UNE IDENTITE HOMOSEXUELLE ET LESBIENNE SE FAIT JOUR, ENCORE LARGEMENT TRIBUTAIRE DU MODELE MEDICAL. TROIS MODELES NATIONAUX DE L'HOMOSEXUALITE PEUVENT CEPENDANT ETRE DISTINGUES: UN MODELE ALLEMAND COMMUNAUTARISTE, REVENDICATIF, OUVERT SUR L'EXTERIEUR, UN MODELE ANGLAIS ELITISTE, CULTUREL ET SOCIAL, UN MODELE FRANCAIS INDIVIDUALISTE, FERME ET PEU MILITANT. DANS LES CLASSES SUPERIEURES, LES MILIEUX INTELLECTUELS, LES CAPITALES LA TOLERANCE S'ACCROIT. LES ECRITS SUR LE SUJET SE MULTIPLIENT, L'IMAGERIE HOMOEROTIQUE IMPREGNE LES REPRESENTATIONS: L'HOMOSEXUALITE DEVIENT UN SYMBOLE DE MODERNITE. POURTANT LES FORCES DE REACTION RESTENT TRES PRESENTES: LES HOMOSEXUELS SONT LES INSTRUMENTS DES PARTIS POLITIQUES, QU'ILS LEURS SOIENT FAVORABLES, COMME CERTAINS PARTIS DE GAUCHE (SPD, KPD) OU HOSTILES (NSDAP). LA REPRESSION JUDICIAIRE ET POLICIERE RESTE CONSTANTE EN ANGLETERRE ET EN ALLEMAGNE, OU L'HOMOSEXUALITE MASCULINE CONSTITUE UN DELIT. EN FRANCE, UNE SURVEILLANCE OFFICIEUSE DE CERTAINS MILIEUX HOMOSEXUELS EST MENE. LES ANNEES TRENTE CONSTITUENT UNE RUPTURE: A LA FAVEUR DES CRISES ECONOMIQUES, POLITIQUES ET INTERNATIONALES, LES FORCES DE REACTION S'IMPOSENT ET LES HOMOSEXUELS, DESORMAIS ASSIMILES A LA DECADENCE DEVIENNENT UNE CIBLE. EN ALLEMAGNE, LA TERREUR NAZIE ORGANISE LA PERSECUTION DES HOMOSEXUELS, DONT PLUSIEURS MILLIERS MEURENT EN CAMP DE CONCENTRATION OU SONT

VICTIMES D'EXPERIENCES MEDICALES DEGRADANTES.

Résumé (ang.) : THE TWENTIES AND THIRTIES ARE A CRUCIAL PERIOD FOR THE HISTORY OF HOMOSEXUALITY. AT THE END OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR, HOMOSEXUALITY BECAME FASHIONABLE AND AN HOMOSEXUAL SCENE FLOURISHED. IN ENGLAND, A CULT OF HOMOSEXUALITY DEVELOPED IN PUBLIC-SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES, IN GERMANY, HOMOSEXUAL MOVEMENTS WERE SET UP WHILE BERLIN BECAME THE CORE OF THE HOMOSEXUAL SUBCULTURE. IN FRANCE, WHERE THE LESBIAN SCENE WAS VERY ACTIVE, SOME WRITERS DEFENDED THE HOMOSEXUAL CAUSE. IN ALL THESE COUNTRIES, AN HOMOSEXUAL AND LESBIAN IDENTITY CAME OUT, PARTIALLY BASED ON MEDICAL THEORIES. IN FACT, THREE NATIONAL MODELS OF HOMOSEXUALITY COULD BE DISTINGUISHED: THE GERMAN MODEL, BASED ON COMMUNITY AND MILITANCY, WAS VERY OPEN WHEREAS THE ENGLISH AND FRENCH MODELS WERE MORE ELITIST AND LESS DEMANDING. THE ENGLISH MODEL WAS ABOVE ALL CULTURAL AND SOCIAL WHILE THE FRENCH ONE WAS INDIVIDUALIST AND INTELLECTUAL. AT THIS TIME, HOMOSEXUALITY BECAME A SYMBOL OF MODERNITY: AN HOMOEROTIC IMAGERY FLOURISHED IN ART AND LITERATURE. TOLERANCE INCREASED IN THE UPPER CLASSES, INTELLECTUAL CIRCLES AND CAPITAL CITIES. NEVERTHELESS, PREJUDICES WERE STILL POWERFUL: HOMOSEXUALS WERE STAKES FOR POLITICAL PARTIES, WHETHER FAVOURABLE LIKE THE SPD OR KPD IN GERMANY, OR HOSTILE LIKE THE NSDAP. JUDICIARY REPRESSION WAS VERY STRONG IN ENGLAND AND GERMANY, WHERE MALE HOMOSEXUALITY WAS STILL CONSIDERED A CRIME. IN FRANCE, UNOFFICIAL SUPERVISION WAS MAINTAINED AGAINST SOME HOMOSEXUALS. IN THE THIRTIES, THIS SITUATION GOT WORSE: AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE POLITICAL, INTERNATIONAL AND ECONOMIC CRISES, HOMOSEXUALS WERE DESCRIBED AS DANGEROUS AND DECADENT AND BECAME EASY TARGETS FOR REACTIONARY GROUPS. IN GERMANY, THE NAZIS ORGANIZED THE PERSECUTION OF HOMOSEXUALS. SEVERAL THOUSANDS WERE SENT INTO CONCENTRATION CAMPS AND DIED OF BAD TREATMENTS AND INHUMAN MEDICAL PRACTICES.